



LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE-MEASURE K MEETING
Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956 and Education Code Section 35144, the Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Oversight Committee will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to conduct its business meeting at the Education Center, 11321 Bullis Road, Board Room B-105, B-106, Lynwood, California, 90262.

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Paulette Bradley
Jackie Espinoza
Edwin Hernandez
Eugene Jackson
Edith Ornelas
Vincent Osby
Mayra Scott

C. Approval of April 24, 2014 COC Meeting Minutes

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

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Those who have a group concern are encouraged to select a spokesperson to address the Board. A copy of the full agenda is available for view at the Reception Desk area of the district office at 11321 Bullis Rd., Lynwood, California, 90262. Also, at the district web site: <http://www.lynwood.k12.ca.us>.

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E. REPORTS

- Facility Planning and Construction Projects Update - by Del Terra
- Financial Update & Bond Sales – by Mr. Peter Wong

F. FUTURE AGENDA

G. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peter Wong
Chief Business Official

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Board Room, Education Center
11321 Bullis Road
Lynwood, California 90262

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Citizens Oversight Committee for Measure K, held on Thursday, April 24, 2014, was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by COC President, Mr. Edwin Hernandez. Also present were LUSD Chief Business Official Peter Wong and Administrative Office Coordinator/Sr. Executive Assistant to the Supt. Gickee Ormeo.

ROLL CALL by Mr. Hernandez:

Paulette Bradley
Jackie Espinoza
Edwin Hernandez
Eugene Jackson – absent due to work-related travel
Edith Ornelas
Vincent Osby
Mayra Scott

Minutes of the January 23, 2014 Meeting

Ms. Espinoza moved to approve the minutes of the COC Meeting on January 23, 2014; Ms. Bradley seconded. Item passed with 6-0 votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS

- o **Ms. Lorraine Moore** is a Lynwood resident, taxpayer, and parent. She would like to hear of the reports regarding Measure K and gather information on how funds are spent. Ms. Moore said she voted against Measure K and all other attempts prior to this. Now that a \$93M bond is in place, she wants specific details of where the money was allocated and spent. She is only aware of the two new building. She wanted to know if funds are allocated for infrastructure, facilities, technology, and educational programs. Ms. Moore has a 5-year old child in LUSD's TK program and wants to make sure that her child is afforded the same opportunities that other districts offer. As a taxpayer, she would like to see money well-spent on school development. This is Ms. Moore's first attendance to a district meeting. She expressed her desire to get more involved now and to ensure that programs are benefitting the children of Lynwood.

COC President, Mr. Edwin Hernandez, thanked Ms. Moore for her attendance and explained that this meeting is held to address the same concerns as she has.

REPORTS

- **Construction Updates**

Ms. Virginia Campos and Ms. Susan Trevizo of Del Terra distributed hard copies of their report to the COC members (posted on the website). This report is for the period ending March 31, 2014. Highlights of the Project Management report include:

- o \$10Million Budget Breakdown for Phase 1A, 1B, and 1C
- o Breakdown of expenditures (total expended per Phase) through the period ending March 31, 2014; with a total of \$6,067,958.

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- o 98% completion of re-roofing jobs; mostly to be completed during the summer months.
- o Filing on May 28, 2014 of Notice of Completion of Projects
- o There is more planning taking place at this time, compared to actual construction work.
- o Details of Current and Summer Projects (Asphalt & Concrete Repairs, Re-roofing, Gym Improvement & Repair, Field Renovation, Painting & Coating, Pre-fast Buildings at Lincoln & Washington)

In response to Ms. Moore's inquiry (resident in the audience), Ms. Campos explained that the Measure K funds are only for facility repairs, not for purchase of equipment. She also invited Ms. Moore to visit the website for reports given in previous COC meetings.

• Financial and Audit Reports

Chief Business Official, Mr. Peter Wong introduced Ms. Maricela Barba, the District's new Director of Fiscal Services. Mr. Wong gave a brief background information on Measure K for the residents in attendance tonight. So far, \$30M worth of bond has been issued and spent for projects. The District also received \$16M of state dollar-for-dollar matching grant. Mr. Wong shared that a bidding process is conducted to ensure jobs are awarded to the lowest bidder. To ensure transparency, all reports are posted on the website, including the Quarterly Financial Report distributed tonight.

