

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Minutes

Members Present: Eid Fakhouri, Gina Jackson, Tricia Mattingly, Jim Montague, Leshia Montoya, Kai Ramer, Beth Selbe, Janna Schoenborn and Rick Weeks

Attendees Present: Christina Becker, Karl Christensen and Nancy Stasch

- 1) **Call to Order at 6:01.** Presented handouts and their placement into ICOC binders.
- 2) **Established a quorum** all members in attendance to begin the meeting.
- 3) **Reviewed Minutes of June 1, 2011.** Jim Montague motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Janna Schoenborn.
- 4) There were no public comments.
- 5) **ICOC Communications: Discussion of any community comments:** Gina asked everyone to share any public comments that they may have received throughout the community. Beth said that the Hill Creek staff loves their modernized school. They like the look of the campus and cannot wait until the new addition is completed. Jim, who lives in the mobile home park adjacent to Chet F. Harritt ball fields, said that some of the residents mentioned that the sound wall isn't doing a lot to eliminate the noise. It is not a complaint, just a comment. He also asked whose responsibility it is for the maintenance at the property line between the mobile home park and the sound wall. Christina replied that the District will maintain it and probably do it over the summer months; however, if there is a need or a problem, to get in touch with her at any time.
- 6) **Update on Funding & Architect Issues:** Karl Christensen shared a brief summary of the outcomes from the lawsuit. An update was sent to each member's email last June. Kai asked where the architect fee settlement money came from. Karl said they were not funded from Bond funds, but from other CIP funding sources. The revenues from the sale of the last G.O. bond were needed to add money to the budget for the Hill Creek addition, since the money from the State grant fell short. The Santee School District did get an A+ rating from Standard & Poor's for the B.O. Bonds, but it was during a time of Bond interest rate increases that reduced our net proceeds.
- 7) **CIP Program Update Phase 2 Construction:** Christina shared a slide show of the work that was accomplished over the summer during the Phase 2 construction at Chet F. Harritt, Prospect Avenue, and Hill Creek Schools. She explained what still is remaining to be worked on and what should be finished in about 3 to 4 weeks. The Hill Creek

addition will be under construction through April 2012. She would like to schedule a site tour of the facilities prior to the next ICOC meeting. Christina explained the State funding sheet & shared how we applied for the shovel ready funding from the State for the Hill Creek addition. We have received all of the other reimbursement funding and will continue to look for additional funding sources so we can finish Phase 3 of our CIP program. The District sent in 10 additional Jt. Use funding applications for the Learning Resource Centers at Prospect Avenue and Sycamore Canyon schools, and for childcare facilities. The State has not denied our requests; however, they are looking for funding for this program. The childcare facility at Hill Creek is our first on the list if they do award. We keep promoting job creation to try to get this funding. Karl answered Gina & Eid's concerns with regards to the funding gaps, and shared how they are listed in the last ICOC Annual Report. There is a remaining balance on the G.O. Bond of approximately \$15.5 million. All bond BAN debts have been repaid. Christina is still trying to work on upgrades at Pepper Drive even though they haven't qualified for State modernization funding yet. Christina was thrilled to see the parents and neighbors faces when the construction screened fences were removed. She hopes to be able to move into the new addition at Hill Creek over Spring Break in 2012.

- 8) **Comments from Committee Members/Topics for Next Meeting:** Christina would like to have a site tour. Gina would like a summary of the entire funding program. Jim asked how the old Santee School property is coming along with respect to income generation. Karl answered that there is a ground lease that the District is working on, but is not sure when it will all come into place due to the commercial market.
- 9) **Board Actions Since Last Meeting:** Handouts were presented. Rick questioned the water damaged electrical panels replacement board item. Christina explained that the switchgear storage container must have leaked during the heavy storms we experience in the winter months. They had condensation inside the containers and our test labs came out to test the circuits and they said they would not be suitable for our use or maintain their UL rating or warranty due to corrosion. The insurance company has denied our claim; however, we are appealing for property coverage.
- 10) **Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.** to next regular ICOC meeting, December 7, 2011, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.