

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Minutes

Members Present: Gina Jackson, Eid Fakhouri, Jason Crowell, Jim Montague, and Rick Weeks

Excused: Jorge Merino, Kai Ramer and Beth Selbe

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 of four (5) members in attendance to begin the meeting.
- 3) Reviewed Minutes of March 24, 2010. The minutes were motioned by Eid to be approved, and Seconded by Jim. All approved.
- 4) There were no public comments.
- 5) ICOC Communications: Discuss of any community comments:
 - Jim Montague commented that people are quite pleased with the Ball Park at Chet F. Harritt. Christina was pleased to hear that. Christina's goal is to use reclaimed water for the hydroseed establishment.
 - Rick Weeks asked what happened with the shade structure at Carlton Oaks in the Kindergarten area. Christina explained that an installer backed into it, so the structure was taken down. We added a temporary shade and it blew away. A second one was put in place and a storm came up within 24 hours. A third was added and it will be taken down when a storm is predicted ahead of time. We are adding a permanent DSA approved solid cover for their main area after Board approval. We will be getting Solar shade at Hill Creek, and shade at Prospect Avenue. We received a really good bid for a shade structure that holds Solar. We are looking to do more right now because of the savings. The K area has a cloth cover, but it won't get through another windstorm. Gina asked if the lunch shade covers are coming out of deferred maintenance. Christina said that at this time it will be funded from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) or developer fee funding. The Hill Creek Solar Project is funded thru the Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBS).
 - Jason Crowell said that the San Diego Taxpayer's Association senses that things are a bit pinched in the community, and they are looking at districts that are using their short-

term operating accounts. The State Allocation Board (SAB) has also slowed down its distribution of funds.

- 6) Capital Improvement Program State Budget Update – Christina Becker went over the State Funding Allocation sheet that was distributed. She explained how the SAB is planning to distribute the next round of money. She said that Santee School District submitted our “shovel ready” letters to be on the priority list for the next funding round. In August, we should know if we will be receiving any money from the State. We may be awarded some money by November 2010. Christina went on to explain the Bond Authority graphs for Prop 1D, Prop 47, and Prop 55. The first thing we will do when we receive funding is to pay off the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN). After that, the School Board will make decisions to move forward with Phase II projects, but we may not have enough money. The last time we went through prioritizing, the Board looked at the oldest schools. Christina would like to do multiple projects for bid reductions. The Board even considered issuing a smaller BAN to get more projects done. Karl said we may be able to go out to issue the remaining balance of our \$60 million G.O. Bond in the near future. Jim asked about the two Library Tech additions with regard to the State Funding sheet and how it shows that we may lose the funding we have already been granted if we don’t award a project by December 2010. Christina said that we may be able to award Sycamore Canyon, but she doesn’t know what the Board will decide because of the timing. The next one at risk is Prospect Avenue. We can also re-apply for funding at a later date. Rick Weeks questioned who our “Joint Use” entity is. Christina explained that we partnered with the Santee School District Foundation whereby the PTA and others would utilize the premises. However, in the future, we would have to partner with someone who will fund project. We do a lot of joint use within our community, such as the food bank. We have a lot of opportunities. Eid Fakhouri asked where we got the money to pay the bills when we didn’t receive the State Funding that we expected. Christina said we took out COPS, and BAN, and also used Developer Fee Funds. We will be paying the BAN off first. Karl would like to also pay down the COPS, but the Board wants to make all the schools equal. These were discussion options only. There is \$19 million left in Prop R money. One of the other funding sources was the sale of surplus property which we haven’t seen happen. If we do get to start new projects, it would give work to over 600 people in our community.
- 7) Comments from Committee Members/Topics for Next Meeting: Suggestion made by Gina to re-schedule the next ICOC meeting on September 1, 2010, after the State Allocation Board Meeting so that the ICOC could be updated regarding the State’s decisions.
- 8) Board Actions Since Last Meeting: Handouts were presented. Christina shared that the handouts showed how well our modernization project did in performance regarding energy savings. Rio Seco ranked top, then Carlton Oaks, Carlton Hills, Cajon Park and then Sycamore Canyon. Christina thought the reason might be because Sycamore

Canyon was half empty when modernization began. Since then, we added SDC & pre-school classes. There are 150 more children attending there now. Cajon Park was because of growth and changes. Carlton Hills, with the added addition, the attendance is the same but the school is ready for growth. Christina recommended that Summer School be held at a modernized school because of the energy savings, and of course because they are nicer. Also, technology has installed an auto shut off to all the computers that have been left on continually. This has definitely helped us move in the right direction. Christina then went over the Board items for the upcoming projects.

Rick asked if Rio Seco is using the new Sports Complex as a drop off for students now. Christina said the City decided to award the upgrade of the parking south of the school, which put us in a tough situation. We were supposed to have that lot last January. It is definitely a mess, during construction. As soon as the City's work is done, things will be better Rio Seco is considering a Junior High release by the new ball park next year. We are still looking at options.

- 9) **Adjourned at 6:45** to Next ICOC meeting: September 1, 2010, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.