

Citizens Oversight Committee
Minutes
January 20, 2022

At approximately 5:04 p.m., Cathi Eredia, Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) 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. Cathi Eredia, COC Chair conducted the meeting.

1. Introductions:
 - a. Roll Call

Present:

- Pablo Tamashiro
- Cathi Eredia
- Erica Mondragon
- Julia Ruedas

Absent:

- Luis Aguilar
- Cynthia Arredondo
- Heidi Carrillo
- Joanna Haro

b. Flag Salute: led by Cathi Eredia

c. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Erica Mondragon and seconded by Pablo Tamashiro to approve the agenda for January 20, 2022.

4 Ayes 0 Nos 0 Abstained 4 Absent

d. Approval of Minutes— (September 14, 2021)

A motion was made by Cathi Eredia and seconded by Joanna Haro to approve the minutes on September 14, 2021.

3 Ayes 0 Nos 1 Abstained 4 Absent

Presentation/Progress Report

Norma Macias, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation provided a financial update on Measure D and HS.

Fernando Ledesma High School is waiting on the roofing material. The anticipated completion date is April 2022.

Rosemead High School's track and field is in use. The concession stand is almost complete, the anticipated date is February 2022.

Pablo Tamashiro, COC Co-Chair, asked when the budget starts and ends? Wael Elatar, Chief Business Official stated the fiscal year begins July 1st and ends June 30th of each year.

South El Monte's quad just broke ground this week. This will be a quick 4-week turnaround just in time for the senior activities and celebrations. The development will create more seating areas for students and an enlarged amphitheater towards the cafeteria to allow for more exciting activities during Friday lunches.

The Granada Center/Rosemead site provides Adult Education for students with learning disabilities. The site will be moved to our Pasadena City College location located in Rosemead. The design for the project has started and the building will be modernized with an addition made to the Adult School. There is going to be a meeting with various stakeholders to finalize the design.

South El Monte High School's Modernizations current budget is just under 18 million. An HVAC system will be added to the gymnasium.

Mountain View High School's Modernization will be an extensive site improvement. Building K is being modernized, replacing some roofs, and improvements to the softball/baseball fields. Curb appeal will also be improved. The budget is under 26 million dollars. Currently evaluating construction managers to manage the projects.

Mountain View High school's Cafetorium wants a performance space in the cafeteria. LPA has been working on the project. The is going to be retractable theater seating, acoustics lighting, and more. We will be bidding this out and having a job walk on January 27, 2022. The goal is to take to the project to board in March 2022.

Mountain View High School's track and field has new bleachers, a concession stand, a restroom building, and the landscaping in the entrance has been improved.

Arroyo High School's track and field now has a new concession stand.

Our district received a Clean Mobility in Schools grant thanks to Lena Luna helping with energy storage systems and charging stations. We received some buses and are installing energy storage systems. We are being recognized as a leader in energy. Mr. Elatar stated that this program is not part of our bond dollars.

Additional projects in the works include the HVAC controls at the District, Mountain View High School's Career Technology Classroom Modernization, Greenhouse and Landscape at Arroyo and South El Monte High School, and rubberized basketball court installations.

The bond for Measure HS sold for 33 million. Ms. Macias thanked Mr. Elatar for his work with the sale of the bond. With the recent issuance, we will be able to pay for some of the construction projects. Identifying future projects will be based on the stakeholders meetings.

The modernization projects at Arroyo, El Monte, and Rosemead High School were all selected based on the feedback from each group.

Wael discussed the bond sale briefly as we have discussed this in the past.

Julia Ruedas, COC member, commended everyone for all their work. She mentioned she is a product of the district, she attended Rosemead High School. She stated it is great to see improvements and hard work put into each project. Mondragon said that people living in our community and our students are seeing the changes being made. She thanked everyone for the work they are doing. She can see that our district is working hard. By serving in the community, she is starting to learn what is going on in the community and as a mother, the changes are very noticeable, she sends her best regards and commends the district. Ms. Rueda's echoed Ms. Mondragon's comments. Mr. Tamashiro commented that our district enrollment is in decline and the improvements will attract more students as we improve the schools and small businesses.

Mr. Elatar discussed the new vaccine mandate which started on January 3, 2022. A contractor did not comply with the district's requirement and could not work with us. Employees, staff, students, and contractors need to comply with the vaccine mandate. Ms. Eredia asked if the district is still having issues with parents not wanting to vaccinate their children? Mr. Elatar said a few months ago all students were required to be fully vaccinated by January 3, 2022; however, most recently the board extended the deadline to September 2022. We have approximately 94 percent of students fully vaccinated. The district has had some challenges with parents not electing to vaccinate their students but are offering online learning.

Mr. Elatar discussed the survey results. 80 percent of the results requested facility improvements.

Sandy Navarro, Construction Account Technician III, discussed the new facility software, Colbi Technologies Inc which was board approved on April 14, 2021. Colbi Technologies software is web-based and provides better transparency for the public. The software will help provide in-depth analysis which will make reporting easier. We entered into a 5-year agreement with them as of June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2026.

Ms. Macias discussed the expenditure report for Measure D which started in years 2008/2009 and Measure HS years 2018/2019. Ms. Eredia will be presenting to the board on March 3, 2022. Each column shows how much was spent.

Round table member comments:
None

A motion to end the meeting was made by Ms. Ruedas and Mr. Tamashiro second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:02 p.m.