



**CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES
PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING NO. 52
Wednesday, April 22, 2015
6:00 P.M. in C-233 – President's Conference Room**



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The Citizen's Oversight Committee met for a Regular Meeting, No. 52, on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 in the President's Conference Room, C-233 at Pasadena City College, 1570 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, California 91106.

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<http://www.pasadena.edu/departments/newsevents-v2.cfm?dept=bond>

Members Present:

Allen Shay, Vice Chair
Berlinda Brown
Ron Carter
Roger Chandler
Marla Felber
Sandra Greenstein
John McLean
Dennis Murphy
Lonnie Schield
Vernon Wickstrom
Felicia Williams

Members Absent:

Anthony Portantino, Chair
Marshall Lewis

District/Support Staff Present:

Dr. Bob Miller
Jack Schulman
Rueben Smith
Stephanie Pulcifer

Guests:

See attached

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Mr. Shay, Vice Chair. Mr. Shay moved agenda item 13, "Public Comment," up on the agenda at the request of the guest attendees.

2. Approval of Minutes – Meeting No. 51, January 28, 2015

ON MOTION OF Mr. Chandler and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Committee voted to approve the minutes with no objections and Mr. Lewis and Mr. Portantino absent.

3. Measure P Finance Report (Schulman)

Mr. Schulman inquired if there are any specific questions regarding the budget and no questions were ask.

The purpose of said Bond Election shall be for the voters of the District to vote on the following proposition (the "Bond Measure") which is to appear on the card notice of election and upon the ballot as follows:

"Shall the Pasadena Area Community College District repair and rehabilitate its facilities to meet current health, safety, accessibility and instructional standards, replace worn-out plumbing, upgrade existing electrical systems to better access technology, replace aging heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, renovate outdated classrooms and other vocational training facilities, and construct other facilities to relieve overcrowding, by issuing \$150 million in bonds, at interest rates within the legal limit, and appoint a citizens oversight committee to oversee expenditures."

- a. Mr. Chandler expressed his concern about Measure P funds being comingled with Foundation funds. Mr. Schulman confirmed that no funds were ever comingled and Mr. Miller referenced the previous five years' worth of audits that was provided to the committee. Mr. Shay suggested that a request be made to the Foundation to obtain ledgers which would support that it was separate money.
- b. Mr. Miller advised that there is a proposal going to the Board which includes \$750,000k for the remodel of Sculpture. There is about \$4.4 million remaining to complete additional projects but there is still litigation for delays that occurred during the construction of the Center for the Arts building which could cost \$3.7 million to \$4 million. Mr. Murphy inquired about how much has been received from the Surety and Mr. Smith confirmed \$550,000 has been received.

4. Measure P Project Comprehensive Report-PowerPoint (Smith/Schulman)

Mr. Schulman discussed changes to the Industrial Technologies, Campus Center, and the Center for the Arts projects and how they impacted the budget. The most significant impact occurred in the Industrial Technology building which had to remove an entire floor from the design plans. This prevented programs from vacating their spaces in the V building which had a domino effect on additional construction projects.

- a. Center for the Arts: Mr. Schulman clarified that the designs for the V building were only conceptual and the plans that went to the Division of State Architects and were approved are per the current layout. The plans that were referenced by Ms. McKay were conceptual design plans used to support the development of the Bond but were not approved plans by the Division of State Architects. Nearly \$17 million worth of upgrades, per current codes, would have been necessary to utilize the V building. This was cost prohibitive so the decision was made by the administration to leave the Sculpture, Ceramics, and Print Making where they were. This plan was approved by the Division Deans. The V building was used as surge space and remodeled to support 11,000 square feet of general classroom space for Engineering and Technology programs that did not move over to the Industrial Technology building.
 - i. Mr. Kritselis stated that the District went to donors asking for money for what was presented in the conceptual plans.
 - ii. Mr. Schield confirmed that he served on the Foundation at the time of fundraising and that initially the money being raised was for tenant improvements for the Black Box Theater and Recital Hall.
 - iii. Ms. Greenstein inquired if funding was requested with specific spaces identified. Mr. Schield indicated they were provided a list that was used as a guide to obtain funding.
 - iv. Ms. Williams clarified they were not Measure P funds, they were Foundation funds.
- b. Point of order call by Ms. Williams and requested to move forward with both sides of the story and let the presentation continue.
- c. Mr. Hunsucker requested an additional public comment to which Mr. Shay agreed but advised the committee needs to get through the agenda first.

