

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Chris Cate, Eid Fakhouri, Dr. Tim Glover, Gina Jackson, Stacey LoMedico, Rob McNelis, Jim Montague, Kai Ramer, Rick Weeks

Alternates present: Beth Selby

Excused: Dr. Cynthia Avery

Unexcused: Cary Schaffner

Attendees Present: Dr. Lis Johnson, Christina Becker, Dustin Burns, Nancy Stasch

- 1) Call to Order at 6:05. Presented handouts and their placement into ICOC binders.
- 2) Established a quorum of 7 members in attendance to begin the meeting.
- 3) Reviewed Minutes of June 6, 2007. Eid Fakhouri motioned to approve, seconded by Dr. Tim Glover.
- 4) No public comments addressed.
- 5) Motion to approve and accept distribution of Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee Bylaws and Indemnity Resolution approved by the Santee School District Board of Education on June 19, 2007, by Jim Montague and seconded by Dr. Tim Glover.
- 6) The Best Practices presentation on August 21, 2007, by the San Diego Tax Payers' Association was discussed. The members noted that it is a working document and that the ICOC has an enormous accountability to the public. There was discussion of setting up sub-groups of the ICOC. Dustin Burns suggested that the ICOC attend the Board meetings and the Facilities Committee meetings as they have been discussing the Capital Improvement Program process for two years and to resolve as to why we went in a particular direction.

Eid Fakhouri recommended that the ICOC check out a report on the Grossmont Union High School Prop H program on value engineering at www.guhsd.net.

- 7) Account-Ability budget reports for all schools were presented. The ICOC members would like to see graphs to reflect percentages. Christina Becker explained how the funding from the Bond and the State and the Developer Fees work together for allocation and transfers. Also, since the original \$165 million goal is not currently fully funded, the scope reflects \$127 million current funding at this time and the budget will change when additional funds become available. Christina Becker spoke on the \$7.8 million Joint-Use grant funds that we just received and ESCO funding being created thru Chevron Energy Solutions and energy savings. Discussions were made relating to Board approval on the budgets and expenditures to date.

ICOC Requests for the next meeting:

- a) Expenditures to date.
- b) A list of projects, prior, now and in the future.
- c) Actual and Committed Costs.
- d) Board approved actions.
- e) What contracts have been awarded, for how much, how they were selected/determined.
- f) A List of Construction Manager and Architect by project and a list of vendors.

The ICOC would like to be copied by email whenever the Board acts on Bond related items including past Board items. Dustin Burns suggested that the website be updated to view this at any time. Christina Becker stated that the selection was made in May for the Construction Manager, Douglas E. Barnhart and that the Architect was selected 1 ½ years ago for Sprotte Watson Architectural Planning. Also the ICOC has jurisdiction over any project which began with Bond funding to see it through to completion even if the funding source does not end with 100% Bond funds.

- 8) Eid Fakhouri presented the drafted ICOC tasks and deliverables timeline and discussion centered on communication to the public. A draft annual audit will be presented at the September 2008 meeting and ready for approval at the December 2008 meeting. The Board will give the ICOC their communications timeline to be on target with the communication efforts. Discussion followed to review the timelines and to select different ICOC members to attend regular Board meetings and review with sub-committees between ICOC meetings. Eid Fakhouri suggested meeting on a monthly basis between February and June to allow the ICOC to be prepared. Chris Cate motioned and it was seconded by Rob McNelis.
- 9) Discussion was made on the draft for the September newsletter to make it an opportunity for celebration, eliminate the graph and replace it with the Ribbon cutting ceremony, add the addition of the Jt-use funding grant that we just received, and show progress on the Priority One projects. A newsletter sub-committee was formed with Rob McNelis and Kai Ramer. Newsletter distribution was discussed. Eid Fakhouri suggested having the newsletter enlarged and use it as a roving road show.
- 10) Members were asked to bring their calendars to schedule dates to tour school sites. The first site tour was scheduled for Thursday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m. at Rio Seco, then tour Cajon Park, Carlton Hills and Carlton Oaks, time permitting.
- 11) Discussions were presented as to how to get topics on the agenda for the next meeting. Eid Fakhouri said to email comments to Christina Becker or Nancy Stasch. Chris Cate would like to see a report showing the difference when the \$40 million additional funding is realized.
- 12) **Adjourn** at 8:00 p.m. Next meeting in ERC Board Room on December 5, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.