

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Minutes

Members Present: Dr. Cynthia Avery, Eid Fakhouri, Dr. Tim Glover, Gina Jackson, Stacey LoMedico, Rob McNelis, Jim Montague, Kai Ramer, Beth Selbe, Rick Weeks

Alternate present: Karen Fleck

Excused: Chris Cate

Attendees Present: Bill Clark, Dianne El Hajj, Nancy Stasch

- 1) **Call to Order at 6:03** 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 March 5, 2008. Jim Montague motioned to approve, seconded by Kai Ramer.
- 4) **No public comments addressed.**
- 5) **ICOC Communications:** Rick Weeks noted that the teachers are very excited about what is going on. Beth Selbe raised a question from the regional commission to the Sports Council: Are the soccer fields going away? Kai Ramer asked: What are we going to do with the surplus property at Cajon Park Junior High? The ultimate plan shows only spare property. Bill Clark replied that short term could be interim housing. The Annex has served various types of programs. Long term: To be determined if an asset. No formal discussion has taken place.
- 6) **ICOC Quorum Change From 7 to 5 members:** Bill shared how the Board made the membership to be 11 because of the quality of the applicants. Since 2 members are leaving, the ICOC would like to officially make the bylaws to show 9 members. The Board's desire is that the committee has an effective representation. It is within the power of the ICOC to make recommendations. Eid Fakhouri asked if we have a motion to change item 6.3 of the bylaws to accept the revised version totaling 5 to constitute a quorum and to delete out the word majority. Stacey LoMedico motioned and Rob McNelis seconded. All voted in favor.
- 7) **ICOC Member's Terms:** Eid explained that Cynthia Avery, Jim Montague, Timothy Glover, and Chris Cate were never appointed by the Board to serve for one year, but a term, which makes them still available for 2-years of service. Eid said we need to go back to the Board to ratify term extensions. Then, the Board will not need to appoint more members unless the membership falls below 7. The Board can approve an additional 2-year term to those who said they would continue.

- 8) **Performance Audit Report:** Discussion on content and timing of report. A handout was presented and approved by the Board on April 1, 2008.
- 9) **Budget Report Updates - Presentation of Cajon Park Bid/Project Savings:** Bill Clark explained handout with regard to the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP). He explained how the Cajon Park project was under bid by almost \$1,000,000. Tony Fulton & Bill were there to view the opening of the bids. The bidders were then called to make sure the bids were qualified and complete having in them what is needed. The scope covered what was in the bids. One thing that was brought up was that if the contractor saved even more money, it would be split between the school district and the contractor \$2 to \$1 in savings, a 2/3's to 1/3 split shared savings.
- 10) **Early Procurement - Electrical & HVAC Components:** Bill Clark explained that by locking down prices and getting the equipment early will make sure we do not get behind during construction. Also, this will help to standardize for each school. The vendors will store equipment for us. This will save us \$100,000 or 25%. HVAC has been committed for all 9 schools. The switch gears are not committed at this time. Eid asked about technology with regard to HVAC. Merrick engineering is working with the staff to make sure it is what we want. Central plant vs. package units. Package units are just above the classroom and easily replaced.
- 11) **ICOC Speaking Points – Discussion for the Next School Board Meeting:** ICOC member Gina Jackson presented to the Board on April 1, 2008, a summary of the ICOC meetings to date. The discussion with the Board went well. The main discussion was on membership with regard to the few who cannot continue, along with the quorum discussion.
- 12) **Capital Improvement Program Ground Breaking:** Just a reminder that the Program Start Ground Breaking is on April 9, at 9:00 a.m. A tally of members who plan on coming are: Eid Fakhouri, Rob McNelis, Gina Jackson, Jim Montague, and Karen Fleck. Dianne El-Hajj commented on how the presentation would take place.
- 13) **Distribution of Board Items:** Dianne El-Hajj spoke on the color scheme Board item. Pavers are on sale for \$75.00. The murals on the buildings vs. the clock (which the Board was concerned with breakage). The murals passed 3-2. Bill spoke on the draft for the bill (SB1556) with the State Assembly. Dianne would like to comment on Board Policy allowing naming rights to change the dollar amount. The Board is not ready to accept dollars for names on buildings.
- 14) **Comments from Committee Members/Topics for Next Meeting:** Clarification on terms of members. Progress on the schools, for example: Cajon Park as it progresses. Ground Breaking. Update on Board Action with regards to membership. Updates on Legislative Action. Add Tony Fulton to the June Agenda. Solar Panels.
- 15) **Information Only:** The next Facilities Committee meeting is April 23, 2008.
- 16) **Adjourn at 7:10 p.m.** to next ICOC meeting on May 6, 2008