

Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

District Office Board Room: 9625 Cuyamaca Street, Santee, CA 92071

February 3, 2010, 4:00-4:45 pm

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Kyle Goodwater, Andy Johnston, Linda Moen, Karen Ortega

Members Excused: Debra Simpson

Attendees: Christina Becker, Nancy Stasch

- I. **Introductions** – Meeting began at 4:07 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes** – All approved.
- III. **Public Communication** – None at this time.
- IV. **Capital Improvement Program State Budget Status** – Christina Becker shared the ICOC newsletter handout from last December which explained how the State was holding back the funding that the District is due to move forward for the modernization program. The State's bond rating is too low so it cannot sell bonds. Christina was optimistic that the State would begin to release funds this April, 2010; however, she is told that the State will not sell any bonds this fiscal year. The State funding source is Prop 1D which is on hold. Christina explained the Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN) that our District recently acquired to pay off the construction debt incurred thus far.
- V. **Safety Committee Items** – The lighting at Pepper Drive School Southern Parking Lot was poor which lead to safety concerns at Pepper Drive. The District purchased a solar parking lot light pole which was installed recently to have a dawn to dusk light. This should help to improve the problems that Pepper Drive has been having with vagrancy and juvenile drinking in the lot. The Board has also approved a move for one of the District's on-site residents to move to Pepper Drive to provide continuous security.
 - **Energy Efficient Fluorescent Lighting** – SDG&E developed a program to help with our older campuses and the District Office compound with much needed energy efficient exterior lighting whereby the District is only responsible to pay the sales tax. The energy efficient fixture also provides better lighting coverage.
- VI. **Solar Update** – The District applied for multiple no interest Federal loans for Solar (CREBS) and we were approved for \$20 million to develop a solar energy program. This would be a debt that will be paid back by using the money saved from the energy budget. The initial project selected as a test run will be Hill Creek School, because this school is one of the largest energy users in the District. This program will also provide much needed shade structures. Last summer, before we halted the modernization program, the District purchased materials for the infrastructure at Hill Creek School and it is being stored. By using electrical switchgear materials we already have and incorporating plans with Barnhart, Inc., we hope to begin

construction this summer on the solar project. We have three years to sell/use the CREBS bond authority.

VII. Other items/Discussion

Chet F. Harritt Parking/Drop-off – Linda Moen, a parent at Chet F. Harritt, wanted to express her frustration with the drop-off area on Arlette Street. Christina told her that we are working with the City of Santee to develop one ball field at this time at Chet. With the new design, there is an area that will have bus & drop-off locations at the school in the future on Mesa Rd. Linda spoke with the City about the traffic issues and felt that the City didn't think it was their responsibility. Linda shared her ideas about how Mesa Road could provide a solution. She believes that Mesa Road has potential to make the flow easier. She thought this would be ideal timing since we have cooperation with the City during the ball field relocation project. Linda feels that this is a huge safety issue. Last week, there was a cement truck trying to maneuver during the morning drop-off hour, which hindered access. Andy Johnston said that some parents are already dropping their children off on Mesa Road. Christina mentioned that the school property line goes all the way to the curb on Mesa Road. Mr. Johnston would like to improve the situation and make people feel comfortable. He has sought to get a volunteer brigade with the PTA during these times. And he has tried to raise awareness with flyers to make parents aware of the situation. He said there should be safety first and that we need to be patient. He has a new sign which says "Unsafe to Cross Here for Children and Adults". Christina said to have a sign that says "This is the Safe Route to School" and work with the City help with this. CBGC funds safe routes and can be used for this. She said we applied for the Safe Routes to Schools grant on Prospect Avenue for sidewalks with the City. Mr. Johnston would like to bring it to the next level with community support. Christina mentioned Jim Montague, our senior representative with the ICOC, who may be able to get some senior volunteers to help in the cause. He lives in a nearby mobile home community. Christina said we can work with the City Traffic Engineer to see what options they may have to help work this through now. Christina has been working with him at Cajon Park regarding drop-off zones. Kyle added that we should look into having the Sheriff's Department Senior Volunteers work this into their schedules. Andy mentioned that they have helped in the past and he calls upon them frequently to ask them back.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. to next Facilities Committee Meeting on May 5, 2010, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

- Next ICOC Meeting is May 5, 2010, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.