

District Citizens Oversight Committee

Friday May 11, 2007

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Gary Cook, Representative At Large; Betty Decker, Los Angeles Mission College; Carol Gustin, Taxpayer Representative; David Kersh, Los Angeles Trade Technical College; Jim Lynch, West Los Angeles College; Steve Manning, Los Angeles Valley College; Phil Zurbrugg, Los Angeles Harbor College; Dr. Adriana Barrera, Senior Vice Chancellor Los Angeles Community College District; Larry Eisenberg, LACCD Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Development; Ray Loving, Build LACCD; Kim McAvoy, DMJM; James Sohn, Build LACCD; David Herbst, MWW; Lynn Winter Gross, Director of Public Relations, LACCD; Lisa Fitch, LACCD Public Information Officer.

Call to Order: DCOC President Jim Lynch called the meeting called to order at 12:15 p.m. Minutes were approved as written.

New Program Management Team:

Larry Eisenberg reviewed the process for selecting the new program management team. The 15 member review committee included 3 members of the LACCD Board of Trustees, 4 college presidents, Chancellor Rocky Young; Senior Vice Chancellor Dr. Adriana Barrera; Larry Eisenberg, LACCD Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Development; Camille Goulet, LACCD General Counsel; and LACCD Chief Financial Officer/ Treasurer Jeanette Gordon.

After extensive review of the five proposals submitted, the team selected URS as the new lead, blending with 18 current members of DMJM/JGM.

The evaluation committee considered the major and secondary goals of the program. The primary goals are to maximize value, complete the program as quickly as possible and construct buildings in a sustainable way. Secondary goals are to create economic and social good by contracting with small businesses, employing interns and apprentices from at-risk populations; create an environment of lasting value and meet the colleges' education and plant facilities needs.

Additional goals include minimizing the bureaucracy and becoming more agile; stimulating competition; become more innovative; maximizing hard costs while minimizing soft costs; and insuring full participation from the shared governance process.

In blending some of the current members of DMJM with the new team at URS, the advantages will include increased potential for innovation; a faster pace of construction; increased clarification of responsibilities between the program managers and the college project managers and minimizing risk.

The new blended team will be able to continue the successes from the prior team in continuing to pay vendors promptly; maintaining an excellent relationship with the Division of State Architect (DSA) and preparing Board of Trustee agenda materials.

James Sohn, head of the new program management team, introduced the new re-branding effort as “Build LACCD.” The new team will lower the cost of the program by charging only 3%, vs. 4% charged by the prior team, saving the LACCD approximately \$20 million under the Prop A/AA program. The new staff will consist of no more than 40 positions, compared to the current 60 positions. One third of these positions will be field staff.

During the transition, 25 people will be working on the team, with responsibility for Board of Trustees support; accountability; program controls; contract administration; and agency coordination. Additional authority will be delegated to the college project managers.

Board Guidance on Bond Program Construction Pace:

In response to a strong request from the Board of Trustees, accelerating the pace of the program will become a top priority. The MOU with the DSA will help move the projects through the pipeline faster.

Update on City College Northeast Satellite:

Dr. Steve Maradian, President of Los Angeles City College and Charles Wren, Senior Project Manager of Harris & Associates, updated the committee on the progress of the renovation of the former Van de Kamp Bakery. The pace has been slow and the location unsightly. Mr. Wren reported that between late July and early September, construction should begin. All three projects on the site, which include the new central plant, the bakery building and street widening are in the final stages of DSA approval.

Video Tour:

The updated video showed the progress of the following bond projects:

LACC: The Child Development Center, the Library and Parking Lot;

ELAC: The parking structure;

LAHC: The Academic Complex, Facilities Maintenance and Operations Facility; the Edge Road re-pavement; new Technology Building; Central Plant footings and the Site Utilities;

LAMC: The Parking Structure and Child Development Center;

Pierce: The Sheriff’s Station, Botanical Gardens and old Bookstore renovation;

LASC: The Child Development Center; Parking Lots 1 & 3, Maintenance and Operations Building and Track and Field;

LATT: The Olive Street Parking Structure; Child Development Center, F-Ramp construction;

LAVC: The Allied Health Sciences Center; Site Utilities; Concession Stand and Restrooms, which are part of the Physical Education facility; and Pool renovation Site;

WLAC: The new Sheriff’s Station; Library Renovation, new Service and Fire Road.

College by College Report:

David Kersh reported that Trade Tech awarded a contract of \$88 million for construction of the South Campus. This is the largest Prop A/AA project to date. Betty Decker reported that Los Angeles Mission College has maintained the view of the golf course through the new parking structure. However, she added that Los Angeles Mission College has not held a local Citizens Advisory Committee in a long time.

Jim Lynch reported that the inauguration of President Mark Rocha and the dedication of the new library at West Los Angeles College on May 10, 2005 were very successful.

Public Comments: None

Future Meeting Dates:

A schedule of next year's meeting dates will be mailed in the upcoming weeks.

Meeting adjourned: 2:00 p.m.