

DCOC Minutes
Friday, December 19, 2008
12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.
770 Wilshire Blvd,
Board Room

In attendance:

Nancy Carson, Los Angeles Harbor College; Raymond Cheng, East Los Angeles College; Alan Ehrlich, Foundation Representative; Marla Bleavins, Taxpayer Representative; Reginald Byron Jones Sawyer, At Large Representative; David Kersh, Los Angeles Trade Technical College; Jim Lynch, West Los Angeles College; Henry Porter Jr., Los Angeles Southwest College; David Rattray, Business Representative; Donna Slamon, Pierce College; Adriana Barrera, Deputy Chancellor LACCD; Larry Eisenberg, Executive Director Facilities and Planning, LACCD; Thomas Hall, Director of Facilities Planning and Development, LACCD; Todd Cozolino, Build LACCD, Melissa Spraul, MWW; Miya Walker, MWW; Alexander Rosas, Build LACCD; Brent Hurwitz, Build LACCD; Judy Johnson, Build LACCD; Michael Flores, Build LACCD; Lynn Winter Gross, Build LACCD

1. Call to order: DCOC Chair David Rattray called the meeting to order at 12:10. He complimented the LACCD on the strong passage of Measure J, indicating that getting 70% of the vote shows the taxpayers' confidence in the management and oversight of the program. The fact that the Los Angeles Times endorsed the program and its focus on the creation of green jobs was an important ingredient.

Larry Eisenberg thanked the DCOC for its role in the bond passage and thanked past DCOC Chair, Jim Lynch, for his excellent advocacy of Measure J at the Los Angeles Times editorial board meeting..

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved with correction: Measure J Update: The District estimates that Measure J would create 48,433 jobs, including the multiplier effect. The public should be aware that passage of Measure J would not increase their tax rate, which would remain at \$25/100,000 assessed property valuation.
3. Program Status Reports: Quarterly construction and financial reports by college
These reports are available online:

http://www.build-laccd.org/laccd_image_archive/imagearchive_v2.html
http://www.build-laccd.org/resources/dashboard/monthly_dashboard.html
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The Moss Adams team, Alexia Nalewaik, Eric Tostenrud and Jeff Witt, reviewed how the \$545,913,463 Proposition A/AA/bond money was spent in FY 2008. The analysis was on 37% or \$205 million. The report will be posted on BUILD-LACCD web site.

Larry Eisenberg commented that the report was balanced, since it commented on best practices as well as the need for improvement. He is compiling a list of “lessons learned” from Propositions A/AA to apply to Measure J.

2007-'08 was a transition year for the Program Management Team. Mr. Eisenberg is looking closely at the team’s monthly expenses and will de-staff where necessary. The program will work on prompt payment of vendors and improvement of invoices sequencing.

Three areas need modification: soft costs should be attributed back to each college; CPM’s should be sure to submit accurate invoices: and contract language should be tightened to avoid costly modifications.

The DCOC requested that, in the future, the members receive this report in advance of the meeting, so they have time to review it prior to the meeting.

4. Quarterly Video Update: The members were given a video tour of construction activities by college and viewed a short video produced by e7 for the ACUPCC (American College University Presidents Climate Commitment.)
5. Design/ Build:
The Build-LACCD team presented a status update on design-build projects. Thirty projects are planned for design-build; the others are scheduled for design-bid-build. As a result of design-build, Build-LACCD has received better quality responses to RFP’s from contractors.
6. Jobs Interns/ Apprenticeships
BUILD has changed the marketing approach and has become more pro-active in its outreach. It is working with NBC Universal, H&R Block, LEADS (Latino Engineers, Architects and Developers Society,) partnering with Helmets to Hardhats (a veterans group) and Midnight Mission.
6. Questions on the state budget: Concern was raised about college building projects that depends for financing on the state budget. The LACCD has \$65 million in projects split between the state and the District. The intent is to proceed with the projects and submit the bills to the state after project completion. The District still has \$600 million in Propositions A/AA loans to draw on.

9: Adjournment:

Next Meetings: 2/27/09; 5/15/09