

PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE W – CITIZENS’ OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
155 E. 4th Street, Perris, CA 92570 – District Administrative Center
Meeting conducted virtually via Zoom
(Measure W – Approved by District Voters on November, 2018)
January 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

SUMMARY

Citizens’ Oversight Committee

Members Present:

Sheila Curtis - Vice Chair
Marilee Menez
Robert McKinney
Joshua D. Naggar
George Mills - no audio/unable to vote

Committee Members Absent:

Samantha Robles
Eric Kroencke

District Administrative Staff:

Grant Bennett, Superintendent
Candace Reines, Deputy Superintendent
Hector Gonzalez, Director of Facilities

Others in Attendance:

Fred Good, Facilities Consultant
Sylvia Hinojosa, Administrative Assistant
Xochitl Molina, Accountant
Chad Goodwin, Facilities Supervisor

Call to Order:

Vice Chair, Sheila Curtis, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Sylvia Hinojosa conducted a roll call of Committee Members and indicated that a quorum was established. George Mills was in attendance but had no audio on his end; he abstained from voting.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Fred Good led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Adopt Meeting Minutes: 9/22/2020

Robert McKinney motioned to approve the Minutes from past meeting 9/22/2020 as presented; Marilee Menez seconded the motion. No opposition. Motion carried.

VOTE: Ayes 4, Noes 0, Absent 2, Abstain 1

Financial and Performance Audits - Building Fund:

District Deputy Superintendent, Candace Reines, explained what the Performance Audits are and asked if all members had an opportunity to review and if they had any questions in regards to the Audits. No questions were posed at this time.

Bond Expenditure Report:

Bond Expenditure Reports were provided to members for review before today's meeting. Accountant, Xochitl Molina, summarized the expenditure report and asked if members had any questions. No questions were posed.

Presentation/Discussion on School District Facilities Projects:

Director of Facilities, Hector Gonzalez, presented on current facilities projects taking place. Overview of current projects:

- PHS - the project's increment 3 has been bid and awarded; Mr. Gonzalez summarized increment 1 and 2 of the project and reviewed images of project updates.
- CMI - the gym is close to completion; the parking lot, drop off lane, and street widening are about 95% complete; we are still waiting for the installation of the traffic signal from the City. The gym will be ready for staff to move in during the spring break; images of construction updates were reviewed.
- LHS - a lot going on right now; some days there are up to 100 people working at a time. Work continues across the entire site - electrical, plumbing, roofing, steel framing, etc. We are working on interior wall framing. We are starting to prioritize the Administration building. The Aquatic Facility has been bid and contracts are going for Board approval this month; the bids came in right on budget. The work for this project will begin in late January. Images of construction updates were reviewed.

District Facilities Consultant, Fred Good, reminded members that the Aquatic Center was bid separately from the entire project because of State funding reasons. Mr. Good complimented Hector Gonzalez and Chad Goodwin for their work and dedication to the project.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that the Presentation is available for COC members if they wish to have a copy of it.

Ms. Curits asked if the city was going to do any improvements on Scott Road. Hector responded that the District is responsible for improvements on the intersection of Scott Road and Wickered Road and that they were included as part of the school project.

Ms. Curtis asked if the District knew if the City of Menifee would be doing any improvements on Lindenburger and Leon Streets. Mr. Good replied and stated that ¼ of that improvement is Menifee's responsibility and they will be funding their portion of it. As far as widening Scott Road, it is in the City's plans but have no date as to when that will materialize. The County has assigned the District to take the lead on this project; the developers are helping us with the responsibility.

Ms. Curtis asked if anyone had additional questions.

Marilee Menez commented that she was happy for the opportunity to tour Liberty High School the last meeting as it gave her a better perspective of the project. She thanked the staff for organizing the tour.

Other Updates by the District or Consultants:

Candace Reines had a couple of comments:

- Since we last met, on the State's \$976M in priority funding applications, one of those was for Liberty High School in the amount of \$58.8M. We are required to submit a fund release authorization; happy to report it has already been done and the monies have been submitted into the District's account as of December.
- Facilities Financing Plan - this upcoming summer we plan to sell the remainder of our authorization of the District's Measure T Bonds. We are looking into taking advantage of the Market's benefits right now.
- Please follow Liberty High School's active social media accounts. There is a marketing video of the campus that is a good source for community outreach and answering any questions. Ms. Hinojosa will send the link of the video out to COC members.

Grant Bennett commented on teachers' interest to work at Liberty High. Interviews were conducted by the Principal and employees have been selected. The Secretary and Athletic Director have started working actively at Liberty High to ensure a smooth start for when we open.

Mr. Good further commented on more developers coming on board to help the District with the widening improvements of streets.

Designation of Next Meeting Date:

It was established that the next COC meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. We will attempt to meet in person at CMI providing State Orders allow for us to do so.

Ms. Hinojosa will create this event and send a calendar invite to all Committee Members.

Comments:

There were no additional comments.

Adjournment:

Ms. Menez motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. No opposition. Motion carried.

VOTE: Ayes 4 , Noes 0, Absent 2 , Abstain 1

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.