

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Minutes

Members Present: Gina Jackson, Lesha Montoya, Kai Ramer, Beth Selbe and Rick Weeks

Excused: Eid Fakhouri, Jim Montague, and Janna Schoenborn

Attendees Present: Christina Becker and Nancy Stasch

- 1) **Call to Order at 6:07.** 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 2, 2011.** Kai motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Beth. All approved.
- 4) There were no public comments.
- 5) **ICOC Communications: Discussion of any community comments:** Kai referred to minutes from a previous meeting whereby it said that Karl Christensen would address the outcomes of the Sprotte-Watson lawsuit when it was available. Christina said she would let Karl know to update the ICOC on the lawsuit findings. Beth said that Hill Creek is excited about getting their modernization. Her husband teaches there and went through and he taught at Carlton Hills during their modernization so he feels that he is a veteran. Rick said he heard that one child at Hill Creek has learned enough about Solar and hopes there won't be any additional panels installed. Kai asked about the fields at Cajon Park. Christina said they named it "Field of Dreams". They are on reclaimed water and this is being done with joint efforts through donations collected from Cajon Park, and the City of Santee. We still need to do the irrigation laterals and we hope to plant seed and irrigate with the reclaimed water forever. The City allocates the joint use field for the sporting events. Cajon Park's "Field of Dreams" is being built using PTA donations. Lesha & Gina have no community comments to share. Rick asked about Chet F. Harritt's Lunch Court Shade Structures. Christina said the Chet Sports Field Wall is up. The only problem is that a resident in the mobile home park adjacent to the field has built an extended patio overlooking the field and it extends onto the school's property. We are working with the mobile home association on a solution.
- 6) **ICOC Annual Report** – Discussions prevailed with regards to the changes that were made at the previous meeting and they were checked to see if everything was revised. Motion to approve the annual report with 2 minor changes was made by Lesha, and seconded by Rick. All approved.

- 7) **Capital Improvement Program State Budget Update:** Christina shared the State Funding spreadsheet told how the district re-applied for the Joint-Use Funding for Sycamore Canyon and Prospect Avenue Library Tech additions, along with eight other projects. She mentioned that the State has two applications in front of us; however, we may be awarded some money at the July 2011 State Allocation Board (SAB) meeting. We would have to relocate some of the childcare portables to make this work. We will know more at the next ICOC meeting. The old Jt. Use program that we applied for in 2007 has been revised. This time we are qualifying for more funding. We will be getting more than double the amount of grant money if approved for the LRC additions. We have been doing a really good job in getting the State match funding. Better than anticipated in the beginning of our program. Pepper Drive will move forward with the 10-classroom addition if after the State funding, we can come up with the additional \$4-5 million to complete the project. We are still going to be shovel ready to get any funding we can. At Pepper Drive, we are painting and replacing carpet to make their learning environment better, even though they don't qualify for modernization funding until 2017. Christina expects the State funding match program to change drastically in a future State bond program whereby we may have to come up with 80% to the State's 20% to modernize.
- 8) **CIP Program Update Phase 2 Construction:** Christina said that the phases for the three school's modernization schedules are the following: Prospect Avenue began in February, 2011. Chet F. Harritt, and Hill Creek will start the day school ends on June 22, 2011. Summer will be busy. Most of the work will be done; however, a few areas may go into Thanksgiving or Winter Break. This round of modernization should be better because we are only doing three schools instead of five. Hill Creek will have a loss of 8-9 classrooms, so they will need the new junior high building to function. The start date for the Hill Creek addition is September 2011.
- 9) **Comments from Committee Members/Topics for Next Meeting:**
 - 1) Architect litigation issue.
 - 2) Amount received from G. O. Bond for Hill Creek Addition
- 10) **Board Actions Since Last Meeting:** Handouts were presented. Lesha asked why we didn't get the \$5 million requested in the bond sale. Christina explained that the property values wouldn't give us that much money. Lesha wanted to know where we are going to make up the difference. Christina said that it will make the budget very tight to get everything that we would like to build. We will know more after we go out to bid. We have asked for many deductive alternates, so we can decide what to build. Rick asked if painting & carpet at Pepper was Capital Improvement Program (CIP) money or deferred maintenance. Christina said it could be either; however, our deferred maintenance program doesn't have a lot of funding at this time with all the budget cuts.
- 11) **Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.** To Next ICOC meeting, September 7, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.