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Bond Oversight Committee

Wednesday, August 5, 2020
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
ZOOM Meeting

Minutes

1.0 Welcome/Call to Order 5:35

2.0 Call to Order/Members Present/Absent

Michael Watanabe, Terrence Gladney, Brian Hill, Terra Bennett Brown, Colleen Megowan-Romanowicz, Lesley Taylor, Jim Price

Absent: *Alex Visaya Jr., Carol Davydova*

Staff Present: *Rose F. Ramos, Nathaniel Browning, Elena Hankard, Amari Watkins, Crystal Hoff, Anthony Lea*

3.0 Approval of Agenda/Discussion of Tonight's Meeting

Motion by: Colleen Megowan-Romanowicz

Second by: Brian Hill

The agenda was approved as presented.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

February 5, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Motion by: Colleen Megowan-Romanowicz

Second by: Brian Hill

The minutes were approved as presented.

5.0 Facilities Master Plan (FMP) Update/Information

Mark Covington from DLR Group, the architects assisting the District with the Facility Conditions Assessments and the 5 Year Master Plan, presented to the Bond Oversight Committee an update on the plan. DLR is in the process of assessing SCUSDs sites and assembling a plan while working with staff and establishing a core planning group.

Question (Gladney and Bennet Brown): What process was involved in the selection of the steering committee?

Answer: The steering committee, made up of District staff, is not a decision-maker on what/how projects are prioritized. It is a logistical group and it has been created to help ensure timelines are being met and that information is being communicated so that the core group is meeting the way it should be and that the core group is representative of all stakeholders. This is a common practice in most districts when developing a master plan.

Member Gladney suggested that the steering committee be renamed due to perception issues. Noted. The District will take this request into consideration.

Additional question: How does the District make public, opportunities to become involved in groups such as these? Answer: The District is in the planning stages of this committee. The District had temporarily paused the assembly of the committee due to the pandemic but will soon be moving forward again. Information will be posted to the District website, principals and parent groups will be included. When the District gets to the point where there is draft information, town hall meetings will be held. These meetings will most likely be held at our high schools where community members and members of the feeder schools can attend.

DLR added: DLR has an online software. The Menti meter is a real time survey that stays active and stays live and will be accessible to the community. It will allow stakeholders to go in and see specific information about their school. This tool will keep all stakeholders well informed. Especially those who may not be able to attend the town halls.

Committee member Bennet Brown inquired about the \$8m drop in a bid. What project is this? To clarify, this was not an \$8m drop in a project. It is an \$8m drop in the facility needs for the District. The committee would like tonight's presentation attached to the minutes.

6.0 Measure H Bond Update

Measure H was passed in Sacramento County in the Sacramento City Unified School District at the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. There were 58,241 YES votes. Passage percentage rate of over 62.46%.

7.0 Measure H Bond Oversight Committee Member Structure/Recruitment

The Board has requested that the District develop a comprehensive recruitment plan to include more stakeholders and opportunities to participate. Staff is gathering information as to what this could look like and the best way to get the information seen by community. While working on this plan, COVID happened, schools shutdown, resulting in not being able to develop a plan further. The District will continue its work to develop a recruitment plan and keep the Board informed with its efforts. SCUSD does not need to form a Bond Oversight Committee for Measure H until the first set of bonds are to be issued. Recruitment efforts will begin accordingly.

It was suggested that the existing BOC prepare a video discussing the tasks of a CBOC. A YouTube upload could be sent out to parents, students, and community. Request was noted.

Suggestion: Standing item on BOC agendas for public comment.

Suggestion: For BOC members to have a few moments during the Facilities' portion on Board agendas to address the Board to be more visible. Request was noted.

8.0 Measures Q and R Bond Oversight Committee Member Structure/Recruitment

The Measure Q and R Bond Oversight Committee is in need of three (3) new members due to three members terming out. Recruitment efforts will begin accordingly.

