

# **District Citizens Oversight Committee Minutes**

Friday September 29, 2006

Noon to 2 p.m.

Board Room

770 Wilshire Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90017

## ***In Attendance:***

Dr. Adriana Barrera, District Sr. Vice Chancellor; Marianne Brown, Labor Representative; Gary Cook, At-large Representative; Betty Decker, Mission College; Carol Gustin, Taxpayer Representative; Jim Lynch, West Los Angeles College; Steve Manning, Valley College; Marcy Pine, Senior Representative; Donna Slamon, Pierce College; Phil Zurbrugg, Harbor College; Larry Eisenberg, Executive Director of Facilities and Planning, LACCD; Fred Gans, DMJM/JGM; Roshni Thomas, DMJM; Coby King, MWW; David Herbst, MWW; Lynn Winter Gross, Public Relations, LACCD; Lisa Fitch, Public Relations, LACCD.

## ***Welcome and Introductions:***

Chairman Jim Lynch called the meeting to order at 12:10. He welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves for the benefit of the newest committee member, Carol Gustin, the Taxpayer Representative from the Raintree Homeowners Association (located near West Los Angeles College).

## ***Approval of Minutes***

Gary Cook motioned to approve the minutes of the May 5th meeting without amendments or corrections and Marcy Pine seconded the motion.

## ***Bond Program Status:***

A nine-campus tour video was shown and narrated by representatives from DMJM/JGM. They also distributed a Quarterly Report on Program Management Services (April-June 2006.) Fred Gans pointed out page 45A of the report is a combination page of both, noting Prop A and Prop AA, with a total of \$893 million in approved expenditures to date and \$536 million in actual costs.

There was also a summary sheet which outlined the 132 projects that have been completed program-wide. It was reported that every campus has activities set up for design and completion by June of 2008.

College-by-College Report:

Phil Zurbrugg noted the biggest issue at Harbor College was the tough choice of either building a child development center or a wellness center. Larry Eisenberg said each

college is facing similar issues: what to build and what goes on the shelf. It is ultimately a college choice.

### ***Cost Reduction Program Initiative:***

Nancy Levy from the DMJM management team outlined the seven initiatives to reduce overall costs to the bond program. The report notes a reduction of \$91 million in cost over the project years 2002 – 2012. The redistribution of savings has helped other portions of the project. It's hoped that this is a conservative estimate and that over the years they will be able to document many more savings.

### ***Media Outreach Program Report:***

Donetta Pickett distributed an Advertisement Campaign Proof of Publication document and summarized that nearly 20 different construction project opportunities have been advertised in minority newspapers as of May 2006.

### ***MWW Annual Report:***

The new Annual Report to the Community, which was prepared by MWW, was distributed to the committee. It was very well received.

### ***Gap Analysis:***

An additional \$3 billion is needed to finish the college's master plans and address new needs. Eisenberg said that according to a recent survey, another bond measure would have a 56% approval capability in 2007. The Board of Trustees has decided to wait another year until it determines whether to put a bond measure on the ballot, probably June 2008 with the presidential primary.

### ***IPASS:***

City College and Trade Tech are distributing Metro IPASSes to students for \$30 per semester. The pass is for full-time students and covers all public transportation expenses seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

### ***Program Management Contract:***

DMJM's contract expires in spring 2007. An RFP has been sent to more than 140 companies. Nearly 60 attended a pre-submission event. Proposals are due 10/6/06.

### ***Construction Expo:***

The event was successful and positive feedback was received on how the district can better partner with local businesses.

### ***Upcoming Events:***

College groundbreakings provide good opportunities for community involvement and provide an effective message to the industry Mr. Eisenberg noted. Proposed groundbreaking dates for Harbor College and City College were moved to November 27 and December 13 respectively.

***Committee Questions and Answers:***

There was a discussion about having web cameras on each campus to feed into the Prop A site, so visitors can view the progress of construction at each college.

Next Meeting Dates: December 15, 2006; February 9, 2007; and May 11, 2007