

**MEASURE A - STRONG SCHOOLS BOND  
CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES FOR MEETING OF April 26, 2017**

Opening

The Citizens' Oversight Committee held a meeting in the Facilities/Construction Building D, 85 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

\*All handouts can be viewed at the District office, Business Services 25 Churchill Avenue.

Members present:

Mr. Jim Cowie, Chair Person, Business Organization Member, Parent, PTA

Mr. Bruce Whitson, Vice-Chair, Business Organization Member

Mr. Daniel Teo, Parent, PTA, Site Council Member (Absent)

Ms. Dana Kismetova, Business Organization Member & Parent (Absent)

Ms. Prerana Vaidya, Business Organization Member, Parent, & PTA

Mr. Kim Gupta, Business Organization Member, Parent, & PTA

Mr. Sukhi Nagesh, Member, Business Organization Member & Parent

Others present:

Mr. Tom Hodges, fs3|Hodges Construction Management

District Staff Present:

Dr. Robert Golton, Bond Program Manager

Mr. Ron Smith, Facilities Project Manager

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

Site Visit

The Committee toured the Paly Athletic Center.

Review of Agenda

Staff merged "Report on Major Projects" and "Program Status Update".

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2017. Motion carried 5-0.

Report on Major  
Projects/Program Status  
Update

Golton presented a bond projects timeline to the Committee.

Hodges updated the Committee on the status of the following projects:

-Paly Athletic Center

-Gunn Central Building

-Paly Library

-Paly Science Addition

-Addison Campus

-Hoover Campus

-El Carmelo Multi-Purpose Building (MP)

-Escondido Multi-Purpose Building

-Hays Multi-Purpose Building

Member asked about the murals inside the Paly Athletic Center. Hodges said the artist will not be painting them; he will be doing vinyl screens.

Member asked if the two bids for the Gunn Central Building came in close. Hodges said yes, they were within \$600,000 of each other.

Member asked if the bids were \$3.5 million over budget, what will the \$21 million include. Hodges reported the \$21 million will need to change to \$24.5 million. The \$7 million in the reserves will be moved over and some from the impact fee fund. Member asked if the timeline will be shifted. Hodges

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said yes, they said one month so completion date is December 1, 2018.

Member asked if the general contractor's bid is contingent on the sub-general's bid. Smith said yes, for the most part, very few will self-perform everything.

Member asked if sub-contractors can bid with multiple general contractors. Smith said yes, they typically do.

Member asked how many bids they expect for the Paly Library project. Hodges said two or three.

Member what is the anticipated cost of the Magical Bridge at Addison. Golton said \$600,000 but this will be covered in donations.

Member asked what is happening to the old portable at El Carmelo. Hodges said it will be turned into two classrooms.

Member asked if the MP rooms will be bigger. Hodges said yes, El Carmelo will be similar in size to the Addison and Hoover MP rooms. They are trying to make the Escondido MP room big enough for the 580-600 students so they can all fit during an assembly.

Member asked if they are doing anything now in the Escondido drawings to prepare for the Administration wing that will be included in the next bond. Hodges said just planning. Member asked will you have to submit for permits again. Hodges said yes since DSA is only good for three years and they do not know when it will get done.

Member asked about the cost for the Hays project. Hodges said they do not know yet. The \$37.5 million will cover all three MP projects. They will have estimates when they go to the Board.

Member clarified the Hays MP room will be where the portables are now. Hodges said it will go where the kindergarten portables are.

Golton mentioned he wrote to the Board on a call he received from the Office of Public School Construction. The District applies for state funding but they proceed to do the projects and then wait to see when the funding comes through but it is highly probable they will get \$6.9 million in funding by the end of the year. Member asked the \$6.9 is for what project. Golton said these funds are for projects already completed and funded. Member asked if they were completed with bond funds. Golton said yes, the funds are reimbursed to the bond fund reserves.

Golton reported there will be an update to the District's master plan and it will essentially be the basis for the next bond.

The next COC meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2017. The agenda will be worked through email.

October 18, 2017  
January 17, 2018  
April 18, 2018

July 19, 2017 Agenda

Next Meeting and Future Meetings Schedule

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.