

District Citizens' Oversight Committee Meeting (DCOC)

Date	Next Meeting	Start Time	Prepared By	Agency	Location
7/8/10	9/17/10	12:00	Laurelyn Johnson	LACCD	Van de Kamp

Attended By:

Committee Members

Harvey Berg, LAVC Representative	Nancy Carson, LAHC Representative, Co-Chair
Yvonne Chan, LAMC Representative	Isa Meksin, Senior Representative
Reginald Bryon Jones-Sawyer Sr., At-Large Representative, Chair	Donna Smith, LAPC Representative
Richard Slawson, Labor Representative	Kurt Tennyson, LACC Representative

Other Attendees:

Marvin Martinez, LACCD	Adrianna Barrera, Deputy Vice Chancellor LACCD
Camille Goulet, General Counsel LACCD	Larry Eisenberg, Exec. Director Facilities Planning LACCD
Mona Field, Trustee LACCD	Elizabeth Mines
Carmen Lira	Margaret Plane
Miya Walker	Veronica Garcia, Build-LACCD
Rourke Reagan	Ann Walnum, Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council
Miki Jackson	Richard O. Arvizu
Guillermo Reyesh	Alex Davis
Sandra Caravella	Maria Aguero
Maryann Kuk	Ken Sherwood
Scott Folsom	Art Camarillo
Diane Factor	Alexia Teran

A. Opening: 12:10pm

Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer called the meeting to order. Self-introductions were made.

B. Review Board Rule Chapter II Article VI Item d.

Ms. Goulet stated that the committee should review the board rule but will not take any action since there was not a quorum. There were six committee members present. Ms. Goulet stated the board has a standing set of rules and the rules are that there is a maximum of 20 minutes per topic on a meeting and there is a maximum of 5 minutes per speaker. However, if there is a larger amount of speakers and the time will exceed 20 minutes on a topic than the committee can reduce the speaker's amount of time so it fits within the 20 minute time frame. The advice is to give every public speaker a minimum of 2 minutes as a matter of fairness. Thus, if you have a large group of speakers you may end up going over the 20 minute limit per topic.

C. Public Speakers

Scott Folsom expressed concerns regarding the charter school and stated the community would like to see a community college.

Alexia Teran from Cypress Park discussed the need for education classes for the elderly and disabled residents.

12:23pm Dr. Chan arrived and now there is a quorum.

Sandra Caravella expressed that the community needs and wants a college on this site and seeing it here will inspire children in the community to go to college.

D. Review Draft of Annual Report

Ms. Carson stated that the corrections that she was going to suggest were made in the updated draft handed out at the meeting.

Mr. Eisenberg stated that under Prop 39 this committee is tasked to prepare an annual report and this draft report would be for 2009-10 and would be issued after the close of this fiscal year. The committee is required to draft, concur and issue the report and we had Laurelyn Johnson take a first pass at it. The committee can add to it and change anything that is missing. There was only one annual report done in 2001 and subsequent to that there were other reports issued. This report is an effort to be compliant with Prop 39 and this review is intended to allow input into this report and changed as the committee see's necessary for public presentation. Each college had input into their page, photos and project descriptions.

Ms. Meksin stated she would like to see more detail of projects and costs for Van De Kamp and not just a list of project highlights.

Mr. Berg stated he wants to see a correction made to the language with regard to the expenditures being in compliance with Prop 39 based on the findings since there is a question as to compliance with Prop 39.

Ms. Carson stated paragraph on page 4 needs to be corrected because it's incomplete. She also would like further clarification on the central plant projects. With regard to Van de Kamp, should it be associated with City College and if not shouldn't we list the expenditures and number of projects that are there? The summary should say how LACCD has significantly improved their campuses and anticipate what they are going to do to increase their enrollment. It should also state the programs they put in and what they have to done to be cost efficient and energy efficient. The summary needs to sell the wonderful things that have been done or are in the process of being done with the 6 billion dollars.

