CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was called to order at 5:35 pm, Monday, May 5, 2008, in the Board Room, Bldg. 600 Administration, Solano Community College by Bruce DuClair, Chairperson.

Members Present:
Bruce DuClair, Taxpayers’ Association
Ben Espinoza, Construction/Trades
Betty Frank, Senior Citizen Organization
Jan Cox Golovich, Civic/Professional
Carol Landry, Business Organization
Lillian Nelson, Student Trustee Representative
Rozzana Verder-Aliga, Business Organization

Members Absent:
Kevin Johnson, College Foundation
Tom Mattis, Construction/Trades

Others Present:
Gerald F. Fisher, Supt-President
Mazie L. Brewington, Vice President, Business Services
Frank W. Kitchen, Director, Facilities
Ron Richards, Program Manager, Kitchell CEM
Judy K. Anderson, Executive Assistant, Business Services

I. INTRODUCE NEW MEMBER: Carol Landry was introduced as the newest CBOC member.

II. APPROVE AGENDA:
• Motion (Lillian Nelson), second (Ben Espinoza) to approve the May 5 meeting agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVE MINUTES:
• Motion (Ben Espinoza), second (Lillian Nelson) to approve the February 4 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. MEASURE G PROJECT UPDATES & FINANCIAL SUMMARY:
• Ron Richards, Kitchell Program Manager, provided an update on the Measure G bond projects and financial summary from the April 16 report to the Board.
The newly-occupied Bldg. 400 is at the close-out phase and a punch list was generated.

Bldg. 1400 is expected to be completed by December. The renovation of the soccer and football practice fields should be done by November.

Ron reported that the Vacaville Center is a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) project, and bids are due later in the week. There were 17 general contractors at the bid conference, and six to eight of them are expected to submit a bid. He indicated that the economic climate is favorable for bids now.

Bruce DuClair asked which is higher: labor or material costs. Ron replied that due to more competition, the contractors have to be more savvy. Steel usage in China has abated and steel production is up.

Ron remarked that Bldg. 100 is targeted to receive State funding of up to $20 million. The Final Project Proposal (FPP) is due in June to put the District in the pipeline for State dollars. Funding could be available by 2010-11 and construction could begin in 2012. In the interim a five-year remodel of the building will be done.

Bruce DuClair asked if the athletic field renovations have had an impact on sports programs. Mazie Brewington replied that the college carefully and tightly planned the class schedule so that intercollegiate sports were not impacted.

Jan Cox Golovich gave kudos and compliments on the Measure G projects. She indicated that at first she was skeptical of Solano when she started as a CBOC member because Benicia has experienced problems with its bond projects. She’s impressed that we’re under-budget, the change orders are done well, and operations running smooth even though there’s “lots of balls in the air.”

Ms. Golovich asked about use of environmentally friendly and renewable materials in construction. Mazie replied that “going green” is a Board goal this year. It’s not on the original project list and so we cannot fund green measures out of bond dollars, however, the District is actively addressing energy efficiency by installing high-efficiency boilers and chillers.

V. CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS TOUR OF BLDGS. 1400, 1700 AND ATHLETIC FIELD RENOVATIONS:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

The CBOC proceeded with a tour of current construction projects. The tour was led by Frank Kitchen, Director of Facilities, and Ron Richards, Program Manager, Kitchell.

VI. ITEMS/ISSUES FOR NEXT AGENDA:

None presented.