

CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
COC Minutes  
February 12, 2020

At approximately 5:07 p.m., Jose Macias, the Citizen's Oversight Committee Chair greeted those present, the meeting was called to order.

Roll Call:

Present:

- Jose Macias
- Jennifer Cobian
- Cathi Eredia
- Heidi Carrillo
- Andres Gonzales-Alternate
- Erica Mondragon-Alternate
- Julia Ruedas-Alternate

Absent:

- Luis Aguilar
- Cynthia Arredondo
- Joanna Haro

Approval of Agenda:

Moved: Erica Mondragon      Seconded: Cathi Eredia      Action: 7-0

Approval of Minutes:

Moved: Jose Macias      Seconded: Cathi Eredia      Action: 6-0, 1 abstained

Public Comments-No public comments.

Presentation:

Norma Macias, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations & Transportation gave the committee a bond update for Measure D and HS.

There is currently 49 million dollars unsold from Measure D. Wael Elatar, the Chief Business Official stated our financial advisor can sell up to 21 million dollars this year.

The following priorities are based on the input received per site. The teams included: principals, parents COC members, PTA members, community leaders, teachers, administrators and all stake holders who were present. There were a total of two meetings. Each school identified their top three facility needs.

Arroyo High School

- Main Office/MPR Expansion & Modernization
- Stadium Upgrade
- Security Improvement

### El Monte High School

- Safety Improvements
- Physical Education / Athletic Facility Modernization
- Auditorium Modernization

### Granada Transition Center

- New Facility Possibility
- Existing Facility Priorities

### Fernando Ledesma

- New Multi-Purpose Room
- Expanded Science and Engineering Labs
- Security Measures

### Mountain View

- Upgraded Classrooms and Girls Locker Room
- Hardscaping and Facility Upgrades
- Athletic and Physical Education Facilities

### Rosemead

- Facility Maintenance
- Safety Measures
- Classroom Upgrades

### South El Monte

- Gymnasium Modernization
- Athletic Stadium Improvements /All Weather Track and Field
- Quad Renovation

Jennifer Cobian asked if there were any special projects based on the district's needs. Mr. Elatar explained the school sites made the suggestions.

Heidi Carrillo asked if the potential projects were based on one meeting. Ms. Macias stated the district hired an architect to do a facility assessment plan based on their site visit. This plan was shared with the stakeholders. Each site used this information along with the two meetings that were held to identify their top three priorities.

Mr. Elatar discussed potential matching funds. The bond money is not enough for all the projects needed throughout the district. The district has to look for additional findings. We have about 8.5 million in matching funds. The program allows 60 percent and we contribute 40 percent. New construction is not eligible due to our declining enrollment. We are only growing in special education. HMC is helping us determine how much money we are eligible for. The model for special education is integration, we have to build an equal number of general and special education developments. Eventually, we will need more space for Special Education to accommodate the future needs of our students.

A discussion regarding the board approved projects and Measure HS's future projects were discussed. The Multi-Purpose building at Fernando Ledesma is scheduled to be complete the summer of 2021. Ms. Macias discussed the project schedule for the new track and field at Rosemead High School and the cafetorium at Mountain View High School. El Monte and Mountain View High School were chosen to get a new track and field as well. Ms. Cobian asked about the other two schools. Mr. Elatar explained that although those sites were chosen, the Board is requesting more information as to why El Monte and Mountain View were chosen. South El Monte High School will be the last site to receive their track and field due to the fact that the city of South El Monte owns the field and there is water retention because of the rain.

The new home and visitor concession stand at Rosemead High School and the District Wide HVAC projects were also discussed. The Community Education Center at the district will not be constructed with bond dollars.

Mr. Macias asked if we know the total cost of all of the projects. Mr. Elatar informed him we hired someone to give us an estimate. Andres Gonzalez asked if the sites can submit a proposal to request projects. Mr. Elatar stated that schools do request proposals, but the list we have has already been approved. Mr. Gonzalez is concerned for the safety of the students at Arroyo due to the poor condition of the track and field. Mr. Elatar shared that in two years, another series of bonds will be sold for 50-60 million dollars in which more schools will get more work done. The state funding will help alleviate the price and help with other projects.

Ms. Eredia asked if the dirt at Fernando Ledesma will need to be cleaned. We do not need to clean it per Mr. Elatar. The Mustang site does have contamination and we can never build anything in the parking lot unless we clean it. We have space we can use for the Granada Center but we would have to do major cleaning. There is lead in some of the paint at Rosemead and will need to remove it in the summer before any painting begins.

Ms. Carrillo wants to know who oversees the quality of the construction? Mr. Elatar informed the committee that construction managers will be hired to manage the construction. Smaller projects will be overseen by Maintenance and Operations.

Ms. Macias went over the annual written report with the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2020.

Mr. Macias moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Eredia seconded the movement. The meeting ended at approximately 6:30 p.m.