



Measure J – Citizens' Oversight Committee Minutes
September 14, 2022
3:00 pm
Zoom

Members Present: Marla Borges-Chair, Larry Dutto, Josh McDonnell, Alexis Silveria

Members Absent: Joey Airoso

COS Representatives Present:

Brent Calvin, Ron Perez, Louann Waldner, Byron Woods, Karen Pauls

1. **Call to Order** – Ron Perez called the meeting to order at 3:03.
2. **Public Comments**-None
3. **Organizational Business**
 - Election of Chair**-Josh McDonnell nominated Marla Borges as Chair and Alexis Silveria seconded the motion. No further Discussion. Motion carried.
 - Election of Co-Chair**-Marla Borges nominated Josh McDonnell as Co-Chair and Larry Dutto seconded the motion. No further Discussion. Motion carried
4. **Approval of the September 15, 2021 Minutes** – Larry Dutto moved to approve the minutes of 3/16/22 and Josh McDonnell seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.
5. **Financial Report**-Ron Perez reviewed the 3rd and 4th quarter financial reports for 2021-22 pointing out that majority of expenditures have been spent on architects/engineers. The \$217,600 for DSA is the cost estimate for the plan review. There will be a true-up at the end of the project. There were no questions from the committee.
6. **Approval of the 2021-2022 Activity Report and Selection of Committee Representative to Present to the Board of Trustees on October 10, 2022**-Ron Perez briefly reviewed the activity report. He clarified that no financial information is presented with the annual report. Larry Dutto moved to approve the 2021-22 Activity Report and Marla Borges as the committee representative to present the report. Alexis Silveria seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Larry Dutto made mention of a \$65M grant in conjunction with five (5) other community colleges. The emphasis in technology and the new facilities for those programs will be a big asset to what the grant can do. Brent Calvin added the grant will allow us to do somethings we might not have been able to do otherwise. He shared that the grant has already been brought up to the Board, but this would be a good time to reiterate it.

Marla Borges asked the status of the bona-fide taxpayer and student representative for the committee. Ron Perez explained that those positions are still vacant, but we are actively looking for individuals to fill them. Louann Waldner will assist with finding a student representative.
7. **Progress Report on Project**-Byron Woods shared that the project is moving on schedule and that Teter Architects have been fantastic on this project. The plans were submitted to DSA in June and initial comments were received from DSA approximately 2 weeks ago. Teter is reviewing the comments and disbursing them out to the various trades involved in the project. If comments are addressed quickly by DSA, we are hoping to be out to bid in late October, awarding the contract at the December board meeting, and having a ground breaking in late January. We have to spend 85% of the bond funds by May 2024 and the project schedule is tight due to having to be able to occupy the facility by August 2024. Currently, the schedule has the project being completed in early July with a few weeks to move the programs from the Visalia campus and the Tulare Annex and get the building ready to be occupied.

A second construction cost estimate was completed, based on the project submitted to DSA. The project submitted was the cadillac plan that included all the bells and whistles, knowing we can scale back the project once we had DSA approval. Currently the budget is a few million over, but there are some large items we could cut costs on. As we get closer to going out to bid we will take another look at the current budget, the grant funds we may be receiving and contingency funds from current projects that will go unused and make this project completely fundable. Brent Calvin shared that the District has committed \$12M into this project budget (\$22M bond and \$12M District).

Byron Woods shared that some renderings of the new building will be on display at the Crush Event the Foundation will host at the Tulare campus.
7. **Date of Next Meeting** – March 15, 2023 – Marla Borges requested a date change. Karen Pauls will look at March 22, 2023 and get back to the committee.



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8. **Items for Next Agenda**-Tour of building with enlarged floor plans, financial reports, project update, and annual audit. There was discussion of staff joining the tour in March and then a tour when the building is complete to discuss their space.
9. **Adjourn** – 3:40