

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

MINUTES

September 12, 2012

Bruce Junor, Chairperson, called the regular meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee to order at 6:10 p.m., in the Board Conference Room, 300 South C Street, Tustin, CA.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Dr. Gregory Franklin, Superintendent
Tony Soria, Chief Financial Officer
Pete Burns, Senior Director, Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities
David Miranda, Assistant Director, Facilities, Planning & Operations

Guests

Tony Soria 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 William Teter, seconded by Nancy Gran, and carried unanimously to adopt the agenda.

Staff Presentation and Information

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Superintendent, Dr. Gregory Franklin, has been meeting with Tustin City Manager, Jeff Parker, and he shared that the relationship between the District and the City has improved. This relationship has resulted in a smooth transition during the construction phase of the four middle school activity centers.

Dr. Franklin also shared a brief presentation on the Measure S technology initiative which will be on the November ballot. This initiative will improve instructional technology, upgrade labs and classrooms, and enhance student achievement through future technology.

Tony Soria, Chief Financial Officer, shared an update on the two lawsuits with the City of Tustin. The first lawsuit pertained to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and environmental/traffic report study regarding the temporary move of District programs to the Heritage School site. In June 2012, the Judge ruled favorably on behalf of the District in the CEQA case and was dismissed. The second case regarding the grading permit has been rescheduled from July 2012 to January 2013. Discussions are continuing regarding this case.

General Functions Consent Item:

It was moved by William Teter, seconded by Nancy Gran, and carried unanimously, to adopt the Minutes of May 9, 2012.

Informational Items/Presentations:

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

Staff presented a powerpoint presentation on current and pending Bond Program projects. Tony Soria shared that a detailed expenditure report will be provided to the COC at its next meeting. COC Member, David Albus, inquired that if the report is ready before the November meeting to please forward it to the Committee. David Miranda shared that all Measure G and L projects are on schedule and on budget. The following is a brief summary report on the Bond Program projects:

Recently Completed Projects:

- Tustin High School Sports Pavilion is in the close out phase and the project was completed under its projected budget of \$11 million. The facility is now being used by students.
- Foothill High School Event Center is also in the close out phase and completed under its projected budget of \$12.5 million. This facility is also open for use.
- Hillview High School/Foothill High School tennis courts and field reconfiguration is in the close out phase, with a budget of \$4.9 million.

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Dedication of the fields will be held on September 17, 2012, and COC members are invited to attend.

Active Projects (In Construction):

- Currie Middle School Modernization – The 20 classroom modernization is 98% complete with only a few minor landscaping items to be addressed. The cost estimate for this project is \$5.7 million and all indications are that the project will also be finalized and come in under budget.

A great job was done in overhauling the school, i.e., exterior doors were replaced and/or created, exterior windows were installed, new flooring installed, furniture was revamped with movable carts for instruction by teachers, and new science labs and a preparation room were created and are now housed in one wing of the school. Due to the extensive remodeling that was completed, staff and students have commented that the campus has the feel of a new school and are enjoying their facility. The campus could possibly be a model for future middle schools improvements.

- Activity Centers:
 - Columbus Tustin Activity Center is 83% complete, estimated completion date is November 2012, with a cost estimate of \$7 million.
 - Hewes Activity Center is 75% complete, estimated completion date is December 2012, with a cost estimate of \$7 million.
 - Currie Activity Center is 67% completed, estimated completion date is January 2013, with a cost estimate of \$7 million.
 - Utt Activity Center is 58% completed, estimated completion date is February 2013, with a cost estimate of \$7 million.

The following projects are in the planning/design phase:

- District Facilities Needs Assessment Update – In process with an approximate schedule of April 2012-October 2012, and a budget of \$300,000. COC Chairperson, Bruce Junor, inquired if there were any surprises. Staff responded that the assessment matched staff predictions and further stated that the analysis and recommendations would be shared at an upcoming Board meeting.
- District Stadium upgrades – The project is in the Division of State Architect (DSA) review phase and includes the replacement of the concession building, restrooms, lighting, and visitor side bleachers. The projected construction timeline is January 2013-June 2013 and is contingent on DSA approval by early November. The estimated cost for the stadium work is \$3.5 million and the project will be bid alongside the Tustin High School track project.

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- The Tustin High School all-weather track is currently being reviewed by DSA. The work is scheduled for the same timeframe as the stadium upgrades – January 2013-June 2013, at a projected cost of \$1.4 million.
- Foothill High school all-weather track & parking project is in the final design phase. The approximate schedule for construction is April 2013–August 2013 with an estimated budget of \$3.1 million. The all-weather track will require additional work, i.e., topography, additional foundation, additional infrastructure, but will have the same site development (track surface) as Tustin High School.
- Tustin High School Cafeteria remodel - NTD Architecture is in the final design phase and DSA approval is taking 4-6 months for approval. NTD continues to work closely with the site administrators, facilities team, and the District’s Nutrition Services staff. The approximate schedule for construction is June 2013–November 2013 with an estimated budget of \$4 million. The cafeteria will entail reconfiguration of space, serving lines, expanding outside space for eating, grill space, etc. Nutrition Services staff is looking into alternative areas to serve meals during this time period.

2. District wide Needs Assessment Update (Measure G and Measure L)

Tony Soria shared that when the Board met to discuss the needs assessment for the District, it included energy, functionality, field space, priorities, etc. Tony also shared that needs have changed from 11-12 years ago and many construction/modernization projects are still needed throughout the District.

COC Vice Chairperson, Bill Teter, inquired if the new technology bond will cover the entire District, staff replied that the Bond will exclude Orchard Hills and the Heritage School (Columbus Square) community. COC Member, David Albus, shared that the community can see the huge changes at all the schools and that facility needs will always be here and commented that we do need to think hard of what still needs to be done before spending the last \$20 million. Tony shared that the Series C Bond issuance went to the Board on September 10 and that the bonds will be sold in October. It was noted that some updated work was recently completed at the District Administration Building and was paid out of Deferred Maintenance Funds.

3. COC Site Vistis for 2012-13 (Measure G and Measure L)

The following meeting locations were approved for 2012-13:

- November 14, 2012 – Currie Middle School
- January 9, 2013 – Tustin High School

4. New Business

None.

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Adjourn

It was moved by William Teter, seconded by David Albus, and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.