

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Minutes

Members Present: Gina Jackson, Eid Fakhouri, Jim Montague, Lesha Montoya, Kai Ramer, and Beth Selbe

Excused: Janna Schoenborn and Rick Weeks

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

- 1) **Call to Order at 6:06.** Presented handouts and their placement into ICOC binders.
- 2) **Established a quorum** of five (5) members in attendance to begin the meeting.
- 3) **Reviewed Minutes of March 7, 2012.** Eid motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Beth. All approved.
- 4) There were no public comments.
- 5) **ICOC Communications: Discussion of any community comments:** Eid has heard many concerns about the power plant. Since the modernization is funded by the taxation of property values, he is concerned the power plant will lower the property values and Santee School District's ability to complete the Bond program. He has collected data regarding power plants. He wants to place these concerns on the next ICOC agenda as an action item. Dianne El-Hajj responded that the school board is putting it back on the agenda at the next school board meeting. Kai said that he is aware that the power plants are being built cleaner now. Why is this one any different? The City planning commission has a hearing set for the 26th of June. It can then go to the City Council.

Gina said that her son is now an eighth grader at Hill Creek. He felt that the Junior High is too crowded. He was happy to get to be in the new Junior High Building at Hill Creek prior to moving onto high school.

Jim said that the new ball fields at Chet F. Harritt have created a lot of runaway fly balls in the neighboring yards.

- 6) **ICOC Draft Annual Report** – Gina made a motion to accept the 2010-2011 Annual Report with the exception of changing out a couple of pictures. Kai seconded the motion. All approved.

7) **CIP Program Update Phase 2 Construction:** Handouts showed the next items which are needed to be completed for the Bond promises/school signs.

8) **Comments from Committee Members**

Kai asked how long we will be able to utilize Barnhart Balfour Beatty, Inc. services as a contractor. Christina responded that the District's scope of services through the Lease-leaseback award included the entire Capital Improvement Program of all nine schools and since the work isn't complete, their contract hasn't expired yet. Christina hopes that there will be another project to work on by the summer of 2013. She is waiting on the State to release additional funding and hopes to get some money by January 2013 to begin another summer program.

9) **Topics for Next Meeting:**

1. Gina believes that she has termed out as Chair for the Committee. Beth volunteered to be Chair the next term.
 - a. Positions and terms of members, Chair, Expiration dates, etc.
2. Application for Watchdog Award from the San Diego Taxpayer's Association.
3. Eid wants to add a power plant informational meeting to the agenda.
4. Full Inventory recap to Bond list.

10) **Board Actions Since Last Meeting:** Eid asked about the approval of submissions of modernization grants. Christina explained the relocatable grants that are 20 years old may get some additional State funding. She added the Board item to show the ICOC that Staff is always trying to find additional funding sources.

11) **Adjourned at 7:01 p.m.** to tour the Hill Creek Junior High and the modernization of the Campus. Next ICOC meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2012, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the District Office Conference Room.