Mr. Eisenberg stated that there may be a timing sequence issue because for 2009-10 the audit is not complete at this point by the independent auditors. The committee could decide to wait until the audit is complete in January 2011 to do that. The committee did receive in January 2010 the audits from the District's financial auditor and performance audit and both of them concluded compliance with Prop 39. In response to Ms. Carson's comment Mr. Eisenberg stated that the goal of the report at this point is to be factual in nature and show the numbers. In regard to Van de Kamp, the committee can decide what kind of information is in the report. However, before the committee draws a conclusion on the information that has been presented by the community they should have a full report on that particular topic in which the inspector general will do a review on the issue that has been raised. This is however many months away from completion. This it is up to the committee to decide if they would like to wait for these various reports before completing the annual report.

Dr. Barrera suggested the report state how this annual report is in compliance with Prop 39 and what are the elements that make the report in compliance with Prop 39 since the previous reports were thought to be sufficient but were later determined that they were not. Mr. Eisenberg responded that the most significant issue is the listing of projects, the timing, date completed, and the construction budget. The previous reports showed photos and an overview but did not include this kind of detail.

Ms. Smith asked what is the impact if they delay release of the report. Ms. Goulet responded that committee can make the determination when to release the report the fiscal year just ended which is why the draft is being presented now. However, the committee can wait until the other audits are completed and there would be no impact. The District could be subject to a challenge for failing to issue a report if no report was issued but a delay in issuing the report is not a problem.

Mr. Berg asked about the annual report for 2008-09. Mr. Eisenberg stated the findings for that report were presented at the March DCOC meeting. Mr. Berg said it would then make sense for this report

to refer to that audit report instead of the 2009-10 report that is not yet completed. Mr. Eisenberg stated that that committee needs to make that decision. Ms. Goulet stated the committee could add a sentence to this report that states this report reflects the committee's review of audits through the years thru 2008-09.

Mr. Tennyson stated he would like to take the draft to City College's oversight committee to review and look at the numbers. Mr. Jones-Sawyer suggested that some of the comments that the committee members are suggesting could be incorporated into the letter from the Chair that will be included in the report.

Mr. Slawson stated the summary on page 5 should add a statement that there is a question that has been raised about certain expenditures related to Van de Kamp and there also should be a listing of the budget expenditures for Van de Kamp. Mr. Eisenberg stated that at the next meeting they will provide a list of expenditures for Van de Kamp.

Ms. Meksin stated there was a board meeting at WLAC that in which they unanimously voted in support for the campus to go to the worksource and the high school and is wondering why there is an issue now. She also stated they should not have voted prior to the DCOC meeting with the Van de Kamp community.

Ms. Carson suggested that the report reflect management expenses.

Ms. Chan suggested that report refer to the source of the information in the document.

Ms. Carson suggested that they have a subcommittee of DCOC to meet and review the report and make changes. It was determined that Mr. Berg, Ms. Chan, Ms. Carson and Mr. Jones-Sawyer would be a part of this subcommittee.

Ms. Goulet recommended the rewrite of the annual report be presented at the next DCOC meeting for adoption by the whole committee.

Motion by Mr. Slawson to present the annual report at the next meeting.

Approved: 8 Ayes

Public Comment: Ms. Jackson stated that there should be more information in the report and it should address the Fulbright & Jaworski report.

E. Van de Kamp Discussion

Mr. Eisenberg distributed two handouts. Mr. Eisenberg state that the Innovation Center updated document describes the buildings on the site and their uses. The education building has part of the space leased to the alliance charter school on a 5 year lease which will go from July 2009 to July 2014. The school will start with 9th graders this year and grow into a 9-12 grade facility adding a year each year and at that point will be expected utilize the building from 7am to 5pm. Currently, the space also available for the community colleges to use classrooms in the entire building to offer courses. Richard Arvizu is the administrator of the site and he is coordinating the administrative issues and providing management oversight. As noted in the report Vice Chancellor Martinez is has staff members that are anticipated to have offices here as well for their work as a part of the economic workforce development area. We will hire staff and we will have the sheriff's office provide security for the site. We have a minimal maintenance landscape on the site but we will have regular maintenance of the landscape. The Bakery building is two stories. The building is partially occupied with computer rooms, training rooms and classrooms on the first floor and office space on the second floor for our workforce development staff and our tenants. Adjacent to the building is the Child Development Center which will be available through a child development provider. This will be done through a lease with the City. There is a central plant to provide for heating and cooling of the facility.

