

Citizen's Oversight Committee
Minutes
September 16, 2019

At approximately 5:07 Jose Macias greeted those present and the meeting was called to order.

Quorum was reached; Norma Macias called roll and Jose Macias conducted the meeting.

1. Introductions:

- Roll Call

Present:

- Jose Macias
- Jennifer Cobian (Left meeting at 6:07 p.m.)
- Luis Aguilar
- Cathi Eredia
- Cynthia Arredondo
- Heidi Carrillo
- Andres Gonzalez-Voted for Joanna Haro
- Erica Mondragon-Alternate

Absent:

- Cynthia Arredondo
- Joanna Haro
- Julia Ruedas

b. Flag Salute: led by Jose Macias

c. Approval of Agenda:

Moved: Jennifer Cobian Seconded: Cathy Eredia Action: 7-0

d. Approval of Minutes—(May 8, 2019)

Moved: Jennifer Cobian Seconded: Cathy Eredia Action: 7-0

e. Nomination for Chair-Jose Macias

Moved: Cathy Eredia Seconded: Jennifer Cobian Action: 7-0

f. Nomination for Co-Chair-Jennifer Cobian

Moved: Cathy Eredia Seconded: Jose Aguilar Action: 7-0

2. Public Comments-No Public Comments

Norma Macias, the director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations and Transportation informed the committee the Board approved combining the Bond Citizen's Oversight Committee overseeing Measure D with the Citizen's Oversight Committee which will oversee Measure D and Measure HS. There is 48 million dollars left from Measure D which will be able to issue in the future.

Some money left from the last issuance from Measure D will be used on Mountain View High School's plumbing. The plumbing will go out to bid from a different contractor. Ms. Macias also gave the committee a September bond update. She reviewed the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 school year and stated the construction for the cafeteria at Mountain View High School was 100% complete. The stadium project at El Monte High School and gymnasium modernization at Mountain View High School are complete. She gave an update on the HVAC project Phase C and the upcoming Phase D. The Multi-Purpose Building at Fernando Ledesma High School is scheduled to begin construction in October. The Community Education Center at the District office is scheduled to begin January 2020. A new track and field project will begin in the summer of 2020 at Rosemead High School. The last item Ms. Macias went over was Measure HS Future Projects:

Quick Start Projects:

- Plumbing Replacement and Girls Locker Modernization at Mountain View High School
- New Track and Field at Two High Schools
- Security Upgrades District Wide
- New Snack Bars at Arroyo and Mountain View High School
- Furniture Replacement

Planning Projects:

- Mountain View High School Modernization
- South El Monte High School Modernization
- New Facility for Granada Transition Center
- Energy Efficiency Projects

Jose Macias asked if HVAC systems will be installed in gymnasiums at the other school sites. Mr. Elatar responded that these projects will come up in the future. HVAC projects require a lot of work including DSA approvals, new designs, architects etc., which will require new projects. Phase D of the HVAC projects will be funded through Measure D and deferred maintenance.

Mr. Elatar went over the purpose of the Citizen's Oversight Committee (COC), and provided everyone with a copy of the Bylaws. He stated that the Bylaws identify Ed. code and provide oversight and assistance to manage dollars spent from the bond. The committee represents the community and assists in making sure the money is being used efficiently. The committee will review plans, expenditures and provide an oversight. Each year in March, an audit review is provided to the Board.

Jose Macias asked if the contractors for the upcoming projects can be contracted from El Monte. He believes it is important for tax payers to spend in their money in El Monte and also use them as contractors. Mr. Elatar stated the district wants more Public Labor Agreements projects and there is goal and percentage of those hired who live in the boundaries of the district for the contractors. We will utilize workers who live in El Monte and use those contractors. Mr. Elatar stated we hired a firm to monitor contractors, prevailing wages and provide a report where they live. 60 to 70 percentage of contractors for Measure D were contracted from El Monte.

Mr. Elatar continued to discuss the COC which is made up of 10 members, 3 are alternates who can vote when one of the seven are absent. There are five categories that must be filled:

- Senior Citizen
- Parent
- Bona fide Tax Representative
- Local Business
- Member at large

Mr. Elatar informed the committee the district sold 56 million in June and we have received the money, the county treasure has the money. The next sale will be in 2022 and will be accelerated if there are higher assessment values. The ideal amount for the next sale for Measure D is 17 million. Each school identified their top three projects and came up with the lists that was provided today. The first projects using the 53 million from the first series will focus on projects that are important to the schools and community.

Round Table:

Topics/Agenda Items:

Ms. Macias informed the committee the ground breaking for the Multi-Purpose Room at Ledesma High School will take place on December 11, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

The next COC meeting will take place at Ledesma High School on December 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting ended at approximately 6:37 p.m. Jose Macias moved to adjourn the meeting, Andres Gonzalez seconded the movement. The meeting ended at approximately 6:37 p.m.