

**Tustin Unified School District
Measure G Citizens' Oversight Committee
And
Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee
Joint Meeting**

MINUTES

May 9, 2012

Bruce Junor, Chairperson, called the regular meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee to order at 6 p.m., in the Currie Middle School Multipurpose Room, 1402 Sycamore Avenue, Tustin, CA.

Members Present

Bruce Junor (Chairperson)
William Teter (Vice Chairperson)
David Albus (absent)
Nancy Gran (absent)
George Jeffries
Simon Russek
Margaret Sepulveda (absent)

Staff Present

Tony Soria, Chief Financial Officer
Pete Burns, Senior Director, Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities
David Miranda, Manager, Facilities & Planning

Guests

Jim Walters led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Public Comments

None

Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Simon Russek, seconded by George Jeffries, and carried unanimously to adopt the agenda.

Staff Presentation and Information

Tony Soria, Chief Financial Officer, shared with the Citizen's Oversight Committee (COC) an update on the two lawsuits with the City of Tustin. The first lawsuit claims

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that the District did not comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and did not consider an environmental/traffic report study prior to temporarily moving District programs to the Heritage site. A change of venue by the City was requested and granted and the case will be heard in Riverside on May 23. The second case regarding the grading permit has been rescheduled from April 16 to July 18. Discussions are continuing regarding this case.

General Functions Consent Item:

It was moved by Simon Russek, seconded by William Teter, and carried unanimously, to adopt the Minutes of March 14, 2012.

Informational Items/Presentations:

1. Building Program/Project Update (Measure G and Measure L)

David Miranda shared that all Measure G and L projects are on schedule and on budget. Following is a brief summary report of projects currently under construction:

- Tustin High School Sports Pavilion is 99% complete with substantial completion in April of 2012, at a budget of \$11 million. The project was completed within budget and a few minor punch list items are still pending.
- Foothill High School Event Center is 93% complete with an estimated completion date in May 2012, and a budget of \$12.7 million. Project remains within budget and close to wrapping up.
- Hillview High School/Foothill High School tennis courts and field reconfiguration is 65-70% complete, with an estimated completion in June 2012, at a total budget of \$4.9 million. COC Chairperson, Bruce Junor inquired if the Foothill High School tennis courts would be up and running in the summer. Staff responded that the courts would be made available as soon as all punch list items are complete – likely in July.
- Columbus Tustin, Currie, and Hewes and middle school Activity Centers are well underway with 28% of work completed and staggered completions between November 2012–March 2013. The three projects reflect a total project budget of \$21 million.

The following projects in the bid/planning/design phase were also discussed:

- Utt Middle School Activity Center – Pending DSA approval, approximate construction schedule March 2012-March 2013, estimated budget is \$7 million. COC Chairperson, Bruce Junor, inquired as to the issue in the initial soils report for Utt Middle School. The report was sent to DSA and the state geologist and it

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has been approved. Staff further noted that any further soil remediation would not be required.

- District Facilities Needs Assessment Update – Work is in progress with an approximate schedule of April 2012-July 2012.
- Currie Middle School Modernization – The 20 classroom modernization is currently underway. The scope of work includes major remodel of the 400, 500, and 600 buildings, light modernization of the 800 building, and fence shifting to better align the campus. Permanent walls will also be installed to lessen noise between classrooms, exterior doors installed in every room, every room to have natural light, rooms gutted to studs, installation of casing and flooring, science prep room, and new technology will bring campus up to date, i.e., new smart boards, hands free wireless, audio, etc. This is an extensive modernization of three buildings which will take place this summer and scheduled for completion September 2012. The cost estimate for this project is \$5.7 million.
- Voice Over Internet & School-wide Wireless – Cost is \$308,000 (CFDs) and approximately \$1.6 million (Measure L), in the planning stage with a July-August 2012 completion. COC Member, Simon Russek, inquired if all the phones are over internet and do we have a backup system in place in case of failure. Per Pete Burns a PA system is used as back up for classrooms and offices.
- District Stadium upgrades – The project is in the final design phase and includes the replacement of the concessions building, restrooms, lighting, and bleachers. The projected construction timeline is January 2013-June 2013 and is subject to State Architect approval. This phase of work is estimated at \$3.4 million.
- The Tustin High School all-weather track scope of work will be bid with the District stadium bid and is in the final design phase. The work is scheduled for the same timeframe – January 2013-June 2013 at a projected cost of \$1.4 million.
- Foothill High school all-weather track & parking project is in the conceptual design phase and was recently presented to the Board for comments. The approximate schedule for construction is April 2013–August 2013 with an estimated budget of \$3.1 million.

COC Vice Chairperson, Bill Teter, inquired as the maintenance of the all-weather tracks, and a second question was raised on whether synthetic materials can cause any health issues. Tony Shared that many factors came into play when selecting the all-weather track, i.e., input from high school principals, field space issues, health studies, maintenance cost, architect recommendations, facility use, etc. COC Member, Simon Russek, inquired if the all-weather tracks would be the same materials to possibly reduce cost and staff replied that their goal was to bid both tracks together.

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- Tustin High School Cafeteria remodel - NTD Architecture is in the planning/design phase and working closely with the site administrators, facilities team and the District's Nutrition services staff. The approximate schedule for construction is May 2013–September 2013 with an estimated budget of \$2 million. David Miranda shared the current food service set up vs. speed line approach of the modernized cafeteria. Tony Soria shared that \$2 million for this modernization is on the low side for the type of remodel we are planning and that we would likely return to the group once an updated cost estimate is prepared. The Nutrition Services Department will also be contributing towards the remodel which will benefit their program.
2. District wide Needs Assessment Update (Measure G and Measure L)

On February 27, the Board approved NTD Architecture to provide a facility needs assessment study for all the high schools, and Rachlin Architects to provide a facility needs assessment study for all the elementary, middle and K-8 schools, and the District Administration facility. The two firms are working side by side to present a report. Tony Soria shared that needs have changed from 11-12 years ago and many construction/modernization projects are still needed throughout the District and a facilities needs assessment will best identify and prioritize our current needs, i.e., environment, utilities, facility needs, overall assessment, etc.

3. COC Meeting Dates for 2012-13 (Measure G and Measure L)

The following meeting dates were approved for 2012-13:

- September 12, 2012
- November 14, 2012
- January 9, 2013
- March 13, 2013
- May 8, 2013

4. New Business

None.

Adjourn

It was moved by Simon Russek, seconded by George Jeffries, and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The Citizens Oversight Committee adjourned and toured the Currie Middle School buildings to view their condition prior to the modernization project.