

Measure Q Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

Meeting of October 16, 2014
6:00 p.m.
District Board Room – District Office

Members Present:

Eric Alderete
Alex Flores
Rene Guzman
Nellie Caudillo Kaniski
Irma Avila Macias
Kenneth Nguyen
Jorge Rocha

Members Absent:

Alexandria Castro
Max Madrid
Eddie Marquez

District Staff Present:

Peter Hardash, Vice Chancellor
Erlinda Martinez, President – Santa Ana College
Carri Matsumoto, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Facility Planning
Adam O'Connor, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Fiscal Services

1. **Meeting called:** Mr. Nguyen called the meeting at 6:05 p.m.
Public Comments - There were no public comments.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2013** – Mr. Nguyen called for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the October 24, 2013 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Flores, seconded by Ms. Macias and approved unanimously.
3. **Measure Q Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee** - Mr. Hardash informed the committee that the Chancellor will not be present this evening and thanks the committee for their participation.

Mr. Hardash reviewed the current membership, the taxpayer association position is still vacant, this position is required and the district is actively seeking a person to fill this spot. This committee is an eleven member committee; six are needed for a quorum. No quorum was reached for the two previously scheduled meetings; therefore, the meetings were cancelled.

Mr. Hardash shared with the committee the changes in the bylaws, the revision now allows for members to serve for three consecutive two year terms if a member wishes to continue serving. The bylaws were amended and approved by the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees has asked the District to prepare an RFP for Bond Counsel. After review of the proposals by the committee which included Mr. Alderete as chair of this committee, the firm of Nixon Peabody has been hired as bond counsel to the Measure Q bond.

Mr. Hardash concluded by informing the committee that making a quorum has been difficult and asked the committee for their preference in communication regarding information and meetings. The committee agreed that email is the best way to receive communication from the District. The Board of Trustees preference is that the committee continues to meet as scheduled and not cancel meetings when possible.

Mr. Alderete arrived at this time.

4. **Measure Q Projects Update and Sequencing** – Ms. Matsumoto presented an update listing all projects to be funded by Measure Q:

- ✓ Dunlap Hall Renovation: This project is to renovate and replace the aging guard rails around the pedestrian walkways on all levels of Dunlap Hall including a new elevator and stair tower. Construction began in April 2014 with completion by the end of June 2015 if the project is on schedule. The budget for this project is \$15.27 million.
- ✓ Central Plant and Infrastructure: This project is the construction of a new Central Plant Building and will be built in phases. Phase I includes the utility replacement. Phase II will be the central plant building and Phase III will be the mechanical upgrades to eight buildings and includes a new central cooling plant, underground chilled water piping loop, upgrading existing gas, domestic water lines, sewer, drainage and fire water systems. This project is currently in the design phase with a target construction date of June 2015 through the Fall of 2017. The budget is \$67.9 million.
- ✓ Johnson Student Center: Construction of a new Johnson Student Center, the current Johnson Center and bookstore annex will be demolished. The architect selected for this project is HPI Architecture which was Board approved on September 8, 2014. Demolition is scheduled for August 2016, but still under review. The budget is \$28.49 million.
- ✓ STEM Building: Construction of a new 63,000 sq. ft. science and math complex which will house modern laboratories, classrooms, lecture halls and faculty offices. The architect selected for this project is HGA Architects and will be sent to the Board of Trustees for their approval on October 13, 2014. The budget is \$62.94 million.

- ✓ Health Sciences Building: Construction of a 55,000 sq. ft. building to allow for the consolidation and growth of the Health Science Programs including Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Medical Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician and Pharmacy Technology. This project has been submitted to the state for future funding. The budget for this project is \$41.25 million (approximately) however additional funds are needed to start construction. This building is eligible for \$19 million in state bond funding should the funds become available. A bond may not be on the ballot until 2016 or 2018. Any funds remaining in other projects, after completion will be held for this building.
 - ✓ Parking Lot at 17th and Bristol Streets: This project is the new surface parking lot. This parking lot is currently being utilized as parking for contractors working on Dunlap Hall in order to not impact student parking. This property was acquired by Measure E funds but will be completed with Measure Q funds. The budget is \$1.65 million.
5. **Measure Q Bond Issuance, Series A** – Mr. Hardash informed the committee that Measure E fronted funds for some of the Measure Q projects and will be reimbursed by Measure Q, after review from legal counsel, approximately \$4.8 million. The \$198 million cannot be issued all at once and issuances must be spent within a three year window. Measure Q Bonds, Series A for \$71 million was sold yesterday morning at great rates as the stock market tanked; a rate of 3.55%. Our taxpayers will repay \$1.70 for every \$1 of bonds issued through the life of the bond. The next issuance, Series B will be issued in 2017 for approximately \$50 million followed by the remainder, Series C in 2020.
 6. **Santa Ana College Update** – Dr. Martinez thanked all for participating on this committee and supporting Measure Q. The college is undergoing major renovations such as hacienda type walls at the entrances, new lighting and uniform building facades to give a hint of the old rancho feel. Dr. Martinez shared plans for the centennial celebrations; contributions towards scholarships to meet the \$1 million goal, and Santa Ana College submitting an application for a pilot program to offer a, baccalaureate degree. The degree must be offered in an area that is not currently being offered at a four year college. Only 15 community colleges will be selected.
 7. **Future Meetings:** The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
 8. **Adjournment:** Mr. Alderete adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.