Mr. Wong explained that the \$93M bond is relatively small and will not meet all the needs of the District. It was, therefore, necessary to prioritize projects, identifying the ones much-needed to ensure the health and safety of students.

In response to Ms. Paulette Bradley's concern that the resident's tax rate is greater than what was initially presented and what Measure K promised, Mr. Wong explained that the is keeping its commitment by self-imposing a \$55 tax per \$100,000 property value. He said that the law allows for as much as \$60 tax rate, but the District chooses to keep the Measure promise. The pending dispute with St. Francis Hospital greatly affects this tax issue.

Ms. Jackie Espinoza requested a more detailed list of projects (current, summer, and future). She referred to initial discussions for LHS field renovation and LMS bleachers, and wants to know the status of these potential projects. Mr. Wong explained that once the cost was determined, the project seemed impossible due to limited resources.

Ms. Moore (in the audience) made the comment that she has not seen much improvement done at Lincoln ES. Ms. Campos explained that some of the projects done do not necessarily show visible, external changes. Some projects have soft cost (i.e., architect and engineering fees, soil testing). Electrical and plumbing works are usually very costly, yet they are not visibly obvious to the community. Ms. Campos explained that such work is necessary to meet the needs of the district's growing population.

Ms. Espinoza also asked if all the progress or lack thereof of the projects is shared with administrators. Ms. Campos assured her that Del Terra communicates with site administrators and keeps them informed. Mr. Wong added that what is usually reported on and published are projects that are/can be done. He said it can be discouraging to the community to see a list all other needs that cannot be met due to limited resources.

Ms. Bradley asked if both high school will share the football field at LHS. Mr. Wong confirmed this and clarified that the field in LHS is the Lynwood USD Athletic facility and can be used by both high schools. He added that other districts usually have only one athletic stadium shared by all schools.

Mr. Edwin Hernandez asked for details about the \$197K worth of roof replacement at the District Office (DO). He inquired if facility repairs at the DO should be considered a Measure K project. Ms. Espinoza assumed, likewise, that the COC bylaws do not include DO among the sites for Measure K. Mr. Wong said the DO is part of the District and therefore is included in Measure K. . He added that the work done is not roof

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replacement, but instead adding another layer of material in preparation for the solar panel installation. Correction on the report is needed to reflect "roof repair, not roof replacement".

Ms. Bradley commented that there is not enough money for everything the District needs. This makes it necessary for the school board to make the decision in prioritizing projects. She said the bigger issue is for Lynwood to accommodate students from all of Los Angeles. These kids are the ones breaking down LUSD schools. Ms. Bradley remarked that Lynwood residents pay for the repair of damages done by students from surrounding cities, who come to Lynwood for better opportunities.

Mr. Wong stated the funding for general operation is contingent on school population. More students bring in more money for the District. Ms. Bradley argued and said she prefers smaller population where more attention can be given to individual students. Mr. Hernandez said that more students in Lynwood resulted to the Overcrowding Grant of \$16M.

Mr. Wong assured the committee that the Board attempts to allocate the limited resources to the more important needs, especially those much-needed repairs which the District is required by law to attend to and those that health and safety-related.

Another community member in the audience questioned the need to repair the District Office roofing. Mr. Wong explained that the DO roofs are already worn down. He also said the repair was necessary for the installation of solar panels. The DO building was built approximately 20 years ago and not meeting requirements for solar panel installation. Ms. Campos added that prior to the installation of solar panels, DSA approval is needed and compliance to architectural requirements should be met.

Mr. Hernandez explained to the audience that, though their attendance is much-appreciated, it is not within meeting norms to entertain questions during the committee's discussion. Public comments, not to exceed 3-minutes are allowed at the beginning of the meeting.

Ms. Espinoza shared the committee's recommendations submitted to the Board of education:

- Encourage community to be informed
- VMA to create a Facebook book for Measure K, especially to show pictures of projects completed
- Regular Teleparent for LUSD parents – inviting community to COC meetings
- COC Visit/tour of school facilities
- LUSD newsletter include COC meeting dates

Mr. Hernandez asked that school visits/tours be scheduled after work hours or even on Saturdays. Ms. Campos committed to work out a schedule for COC visits; however, she said it is not safe to visit the sites during construction hours.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA: The COC will consider scheduling the next meeting to a Wednesday. This adjustment is to ensure COC member Mr. Eugene Jackson's attendance and participation. Mr. Jackson has work-related travel normally scheduled on Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT: The COC Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Peter Wong

