

DCOC
Minutes
Friday, September 14, 2007

In attendance: Ken Ashford, Valley College; Marianne Brown, Labor Representative; Yvonne Chan, Mission College; Raymond Cheng, East Los Angeles College; Gary Cook, At-Large; Alan Ehrlich, Foundation Representative; Carol Gustin, Taxpayer Representative; Jim Lynch, West Los Angeles College; David Rattray, Business Representative; Donna Slamon, Pierce College; Phil Zurbrugg, Harbor College; Coby King, MWW; James Sohn, Build LACCD; Larry Eisenberg, LACCD Executive Director, Facilities and Planning; Alexia Nalewaik, Moss-Adams LLP; Lynn Winter Gross, LACCD Director of Public Relations; Lisa Fitch, LACCD Public Information Officer.

Call to Order: DCOC President Jim Lynch called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Two new members, Ken Ashford and Yvonne Chan were introduced and welcomed to the committee. Marianne Brown announced her resignation, due to time constraints; Marcy Pine submitted her resignation via e-mail. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Quarterly Video Update: 59 projects are currently under construction. The video highlighted the following projects by college:

City: Martin Luther King Library, Child Development Center, Parking Structure A/
Athletic Field, Science/Technology Building;
East: Parking Structure A, Plant Facilities, new Scoreboard, Bungalow Demolition;
Harbor: Academic Complex, Student Services Building, Technology Building, Central
Plant, Facilities Maintenance and Operations Building;
Mission: Parking Structure A, Child Development Center, 1A Classroom, Health and
Physical Education Center;
Pierce: Botanical Gardens, Bookstore Renovation, Utility Infrastructure;
Southwest: Child Development Center, Maintenance and Operations Building, Parking
Structure, Football Field/track/stadium, Cox Building Amphitheater;
Trade: Olive Street Parking Structure, Child Development Center, F-Ramp Construction;
Valley: Allied Health Sciences Center, Concession Stand and Restroom, Renovations on
Pool/ Women's Gym; Men's Gym, Temporary Business Building, Journalism
Building, Art Building, Music Building;
West: Parking Structure Lot 8, New Service Road, Science and Math Building, Future
Haul Road.

All projects this year have opened under budget, primarily because of improved cost estimating methodology.

Program Status Reports: 205 projects are currently active; 150 projects have been completed. Of the \$2.2 billion passed by the voters, \$805 million has been spent. Bidding opened yesterday on the Northeast Project, a satellite of LACC.

Dozens of contractors, many of them new to the LACCD, are now bidding on our jobs. The average is 5-6 bids on each project, which is high for public sector jobs in Los Angeles County.

Build LACCD publishes a weekly status report for each college, with a one-page snapshot of all construction activities. It will soon be available on-line.

Coby King discussed the outreach and media strategy to refute the recent articles and editorials in both the Daily News and Daily Breeze, which criticized the expenditures and progress of the bond program. The stories contained inaccurate information and misrepresented the colleges.

The Chancellor and the college presidents from Valley, Pierce, Mission, and Harbor wrote, and had published, "Letters to the Editor," correcting the misinformation. In addition, MWW and Dr. Spink (Harbor College,) met with the Editorial Board of the Daily Breeze, which printed a correction and a positive follow-up story on Harbor Colleges' new football field and stadium. Ron Kaye, the editor of the Daily News, met on campus with Bob Garber (Pierce College) and toured the bond projects.

DCOC Meeting Format: The members discussed the benefits of holding the meetings at the colleges, to see the construction first-hand, but agreed it was easier to keep the meetings at the District Office, as a quorum is more likely at the central location. Many were not receiving the monthly newsletter, published and distributed by MWW. Their email addresses will be added to the list. The members would like to receive their DCOC reports in advance, through email, if possible, so they can better analyze the data in preparation for the general discussion.

Mr. Eisenberg informed the committee that the Board of Trustees has made no decision about whether or not to go back to the community for another facilities bond. Each college is in the process of updating their educational plan with a focus on facilities to meet the needs of new job and career opportunities. These plans will be presented to the Board by March 2008.

LACCD/ Division of State Architects Memo of Understanding: The two parties have agreed upon a timetable for review, which will decrease the amount of time for our projects to move through the DSA process.

Safety Video: In light of the fact that September is Safety Month, the committee was going to view the safety video but it was postponed until the next meeting. The LACCD has had no significant injuries at any of our work sites.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.