

Citizen's Oversight Committee
Minutes
September 17, 2020

At approximately 5:07 Jennifer Cobian, Citizen's Oversight Committee (COC) Co-Chair, greeted those 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:
 - Roll Call

Present:

- Jennifer Cobian
- Luis Aguilar
- Cathi Eredia
- Cynthia Arredondo
- Heidi Carrillo
- Joanna Haro
- Erica Mondragon-Alternate
- Julia Ruedas-Alternate

Absent:

- Jose Macias
- Andres Gonzalez

b. Flag Salute: led by Jennifer Cobian

c. Approval of Agenda:

Moved: Jennifer Cobian Seconded: Julia Ruedas Action: 8-0

d. Approval of Minutes— (September 17, 2020)

Moved: Jennifer Cobian Seconded: Cathy Eredia Action: 8-0

Florencio Briones, Board President, thanked the committee for their time and continuing to meet quorum. He stated that the community does not know all the work the committee puts in and it does not go unnoticed.

Maria Morgan, Board Member, joined the meeting to thank the committee for their commitment and time given to the committee. She stated that the work they do in reviewing of projects and reviewing money spent is a big deal.

Ms. Macias discussed Measure D and Measure HS and reviewed the 2019/2020 Second Interim Budget. Construction for the Multi-Purpose Building at Fernando Ledesma is still moving. The anticipated completion date is the summer of 2021. The Community Education Center is almost complete. Announcement of the virtual ribbon cutting is coming soon. The Board approved Rachlin Partners, Inc. as the project manager for the track and field at Rosemead High School which was DSA approved

August 2020. The Board approved Cornerstone Landscape Architects for the quad project at South El Monte High School. The project should be ready to bid in November. The Board approved DLR Group to prepare a study for future development of the Granada Transition Center. DLR Group will present their recommendation to the Board in October. Status for DSA certification was discussed for various projects at the different school sites.

Ms. Cobian thanked district staff for the ongoing projects at the different sites. She asked when the track and field projects were going to begin. Ms. Macias did not have her schedule handy but said that Arroyo and Mountain View are in the design phase. She will coordinate a meeting to collect input on the synthetic track and field very soon. Every field will be done with the same material. Wael Elatar, Chief Business Official, stated the track and field at Rosemead High School will be bid out in January or February and will take about 6 months to complete. Once DSA approves the concession plans, they can go out to bid. Arroyo and Mountain View High School's track and field will also include replacement of the stadium bleachers, restroom, and new concession stand.

Mr. Elatar stated that the rates to borrowing are very low right now and the District plans to sell the second bond during the spring of 2021 instead of 2022. This will help with the projects under design. He anticipates we will be selling \$50-\$60 million.

Ms. Macias thanked Mr. Elatar for all his work, support, involvement, and leadership. She stated if it wasn't for him, we would not be working on the Multi-Purpose Building at Ledesma High School.

Despite the Covid-19 crisis, construction continues to move forward on all current projects.

Ricardo Padilla, Board Member, acknowledged Mr. Elatar and Ms. Macias' hard work. A discussion regarding the HVAC at Mountain View High School was discussed.

Heidi Carrillo, COC member, stated that quality material and work is very important. She believes some projects have been super expensive and yet provide cheap quality and as a committee member, she is requesting quality to be a priority over the price of projects. She thanked Mr. Elatar and Ms. Macias for all the work they do.

Ms. Cobian stated she appreciates all the long-term investments and transformations.

Round Table:

Ms. Cobian asked if a social distancing tour could be done to walk through the new HVAC units. Ms. Macias stated she would accommodate anyone who was interested.

Joanna Haro, COC member, said she loves to see such a positive change at Ledesma High School and believes they have a great administration.

The date for the next meeting will be sometime in January. After reviewing everyone's schedule, a date will be determined. Ms. Cobian moved to end the meeting, Ms. Haro second the motion and the COC meeting ended at approximately 6:05 p.m.