MINUTES OF THE
CITIZENS’ OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MEASURE G
CLAREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
June 22, 2017

Meeting Location
Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center
170 W. San Jose Avenue, Claremont
Thursday, June 22, 2017
5:00 p.m.

Members of the Committee
Mr. Bill Archer
Mr. Ken Corhan
Ms. Tressa Kentner
Mr. Kris Meyer
Ms. Sharon Nagel
Mr. Steven Sabicer
Mr. Scott Smith

The Meeting of the Citizens’ Oversight Committee was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by
Jim Elsasser, Ed. D., Superintendent, Claremont Unified School District, in Room 310
of the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center, 170 W. San Jose Avenue, Claremont,
Los Angeles County, California, on Thursday, June 22, 2017.

Committee Members Present: Ms. Sharon Nagel
Mr. Scott Smith
Mr. Ken Corhan
Mr. Kris Meyers
Ms. Tressa Kentner

Committee Members Absent: Mr. Bill Archer
Mr. Steve Sabicer

Staff Present: Dr. James Elsasser
Ms. Lisa Shoemaker
Mr. Rick Cota
Ms. Liz Jefferson

Visitors Present: Ms. Tarana Alam

PUBLIC COMMENT
No comments were heard.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS/RECOGNITIONS
Dr. Elsasser welcomed the members of the Citizens’ Oversight Committee and
expressed appreciation for their willingness to serve on the committee, noting
that the meetings to be held by this committee would be subject to the Brown
Act - Open Meeting procedures. Dr. Elsasser provided a brief background of
District past bond measures: Measure Y, Measure CL, and Measure G. He
noted that with each of the two previous bond efforts, passage of Measure Y
and the defeat of Measure CL, lessons were learned and therefore new
strategies had been developed for seeking community input and support for a
bond initiative. He recapped the process used to increase community
involvement and remarked that Measure G had 67.3% voter approval.
A brief overview of the projects to be funded by Measure G was provided. It was stated that there had been some concern relative to the solar project that was recently completed being funded by the bond. Clarifying information was provided, noting that no money from the bond had been used to complete the solar project. It was further reported that all costs for the solar project were absorbed through a power purchase agreement, and stated that the District could potentially save $6 million from the project.

It was shared that the process for seeking community involvement on the Oversight Committee began prior to the passage of the bond in response to community concerns regarding the oversight of bond fund expenditures.

Oversight committee members introduced themselves and provided brief biographical information.

The bylaws were reviewed, and members of the committee were reminded that their role on the Oversight Committee was to ensure that the bond proceeds were utilized in a manner consistent with the purposes set forth in Measure G as well as to be a link to the community by keeping them informed of the District’s expenditure of bond proceeds. It was also noted that the Committee would not be involved in the decision-making process regarding which projects would be completed or how other funds, e.g. deferred maintenance, would be expended.

Ms. Shoemaker noted that the first issuance of bonds (Series A) in the amount of just under $30 million had been funded, and indicated that taxpayers would see the first impact to their tax bills in December, 2017. She also provided information regarding the strategy for the issuance of bonds, indicating that a larger amount was requested for the Series A issuance in an attempt to provide funding to complete projects as early in the process as possible, and to mitigate the potential for escalating construction costs.

It was noted that the committee would come together approximately three times during the year as a formal group. Prior to any further discussion a chair person for the committee was elected. On a motion by Kris Meyers, seconded by Scott Smith, Ms. Nagel was elected as the Committee's chair. Mr. Ken Corhan volunteered to be Vice-Chair for the committee. It was stated that the bylaws had limited two seats on the committee to a one-year term. Mr. Corhan and Mr. Smith both volunteered to limit their time on the committee to a one-year commitment, with the understanding that members may serve up to three consecutive terms.

The committee requested a membership roster with pertinent contact information.

An overview of Measure G, prepared by Key Analytics, was shared with the Committee. Ms. Tarana Alam, Managing Director, spoke of her company's involvement in the fiscal oversight on bond proceeds. Information was also shared regarding architect selection for specific projects indicating that Ziemba
and Prieto Architects would be involved in the pool and locker room projects at El Roble and CHS; WLC Architects would be involved with the projects at CHS; and Ruhnau Clarke would take the lead for the district-wide modular replacement project.

Information was also shared regarding the district-wide roofing project that is currently underway.

The next meeting of the Oversight Committee would be held prior to the end of the calendar year. Date to be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Citizens’ Oversight Committee was adjourned at 6: 10 p.m.