5. Project Impact Report (Smith/Schulman)

No additional information to report.

6. Audit Summary Reports (also available online) (Smith/Schulman)

Mr. Schulman advised he would answer any questions from the committee. Mr. McLean asked if the June 2014 report was the most current to which Mr. Schulman confirmed.

7. Measure P Public Communications Video (Smith)

Mr. Miller advised that the video is complete, however there was an issue that occurred where it could not be shown tonight. The video is eight minutes in length and will be posted online and presented to the committee at the next meeting.

8. Sculpture & Ceramics Project Proposal (Smith)

Ms. Pulcifer provided an update advising that she has been involved with the process since the beginning with the exception of a brief leave. Ms. Pulcifer emphasized that at the end of all of the construction that has been completed, not one program got all their hopes and dreams to come true. There were a lot of compromises that occurred along the way. Outreach occurred and decisions were made taking into consideration safety, code compliance, modern equipment, prioritization of needs, and State requirements for space to meet FTES. The District provided the option of even more space than was required.

Mr. Miller added that the most recent proposal was presented at a meeting held on April 15, 2015 and included remodeling the current space, adding 1,200 additional square feet and additional storage outside of the building about 300 feet away. This would be a \$750,000 remodel. This would be a short term option as a result of what did not occur in the V building. This proposal did not include a line of sight from the current location to the V building so it was not accepted.

Mr. Smith stated the estimate of moving this program to the V building would cost about \$17 million since current building codes would need to be met which include restroom upgrades and installing an elevator. Mr. Schield clarified that moving sculpture to the V building would cost \$2 million for their space but would be an additional \$15 million since the entire building would need to be up to code.

Ms. Felber inquired as to who the District is dealing with when presenting these plans. She also inquired about the hierarchy of faculty's wish list and asked if the Deans and staff have met to develop what their priorities are. Mr. Miller responded that he has worked with Ms. McKay and Ms. Fukazawa when they are available and Dr. Bell. The wish list was developed about 10 years ago but the District has worked with faculty and staff on all the projects to define the needs of the programs. The District is very willing to improve the situation as best the District can.

Ms. Greenstein wanted clarification if fundraising took place through the Foundation for the requests related to leveraging funds through Measure P. Mr. Schield stated it was very clear to the people that the funds were going to be used for FF&E for the CA building, about \$3.3 million. Ms. Greenstein requested that additional information be provided regarding funding from the Foundation.

Mr. Miller advised the committee that there will be a presentation made to the Board of Trustees on what projects can be completed with the remaining money and that it is up to the Board to decide what is done with the remaining \$4 million of the \$150 million bond. Additional projects may be completed but would necessitate the relocation current programs.

Ms. Williams expressed that she is having trouble seeing how this is a Measure P issue. The committee is to oversee the process but not to tell staff how to do their job. Mr. Shay expressed that it is the duty of the committee to see that the spirit of Measure P is carried out and if there is a misunderstanding it needs to be clarified.

9. Did We Meet The Spirit of Measure “P”? (Smith)

Following the PowerPoint presentation given by Mr. Schulman, Ms. Greenstein inquired if the Dental program remodels address the concerns they expressed to the committee. Mr. Miller advised that a good percentage of their concerns were met, unfortunately, their wishes were far beyond the scope of dollars within Measure P. They have met accreditation requirements determined by the Deans and faculty and Dental is generally satisfied.

Mr. Murphy questioned why the timeline in the PowerPoint shows sculpture not occurring before other projects. In response, Mr. Smith clarified that there were conceptual plans developed and when the building contractor went out of business, changes had to be made. Mr. Smith reached out to the Dean and Ms. McKay with an option which was not agreed to. Mr. Smith offered to have personnel meet with the Architects to discuss a remodel of the current location and included air testing. Mr. Miller also stated that the student art extension was a concern expressed by the Deans and they requested to put a student gallery into the V building which included approval by previous Dean Kritselis.

Ms. Greenstein stated that the projects that have been completed are within the spirit of Measure P and to look at all of this related to what is left.

