

College of the Sequoias Community College District  
Measure I  
Citizens' Oversight Committee

College of the Sequoias  
Administration Office, Room 1  
915 South Mooney Boulevard  
Visalia, CA 93277

Tuesday, February 9, 2010  
5:30 pm

**Members Present:** Betty Anthony, Bob Bricker, Mary Lou Burbery, Dena Cochran, Norma Freeborn, Bob Line, Tom Link, and Denaé Moreno

**Members Absent:** Dr. Robert Aguilar, Phil Cox, Jerry Long and Robert Honsby

**COS Representatives Present:** Bill Scroggins, Superintendent/President; Eric Mittlestead, Dean, Facilities and Facilities Planning; Shirley Rankin, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/President; and Annette Bishop, Executive Assistant to the Vice President, Academic Services

**Guests Present:** Josh McDonnell, Principal Planner, Quad Knopf and COS Projects Consultant for the Measure I Bond Projects

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Bob Line called the meeting to order at 5:41 pm.

**2. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**3. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2009**

Tom Link moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Dena Cochran seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**4. Financial Report/Progress Report on Measure I Projects**

The status of the Bond Projects Report and the Financial Report were reviewed together by COS President Bill Scroggins and Eric Mittlestead, Dean of Facilities and Facilities Planning. The following projects were highlighted: **(2) Purchase/Auction & Demolishing of Houses:** Bill Scroggins advised that out of the 18 houses that needed to be purchased, eight have closed escrow, five were approved for purchase at the February 8 Board of Trustees meeting, one is a short sale and being considered for eminent domain, one is ready for approval of purchase at the March Board meeting, two are currently in negotiations, and one is owned by the COS Foundation. The houses that are not moved off site by the owners will be auctioned off or demolished. With many of the Measure I projects costing less than expected, the parking lot may be able to be paved rather than constructed with decomposed granite which would create dust and drainage problems for the college and its neighbors. **(4A/4B/4C) Computer Lease Payments/ Smart Classrooms/ Miscellaneous Technology Equipment:** In response to a question by the committee about the computer lease payments, Bill Scroggins advised that the on-going expense for the computer lease is for the approximately 1,800 computers on campus for staff and students. With the need to change the computers out every four years due to new technology, the college now leases computers instead of buying them. The \$125,000 in Miscellaneous Technology Equipment Purchases is earmarked for a special Career Pathways Project. This is a web-based five-step system to assist students in developing a career plan. The students will have the capability to explore careers, take surveys based on personal and

academic interests. Based on the survey results the website will develop a list of careers tying them to the career pathway. Educational counseling, résumé writing, and preparing for interviews will also be included in this project. **(5) Nursing Technology and Additional Equipment:** Bill Scroggins reported that COS donated \$100,000 to the Kaweah Delta Health Care Foundation that will go toward the campaign to purchase the Di Vinci Surgical System on which nursing students will be able to train. He commented that the COS Foundation donated an additional \$100,000 to the campaign. **(11C) Additional Gym Amenities:** Eric Mittlestead commented that he was in discussions with the State as to whether or not they will allow the cover for the old gym floor to be paid for with funds for the construction project. If not, COS will need to pay for the cover with local [Measure I] funds. The funds are being held until the college receives notification from the state. **(10) Track:** This project has been held up because of the need to study the drainage system and what will need to be done to correct the drainage problem. Discussion followed on when the track would be available for community use. **(13) Scheduled Maintenance:** Bill Scroggins advised that the college usually receives \$120,000 per year for scheduled maintenance with the criteria that the college must provide a dollar-for-dollar match. Due to the state budget crisis, the state will not be providing scheduled maintenance money this year. Funds from the Measure I Bond are being held in an account in case funds are needed to repair leaking roofs or other major maintenance issues. COS is partnering with Visalia Unified on a new vocational charter school on the Visalia Farm. However, repairs need to be made to the parking lot and other facilities on the site. Bond language allows for these items to be paid for with Measure I bond money.

Committee member Mary Lou Burbery asked about the plans for the old gymnasium. Bill Scroggins ~~advised~~ related that the college has been advised that the old gym is structurally sound and will not need to be demolished. He reported that the college has a very robust physical education program and the old gym will be used for classes as well as volleyball and other like sports. The old gym will also house the women's dressing rooms. The women's locker room will be converted into offices for coaches. The Disabled Students will also have a facility especially designed to house the very specialized equipment they need.

5. **Progress Report on Purchase of Houses Located Between Laurel and Tulare Avenues**  
This update was included in agenda item 4.
6. **Committee Members Report on Feedback from the Community**  
Chairman Bob Line commented that he has heard support in the community for the new soccer field. Other members mentioned that they are hearing comments about the new gym and are asked questions about how it will be landscaped on the west side since it is so close to Woodland Avenue. The majority of the comments are positive.
7. **Timing for Annual Report**  
Bill Scroggins reported that under the guidelines of Proposition 39, the committee is responsible for submitting an annual report to the Board of Trustees each year. He distributed copies of the first annual report that was submitted by the Citizens' Oversight Committee for the Measure C [Hanford] Bond. There was brief discussion on how the committee would like to proceed. It was decided that the COS staff would prepare a draft report similar to the Measure C report for the committee to review at its next meeting.
8. **Date of Next Meeting**  
The date for the next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 11, 2010.  
  
Betty Anthony commented that the article in the January 20 Visalia Times-Delta was a wonderful report to the community on what is happening at COS.
9. **Items for Next Agenda**  
No items were suggested.

**10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.