



Agenda Item Details

Meeting Jun 06, 2012 - El Monte Union High School District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Category H. Consent Agenda

Subject 3. Consider Approval of Citizens Oversight Committee Annual Written Report of the Measure D General Obligation Bond Construction Projects

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action The district administrative staff recommends approval of COC Annual Written Report (06/06/12) of the General Obligation (GO) Bond construction projects.

Goals

The primary function of the Citizen Oversight Committee (COC) is to keep the community informed on the progress of construction projects utilizing Measure D General Obligation Bond monies. In accordance with the by-laws of the Citizen Oversight Committee as adopted by the Board of Trustees the COC has prepared their annual written report for the Board of Trustees and community members. COC Chair Steve Ortiz will be in attendance to discuss and answer any questions.

CONTACT PERSONS:

Ryan Di Giulio, CBO

Matt Strother, Director of FMOT

[COC 2012 Report.pdf \(43 KB\)](#)

Motion & Voting

The Board approved Consent Agenda items # 1 - 39 with a Consent Motion.

Motion by Salvador Ramirez, second by Theresa A Velasco.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Juanita M Gonzales, Salvador Ramirez, Carlos G Salcedo, Maria-Elena Talamantes, Theresa A Velasco

El Monte Union High School District

COC Annual Written Report

June 6, 2012

The Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) is delighted to present the COC Annual Report of the construction projects funded with Measure D General Obligation Bond funds. The COC has recently added new members who are student parents: Anita Ortega (EMHS), Ruberto Angeles (MVHS), Linda Gonzales (RHS), and Kristine Carreon (SEMHS). The COC also recently added community members Robert Armendariz and Steve Ortiz. Mr. Ortiz was selected as the new chairman of the COC at its March 15, 2012 meeting.

As construction continues at our various school and district sites, the COC is committed to meeting quarterly with its members and staff. Over the last year, the committee members were brought up to speed with ongoing construction, construction costs, and construction overhead or soft costs. Projects nearing completion include Arroyo High School's new Two-story Building, Library and Science Lab upgrade. The project is awaiting deferred approvals on the fire sprinklers as well as a couple outstanding punch list items. Another project nearing completion is Rosemead High School's additions to the Cafeteria and Library building, Weight Room and new Two-story Building, which are also waiting for deferred DSA approval on the fire sprinklers and have some outstanding punch list items.

As you know, the auditorium at El Monte High School is also waiting for final inspection by the DSA. Once given, the District may occupy. In addition, District staff moved in to the new District Office February 2012. It is near completion as contractors are currently working on the parking lot. The entire project is expected to be completed by the end of June.

The committee was also informed of new projects that are in the beginning stages of development. These new projects include Fernando Ledesma H.S. Field/Multi-Purpose & Weight Room Buildings, South El Monte H.S. Field House, South El Monte H.S. CTE Project, Mountain View H.S. CTE Project and El Monte H.S. Baseball Stadium (in partnership with the City of El

Monte), and the Rosemead H.S. Auditorium Lighting project. Additions to existing projects include the basketball courts/batting cage at Arroyo H.S. and the basketball courts at Rosemead H.S.

The newest members of the COC have not visited sites but intend to do so in the summer as to familiarize us with the work that is being done reported. Board members will be invited to accompany us. Last year's visit of sites including Arroyo H.S., Rosemead H.S. and the District Office took place in August of 2011.

The COC would also like to thank district staff for maintaining a line of open and direct communication as well as being transparent as possible to ensure that the COC is adequately informed of all happenings. Obviously there have been many changes to the management of the Bond construction program, but the increased transparency and provision of communication to the COC members has been greatly appreciated.

The COC looks forward to it's second quarterly meeting of 2012, to be held next week, as we anticipate some new construction beginning on the many of the worthwhile projects as early as this fall so as to benefit students, teachers and the community.