10. Questions and Answers

a. Suggestion of Questions for Sculpture/Ceramics

- i. Mr. Thomas Hunsucker commended Dr. Bell and Mr. Smith for trying to solve the problem. He invited the group to go by the area tonight. He advised that there was never an amendment to the Master Plan to remove sculpture.
- ii. Ms. Kay Yee, an Instructor/architect expressed that she is appalled at the condition of the room. The program is pressured to keep enrollment up but the conditions that the teachers work in are appalling. She believes that other projects that have been completed do not lead to student success.
- iii. Ms. Yolanda McKay thinks that sculpture could operate with the \$750,000 remodel but that she was not addressed about the proposal.
- iv. Mr. Kritselis encouraged the committee to read the letter from the master architect which supports what he remembers about the project.
- v. Ms. Gina Hernandez questions why ceramics and sculpture are still in the same position as they were years ago and why has nothing changed.

Mr. Shay understands we are trying to move forward. He clarified that the conceptual plan is a template and that changes will and have occurred.

Ms. Williams requested clarification on the purpose of the meeting today. Mr. Shay responded that the committee is to be sure that they are moving forward with the spirit and objective of Measure P based on the information provided from its inception. Everything presented falls within that, with reserves still available to address the unaddressed concerns. Mr. Shay encouraged continued focus on moving forward.

Mr. Miller expressed options from a staff perspective. There may be other alternatives which could save money such as the relocation of existing programs thereby negating installing infrastructure. The District will obtain hard cost estimates but the faculty needs to find the middle.

Mr. Miller advised that the presentation tonight is of the facts as the District understands them based on 10 years of history. Mr. Miller expressed that difficult decisions were made throughout the construction bond. The District is willing to engage and talk. Ms. Brown reiterated the importance of working together. She understands administration wants to fix the problem but everyone needs to work together.

11. Future Agenda Items

- a. **Walking Campus Tour: July 22, 2015 at 5:00 pm:** Ms. Greenstein would like to request that Ceramics and Sculpture be a site stop.

12. Committee Comments

Mr. Chandler questioned if this project cannot be fit into the remaining budget, will it be included in the next bond? Mr. Miller clarified that there is not a bond measure at this time but that it will definitely be included in the Centennial Facilities Master Plan process but that is still 10 years out for construction.

Mr. Carter appreciated the passionate statements made this evening from the group and since being involved he sees a communication gap. What is the next step? Is the District talking to the right people? In construction projects the money is the money. Perhaps the faculty need to be educated or informed as to why goals are not being met to possibly bridge impasse. Mr. Miller again expressed that the District is very willing to sit with any faculty member and discuss their facility's needs. Especially in this case, The District is very willing to sit with Professor McKay, Dean Arnwine, Dean Futtner, Ms. Keiko Fukazawa. Decisions need to be made by the Deans on what programs are affected should a relocation be requested.

Mr. Shay expressed that the staff and committee have made significant progress. The progress may not have occurred as quickly as some would have liked it too, but progress has been made.

13. Public Comment

Mr. Shay requested that each comment be kept within two minutes so everyone can be heard. Mr. Shay requested that the comment include the immediate statement of the needs and concerns and reduce the background information.

- a. Mr. Alex Kritselis advised that the Master Plan which was voted on, received the biggest turn out for a Bond. Print making, sculpture and shop were to move to the V building after discussions occurred with the Architects. The design reflected change and symbolizes a shift from what it was to what it could be. Mr. Kritselis wants the oversight committee to hold to the agreement of putting groups together.
- b. Ms. Yolanda McKay, an instructor in the sculpture building expressed that classes use a multitude of materials. The current facility is not conducive to learning as it is too cold or too hot. The Fire Marshall recently reduced class size from 24 to 17. This program relies on multimedia and should have line of sight on all students in every classroom per Title V. Ms. McKay passed out documents to the committee.

- c. Ms. Keiko Fukazawa, an instructor who has taught ceramics for 25 years, stated that the ceramics lab is out dated and overcrowded. She expressed there is not enough space for program and the space is outdated. This makes Measure P incomplete.
- d. Ms. Francesca Zamora expressed that the current location is terrible with dirty floors and no proper ventilation. The space too small and Measure P was not followed through on.
- e. Ms. Kristi Lyon stated the ceramics room is a terrible space to work. The space is too small with a walkway space of only 21". The space is not what the students deserve. They deserve to see Measure P carried through.

