

Mountain View Whisman School District
Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee
("Measure G Oversight Committee")

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

In Attendance: Juan Aranda, Jeremy Burns, Greg Coladonato, Dana Doctorow, Charlie Durand, Jessica Gandhi, Christie Opitz, Fiona Walter (Ex-Officio), Craig Goldman (Superintendent), Terese McNamee (CBO).

Absent: Peter Pirnejad

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Craig Goldman, Superintendent.

1. Welcome & Introductions – members introduced themselves both by school site and interest in serving on this district committee. Mr. Goldman requested that members bring a laptop if they have one to each meeting.
2. Call to Order and Review Agenda
 - a. CTO at 6:40 pm as noted above.
 - b. Agenda was unanimously approved.
3. Public Comment: No one from the community wished to comment on non-agendized items.
4. Election of Officers (Craig Goldman)
 - a. Review of required officers (Chair, Vice Chair) and suggested officers (Secretary)
 - b. Fiona Walter agreed to serve as secretary; to be voted on at the next meeting
 - c. MSC* (Walter/Gandhi) – Committee unanimously approved Greg Coladonato as its Chair for the 12-13 year
 - d. MSC (Opitz/Doctorow) – Committee unanimously approved Jeremy Burns as its Vice Chair for the 12-13 year
 - e. Bylaws for COC and Measure G Ballot language are available on the website, but will be provided at the next meeting
 - f. A brief review of the Brown Act and Brown Act issues was provided
5. Presentation on Current Status of Measure G (Terese McNamee)
 - a. Bond issuance begins mid-November; first issuance is for Phase I (\$50M) program and design at both middle schools
 - b. Will be prioritizing wish list within the plan

- c. Key things – replace portables, add auditorium/music facilities, additional modernizations at each site, specific to Crittenden is field/track work
- d. Three main areas – performance space, classroom expansion, modernization
- e. Ancillary services – Maintenance and Operations (MOPs) consolidated, transportation yard, kitchens
- f. RFPs have gone out for Program Manager (PM) and Architect; PM has been selected; architect in progress (final stage)
- g. After architect selection, community outreach/input begins
- h. Summer 2013 – goal is to have something visibly started; Dept. of State Architecture (DSA) is the limiting factor on this
- i. Phase I – 2013 – 20-24 months
- j. Phase II – Start planning next summer for start of work Summer 2014
- k. Phase III – remaining elementary schools
- l. Demographer’s results are due shortly and will be incorporated into Phases II and III
- m. Cycle for each phase: planning, community outreach, construction
- n. Cannot issue bonds of more than \$30/\$100k assessed value; issuance timing depends on this “bonding capacity”
- o. Discussion re phasing of projects in relation to student learning
- p. C Goldman – role of this committee – three official functions:
 - i. Review expenditures – ensure that money is spent in accordance with Measure G (and ensure that no money is spent on administrator or teacher salaries)
 - ii. Inform the community of our findings
 - iii. Oversee annual report with support of district auditor (made publicly available)
- q. C Goldman – additional comments re committee:
 - i. Will get sneak peeks into design/expenditures to ensure that the district is on the right track
 - ii. After expenditures, COC gives stamp of approval
 - iii. Potential site visits
 - iv. Possible guest speakers – architects, PM, etc.
 - v. Committee members free to give input at input sessions
- r. General overview of community input process was provided (meetings with parents, staff, neighbors; open meetings at the sites; Bubb shade structure process given as an example)
- s. Questions from Committee:
 - i. All funds have been expended from the 1996 and 1998 bonds (Whisman & Mountain View, respectively); still paying for these
 - ii. Total bonding capacity is well over the \$198M for this bond
 - 1. If was passed a 2/3 bond, the cap would be unlimited

2. 55% bond (Prop 39) = \$30/\$100k AV (for G bonds only; not overall)
 - iii. Lessons to be learned from prior bond programs
 1. Communication is key; public engagement is critical
 2. Neighborhood Associations are invaluable when trying to reach stake holders
 - iv. Our fiscal year is the same as the district – July 1 to June 30
 - v. Recommendation that committee members read at least the Executive Summary from the Student Facilities Improvement Plan (SFIP); available on the website under the Measure G tab
 - vi. Open Houses at the schools will be in March if members want to walk the sites; Terese and Craig are willing to give tours anytime, please contact them directly for possible dates.
6. Future Agenda Items
 - a. Approval of Secretary
 - b. Review of Measure G Ballot Language
 - c. Review of COC Bylaws
 - d. Overview of Brown Act
7. Propose Calendar of Meeting Dates
 - a. Move Election of Officers to Q1
 - b. Move June date earlier in the month (closer to end of school)
 - c. Requested special meeting between now and January 29, 2013 to cover Item 6 topics.
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Action Item: Required reading will be sent out to the group by Terese.