Mr. Eisenberg referred to the handout that listed the programs that were originally programmed and what is currently being offered. He stated that the current program is comparable to the original program. The lease allows for the City to utilize the space until 5pm and after 5pm the colleges will have access to spaces on the 1st flr of the Bakery Building to offer classes and use computer labs. This also includes utilizing all the classrooms on site during evening and weekends. The construction is coming to a close and they are completing punchlist items. Mr. Eisenberg discussed the budget in the handout. There was nothing done to modify the building from the original plan to accommodate the charter school. There were some changes made to the Bakery Building and that expense would need to be paid for from a non-bond source in accordance with Prop 39. The intention is to reverse that expenditure and charge it to the appropriate funding source.

Mr. Martinez stated their intent is to offer a liberal arts degree on this campus. There are a number of courses that will be offered through City College on this campus. With regard to workforce development, the American Reinvestment Recovery Act program provided a lot of revenue to a number of cities in the Los Angeles area and the District is applying for other grants to gain additional revenue. One of those grants is to provide funding to retrain individuals so they can keep their jobs and the other purpose is preparing people for new jobs. Those dollars can come to this site and we can use those dollars to provide that training for people at this site. Many of the courses will be for credit courses and will be provided through City College. There will three entities at this site a worksource center, workforce education resource center, and the archdioceses.

Ms. Factor stated that their job training program works with individuals as an educational program to prepare them to get the college courses they need for the health care careers. Some of the courses that will be offered at this site are the prerequisites for people going into health care careers. They work with a number of large employers in the area and a number of community clinics in the area. They provide coaching, tutoring, career counseling and helping people transition to be college students.

The representative from the archdioceses stated they encourage education and they work the young population 16-24. They offer stipends and rewards for different programs to further their education. In addition, they offer internship opportunities as well with placement at non-profits, faith based organizations, and for profits businesses.

Mr. Martinez stated the economic development unit offers a number of the non-credit adult education courses. These courses include career technical education and workforce readiness. Ms. Davis who is a Dean for the program stated that they will be offering vocational education classes. Currently they are collaborating with the alliance charter school at this site and are doing job readiness for a summer youth employment program. They are also offering soft skills training classes for the general community here. Ms. Meksin asked what sector of jobs are they focused on. Ms. Davis responded they have various areas which include health careers, retail, and entertainment.

Trustee Field thanked the members and attendees and stated that what you will see today and what you heard today is a valid vision on what this site should be and how it should serve the community.

Dr. Chan stated that despite the issues there are three major benefits, the partnerships, sustainability and educational offerings to all ages.

Mr. Tennyson stated this is a great use of the site. He stated that health care is an area of great need and would like to see more involvement from the community in healthcare education which would probably require them to go to the main campus at City College. He said there is a large shortage in healthcare and is satisfied with the use of the site.

Public comment:

Laura Gutierrez expressed that the committee ensure compliance with Prop 39 and that there be more outreach and transparency.

Miki Jackson expressed concerns over expenditures for tenant improvements, proportion of worksource classes offered and safety of high schools students based on types of worksource programs.

Rourke Reagan expressed concern regarding operation and maintenance costs, the types of classes offered, and the ability to transition the other programs out of the site later.

Maryann Cook expressed concern over outreach to the community, dissemination of materials about what is being offered, and felt there should be bakery classes offered.

An attendee asked when is the front of the site going to be open. Mr. Eisenberg responded in two to three months. She also stated that the community wants to see a college here.

Dr. Barrera stated there will be a new Chancellor starting at LACCD on August 1st and the purpose of this meeting was to inform the community on what is going on at this site. The intention is to keep the community informed as to the programs here and they will continue to keep the community informed.

Adjournment: 1:37pm