Mr. McLean requested to move up the discussion of agenda items 8 and 9 since comments are on items that are on the agenda. Mr. Shay stated that public comment will be finished first.

- f. Ms. Melissa Michaelson, an ESL instructor and current enrolled student, compared the space to other colleges. The space is very small and debilitating. The equipment is old and the area needs an outdoor space. The ceramics lab needs to be updated.
- g. Ms. Gina Fernandez, a scholarship recipient and student, questioned why space was designated for student art displays when ceramics could be moved into those spaces.

Mr. Murphy asked to move to agenda items 8 and 9. Mr. Shay reiterated he wants to complete public comment. Ms. Greenstein expressed to the guests that they have a sympathetic ear as she has experience in this area.

- h. Mr. Thomas Hunsucker, an instructor, read a statement he prepared. At the request of Ms. Greenstein and approved by Mr. Shay, the statement has been attached to the minutes.
- i. Mr. Stan Baden, a print making professor, state the lab is currently isolated from the Visual Arts building. This creates a lack of community across discipline work. His concern is that student scholarships are significantly lower over the last two years and this department needs to be put back with the Art department.
- j. Mr. Robert Yancy, a PCC alumni, states that there is a lack of space and the program needs facilities where students can create. Z-102 is way too small for sculpture, it is over packed, there are not enough tools, and no storage for the work students produce. Large scale sculpture non-existing due to space limitations.

Mr. Miller requested to move to agenda item 4 first and then move to item 9 and then to 8. This order will provide the group a full sense of where the administration is at the moment. Mr. Shay approved moving forward in the order requested.

14. Future Meeting Dates:

- a. Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm
- b. Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 6:00 pm
- c. Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 6:00 pm

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Mr. Hunsucker's Statement

I think that the record is clear that the guiding concept for the development of the Center for the Arts was to foster creative synergies between performance, music, and the visual arts.

This intent is expressed from the earliest master list of projects to be included in Measure P Funding, through every iteration of the 2010 Master Plan. When it was determined that all areas of visual arts would not conveniently fit within the Center for the Arts, specific plans were made to accommodate Sculpture and Printmaking within the Adjacent V Building, and provisions were made for the upgrading and expansion of Ceramics into the entire Z Building.

Beyond the enthusiastic support of district voters in funding Measure P, the college solicited and received the support of generous donors in raising millions of dollars to support the concept of an integrated and creative Center for the Arts. Naming rights to elements of the Printmaking and the Sculpture studios were granted in appreciation of significant contributions from the public.

Yet, to date, there is no new sculpture studio, nor printmaking studio, nor expansion or improvement of the ceramics program.

We fully appreciate and applaud efforts of Dr. Smith to address the issues that he has inherited, however, the planned solution presented, does nothing to address the problems presented to the sculpture section, including lack of ready access to power tools, insufficient storage space, insufficient classroom space, and lack of bronze foundry facilities. At the same time, the plan would practically destroy ceramics instructional facilities. Ceramics, which was promised essentially the whole Z Building, would actually lose its main studio space.

It is no answer that the master plan had to be changed to accommodate changed conditions during the many years of Measure P implementation. The master plan was not changed. It was simply abandoned. There was no announcement of a modification to the plan, no discussion with the public, with the Visual Arts administration, or faculty, or students, or the generous donors who gave millions of dollars to accomplish a vision that the College no longer shares.

This committee is charged with seeing to it that Measure P funds be spent in compliance with the Master Plan published by the college. For whatever reasons we have come to this pass, it is clear that the requirements of the master plan have not been met. In spite of the best and much appreciated efforts of Dr. Smith and the Facilities Department, there is no plan that remedies the omission.

If a plan is so malleable that it may be changed without planning, deliberation, consultation, or publication, it is no plan at all, and there would certainly be no reason for this oversight committee. The answer to any failure to meet the terms of a plan could be justified by the assertion, after the fact, that the master plan was changed.

I ask that, in compliance with its responsibilities, this committee report to the Board of Trustees and the public that there has been a serious and significant failure to expend Measure P funds in accordance with the College's Master Plan.