- **One (1) member active in a senior citizens' organization**
- **One (1) member active in a bona-fide taxpayers' association**

In addition, Committee member Terra Bennet Brown announced that she will be resigning from the Committee at the end of 2020. In addition, in need of:

- **One (1) member of the community at large**

9.0 Measures Q and R Bond Fund Update/Projects/Staff Update

Nathaniel Browning presented the Committee with current Measure Q and R Bond Projects. The presentation will be posted to the website. Anthony Lea, Project Manager added that projects were running on time at this time, despite delays of materials. Example, there is a shortage of cement. Existing projects will hopefully continue to run on schedule.

Staff presented the Bond Program Status Report for Period Ending June 30, 2020 for Measures Q and R and SCUSDs E-Builder Report.

Question: Regarding the material shortages discussed earlier, could these shortages be increasing the costs of some of SCUSDs projects? Or are the costs staying the same? Answer: Cost increases have not been noticed as of yet. And the District has not yet needed to make substitutions.

Because of COVID, the Prop 39 work was delayed. The State gave the District an extension to June 30, 2021 to complete the work. These projects will stay on the project list until they are completed.

Committee member Gladney question/comment: When COVID hit, there were initial bond funds allocated to purchase chrome books for students. In a Board presentation, it was stated that general funds or Care funds were used. It was explained that the bond funds were reimbursed. Question: If the District has restricted funds, like the bond funds, that are for facilities, and in this time of crises, the facilities became families' homes, why do we not use the restricted funds to pay for the chrome books and free up the less restricted or general funds when we are also in a fiscal crises?

Answer: The District always looks to see which funds are the most restrictive and try to spend those first. Especially those with shorter timeframes/deadlines. The Care funds have an end date. We just received the second allocation of federal relief which is being referred to as the learning loss funds. We received approximately \$40m. \$37m of this must be spent on COVID related expenditures by December 30, 2020, otherwise, the District loses it.

The first allocation was for approximately \$15.8m and has an expiration date that is further out, not expiring until September 30, 2022.

Is there the opportunity to move the funds back to being labeled as bond expenses if the District finds that there additional funds needed beyond what was anticipated? Answer: Yes.

Committee member Gladney: There were drainage issues at the JFK track and field therefore, it bubbled. It was set to receive some warranty work but the construction company was allowed to go onto the campus and repair just the one strip of the track. They were supposed to repave and repaint the track but they did not. It now looks like a checkerboard. This was a \$6m project.

The John Cabrillo project has been completed and there are still items on the punch list that have not been completed. There are now brown patches in the field.

These are bond projects and depending on who one talks to, they are unusable. Assessing projects and quality control could be a part of the BOCs purview.

Staff is aware and working to address these items. COVID played a big part on the Cabrillo issue. The landscape crew were not able to pay attention to issues such as these. When the department was able to bring key staff back, issues such as these were/are slowly being addressed.

Staff will walk the track at JFK and assess.

Member Bennet Brown asked if the District is able to monitor quality control through the new computer software it uses and how are bad experiences with contractors, or checking bids, etc. memorialized.

One system the District has built into the lease leaseback purchasing review committee is different points where we can grade a contractor on how they performed in previous experiences with them in previous contracts.

Warranty clauses are another way to monitor quality control for both the architect and the contractor.

10.0 Questions/Statements to the Board from the Bond Oversight Committee

Member Gladney: Was there any feedback from the board with regards to the abolishment of the ad hoc committees and how the gap can be filled? Answer: This subject has been put on hold due to recent pressing issues caused by COVID.

Member Gladney suggestion: Perhaps a resolution can be considered that allows committees to explore some of these issues. Noted.

Member Bennet Brown requested that the BOC and the District be conscious and have a discussion around racial justice in the work that they do.

11.0 Future Business-Next Three Meetings—Dates/Desired Locations

November 4, 2020 Zoom or Luther Burbank-TBD

SCUSD will begin recruiting efforts for Measures Q and R accordingly.

The committee is in agreement that they'd like to work on a video of what the committee is generally tasked with as a recruiting tool and an interview meeting with exiting members who have either termed out or are resigning, then share the data. Noted.

Adjourn: 7:30pm.

Motion by: Terrence Gladney

Second by: : Colleen Megowan-Romanowicz