

# Citizens Oversight Committee

## Minutes

May 12, 2021

At approximately 5:05 p.m., Jennifer Cobian, Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) Co-Chair greeted everyone present. Norma Macias, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation called roll and quorum was reached. The meeting was called to order and Ms. Cobian conducted the meeting.

1. Introductions:
  - a. Roll Call

### Present:

- Jennifer Cobian
- Luis Aguilar
- Cathi Eredia
- Cynthia Arredondo
- Heidi Carrillo- 5:16 p.m.
- Joanna Haro
- Erica Mondragon-Alternate

### Absent:

- Nick Wukmir-Alternate
- Julia Ruedas-Alternate

- b. Flag Salute: led by Jennifer Cobian
- c. Approval of New Committee Member Nick Wukmir  
Moved: Jennifer Cobian Seconded: Cathi Eredia
- d. Resignation of Chair, Jose Macias  
Moved: Jennifer Cobian Seconded: Cathi Eredia
- e. Nomination of New Co-Chair and Other Vacant Positions  
Will be brought back at the next meeting
- f. Approval of Agenda:  
A motion was made by Jennifer Cobian and seconded by Luis Aguilar to approve the agenda for May 12, 2021.  
  
6 Ayes            0 Nos            0 Abstained            1 Absent
- g. Approval of Minutes— (January 13, 2021)  
A motion was made by Jennifer Cobian and seconded by Cathi Eredia to approve the minutes on January 13, 2021.  
  
6 Ayes            0 Nos            0 Abstained            1 Absent
- h. Approval of New Chair  
A motion was made by Jennifer Cobian to nominate Cathi Eredia, Cynthia Arredondo seconded the motion to approve Cathi Eredia as the new Committee Chair.  
  
6 Ayes            0 Nos            0 Abstained            1 Absent

Wael Elatar, Chief Business Official stated that the committee is required to have a Local Business/Community representative, a Bona Fide Tax representative, and a Senior Citizen Group representative. He mentioned the Board will be asked for recommendations for our vacant positions.

**Presentation:** Norma Macias, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation reviewed the May 2021 presentation.

**Measure D and HS Bond:** In 2017, we issued 10 million dollars for Measure D and didn't expect to issue more until 2025 or 2027, however, we submitted a revised assessment for Measure D for about 30 million dollars to be used for more projects. Measure HS has a balance of \$53,302,076.

**First Interim Budget:** The allocated monies and projects were reviewed.

**Fernando Ledesma High School:** The Multi-Purpose Building is anticipated to be completed in July and ready for the return of students in August. The final touches are currently being made.

**Rosemead High School:** The ground breaking for the new track and field was on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The soil and irrigation system are currently being prepped and the carpet will be placed very soon. The project is anticipated to be completed in July. The concession buildings will have a home and snack bar with solar powered canopies and a visitor snack bar. The project was approved by DSA and awarded on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**South El Monte High School:** The quad project is getting ready to go out for bid in June. DLR Group is providing the architectural services for this project.

**Granada Feasibility study-**On April 14<sup>th</sup>, the Board approved the Rosemead Adult Center to be modernized for the Transition Center. DLR Group was board approved to start on this project.

**South El Monte High School Modernization-**The Board approved DLR Group to work on the Modernization Project. They have had several meetings with key stakeholders to identify priority projects. There will be significant improvements at this site.

**Mountain View High School Modernization:** The Board approved LPA Architects to work on this project. They have had about 20 meetings with key stakeholders to identify priority projects. Significant infrastructure is needed. Complete modernization to Building K, improvements in classrooms, and curb appeal will be done to beautifully the school.

**Mountain View High School Cafetorium:** This project was awarded to LPA. It will include a new retractable theatre seating for up to 300 seats, acoustic improvements on walls and ceilings, installation of audio/visual equipment, and lighting enhancements.

**Mountain View High School Track and Field:** HMC Architects are designing all of the track and field projects starting with Mountain View and Rosemead High School. A new entrance, bleachers and snack bar will be added. The next two fields will include El Monte High School and South El Monte High School. Arroyo High School's track and field will include new snack bars and a new entrance. Mr. Elatar stated the visitor's bleachers are older than the home bleachers. Initially, due to funding the district did not include the bleachers in the scope. A significant amount of ADA bleachers will be needed so staff is going back to the Board to request to update the visitor's bleachers. Seating capacity will also be taken to the Board. The visitor's bleacher are currently larger than the home bleachers. The District wants to move forward with proper seating.

Additional projects in the works include the district wide HVAC controls and Mountain View High School's Career Technology Classroom Modernization.

Sandy Navarro took over the second half of the COC Minutes:

Mr. Elatar discussed the Mountain View High School CTE Zoo Crew Project.

The woodshop area will be converted into CTE indoor and outdoor buildings. This project will use State Matching Funds. He also mentioned that the HVAC controls will be replaced since some of them are currently obsolete. The District is trying to subsidize on one system rather than various systems.

Mr. Elatar reviewed the last slide from the projects progress report. He shared with the COC members that District staff is recommending the Board to approve the sale of the second series for Measure HS in early July of this year. He explained the second series of the bond will provide additional funding to cover the construction phase of the modernization projects at Mountain View High School and South El Monte High School. In addition, it will provide advanced funding to cover delayed State Matching Funds that will be received at later dates. It will provide construction funding needed to complete the artificial track and field projects at El Monte High School and South El Monte High School. Mr. Elatar also mentioned the potential sale of Measure D as well for approximately \$30 million dollars.

Ms. Cobian thanked Ms. Macias and Mr. Elatar for the presentation given. Mr. Elatar informed the COC members about the Granada Transition Center Feasibility Study to find permanent housing for the students that attend the Transition Center. He emphasized this is a high priority project for the District. The Board approved the Rosemead Adult Center be modernized for the Transition Center on April 14, 2021. The Board also approved the architect firm DLR Group to design the project on May 5, 2021.

Ms. Cobain asked what the plan for the Granada Center Modular building was now that the District has permanent housing. Mr. Elatar explained we are currently leasing modular buildings for the Community Day School and for the Mustang Center so therefore, we would replace the leased modular with the District owned modulares. Ms. Macias mentioned that the Ramona Adult School needs more parking space and the Granada Transition Center will most likely be occupied for that. Ms. Eredia asked what is happening with the Granada Child Care Center. Mr. Elatar stated it is being utilized for different things.

The next meeting was discussed for the month of September. Mr. Elatar mentioned the Fernando R. Ledesma High School – Multipurpose Room Project and the Rosemead High School – Track & Field project will probably be completed by September. We might be able to meet in person and do a site visit of the construction projects.

Ms. Cobian asked for more time to be given to replace vacancies and reach out to the COC members in June or July for the September meeting. She also announced this would be her last meeting as a member as her child will be graduating high school this June. She said it was a pleasure serving as a COC member.

Adjournment:

Moved: Cathi Eredia Seconded: Erica Mondragon

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:48 p.m.