

**INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Eid Fakhouri, Gina Jackson, Jim Montague, Beth Selbe, and Rick Weeks

**Excused:** Lesha Montoya, Kai Ramer, Janna Schoenborn

**Attendees Present:** Christina Becker, Dianne El-Hajj and Nancy Stasch

- 1) **Call to Order at 6:00.** Presented handouts and their placement into ICOC binders.
- 2) **Established a quorum** with 5 members in attendance to begin the meeting.
- 3) **Reviewed Minutes of September 7, 2011.** Eid Fakhouri motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Beth Selbe.
- 4) There were no public comments.
- 5) **ICOC Communications: Discussion of any community comments:** Gina Jackson said she likes how Cajon Park's grass field turned out. Dianne El-Hajj said she really likes how Chet F. Harritt turned out and that the modernization at Chet has helped to improve the morale at the school.
- 6) **Draft ICOC Newsletter:** Positive comments on the newsletter. Questions arose as to distribution. Christina said it is on the website and we will be distributing one copy to each school for their bulletin boards and will direct them to the website for inquiries. Also, a few are going to be sent to the City of Santee, the Santee Chamber of Commerce, and to Jim Montague's Mobile Home Park. One suggestion was to make it poster size to place at each school possibly for sharing with with seniors.
- 7) **CIP Program Update Phase 2 Construction:** The School Site modernization signs were handed out to show the completed CIP work at each site and what still needs to be done. The CIP budget spreadsheet was helpful to show the distributed expenditures per site and the remaining balances. Many asked if the remaining balances would be used toward the unchecked projects at each site. Christina explained that we are in a holding pattern waiting for the State to release more funding. The shade shelters that need to be built still need direction as to their composition, whether they will be made with cloth, or steel, or solar. There is a price difference. Comments from the members regarding the budget sheet were that they would like to see titles that show a) Committed expenditures, and b) Project revisions. They thought the revised titles would be helpful to clarify the remaining dollars.

Dianne El-Hajj said that the Board recently approved a design change for the Hill Creek addition to enclose the stairs. The change, which differs from the other 10-classroom additions, was made a few years ago for cost savings. The project is estimated to add \$150,000 to \$200,000 to the Hill Creek budget. Also, as projects finish, the savings from the final pricing will go back into the CIP budget and get redistributed.

Christina is hopeful that the State will be releasing grant funding for the Hill Creek 10-classroom addition shortly, which could initiate future the additions to begin. With the State funding on hold for Pepper Drive modernization until 2014, the Board did authorized many small projects which were done over summer 2011 at Pepper Drive.

Eid asked about the LRC at Sycamore Canyon. Christina answered that the district re-applied for Joint Use Funding for that and 9 others. We are anxiously awaiting news on the Joint Use Grants.

Christina mentioned that the Hill Creek addition is running about 2 weeks behind schedule. She is hopeful that construction will continue in a fast pace so that the teachers can move back into their classrooms during Spring Break or soon thereafter.

- 8) **Comments from Committee Members/Topics for Next Meeting:** No suggestions were made for the next meeting.
- 9) **Board Actions Since Last Meeting:** Handouts were presented. There were no comments.
- 10) **Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.** to next regular ICOC meeting, March 7, 2012, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.