

**NEWPORT-MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEASURE F CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE MEETING OF
September 29, 2009**

The Citizens' Oversight Committee met on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at Heritage Hall in the Robins-Loats Building at Newport Harbor High School.

Members Present:

Judy Berry, Orange County Taxpayers' Association
Jennifer Blanchfield, Newport Harbor High School Zone
Carol Crane, Corona del Mar High School Zone
Paul Krikorian, Costa Mesa High School Zone
Tod Ridgeway, Newport Harbor Chamber of Commerce
Cathie Ropp, Classified, California School Employees Association (CSEA)
Bill Thorpe, Estancia High School Zone
Mitch Vance, Corona del Mar High School Zone

Members Absent:

John Beth, Estancia High School Zone
Cynthia Blackwell, Newport-Mesa Federation of Teachers (NMFT)
Jean Cook, Newport-Mesa Administrators' Association (NMAA)
Tommie Griffon, Harbor Council Parent Teachers Association (PTA)
Rick Kapko, Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce
Ben Koontz, Newport Harbor High School Zone

Also Present:

Paul Reed, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Business Official
Patty Dreher, Executive Assistant
Tim Marsh, Administrative Director - Facilities, Maintenance and Operations
Jim Lamond – Director Facilities Development, Planning and Development

Project Management Team:

Craig Scargini, Project Manager

Handouts: Measure F Expenditures-to date Report
 Measure F Budget Allocation Summary Report

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Deputy Superintendent Paul Reed indicated that there was a Quorum and Chair Judith Berry opened the meeting at 7:13 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Introductions and welcome to new members.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda for September 29, 2009 meeting was adopted and the Minutes from the May 19, 2009 were unanimously approved.

DISTRICT REPORT

Mr. Reed reported that the District is thrilled to be able to open the Robins/Loats building and have most major activities going again at the end of August. Although there don't seem to be any growing pains yet, there is a punch list that is being taken care of and one whole section of the building that by design is coming in a little later. Literally all activities have been pushed off the areas that needed to be occupied. A tour of the building will be taken after the meeting

Work at the Costa Mesa pool is well underway and the summer projects, which really were not Measure F, also came off very well.

The District has hired architects for the enclaves and theaters for Corona del Mar and Costa Mesa High Schools. The architects will be presenting their plans at the second board meeting in October, 2009 to show the placement of the facilities at the high schools, a footprint of where they will be on the campus.

The architects are:

- LPA, Inc. – theater at Corona del Mar
- Dougherty & Dougherty Architects LLP – enclave at Corona del Mar
- MVE Institutional, Inc. – theater at Costa Mesa High School
- HMC Architects – enclave at Costa Mesa High School

The District will probably not have the funds freed up to build these projects at the same time but the District will have a master plan to anticipate the facilities and the circulation on campus.

Mr. Reed noted that the campus separation of “enclaves” project is intended to provide a separate home base for the 7-8 grades on the 7-12 campuses in the District. It would not be total separation. They would share the athletic facilities. The District thinks the enclaves will benefit both campuses.

The District is a bit stalled in the implementation of next Measure F projects due to financial constraints slowing the growth aggregate assessed valuation (AV) which would be required to sell new bonds, and by the rate cap.

With the Measure F program the Board promised the voters that they would not charge a higher tax rate for new taxes than the rate folks were paying in 2005. It turned out to be \$18.87 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation. This last year this rate has gone from below \$16 and is now roughly \$17. It has done that because the aggregate assessed valuation (AV) has gone down over all which means the rate will go up. There are some exceptions in the payment structure obligation of some bonds. Not a whole lot of capacity to go out for another bond now. The AV grew this last year about 1.15 % overall which is of concern as it is the source from which the District draws its major revenue.

As to the timing of the next bond – Mr. Reed is hoping for fall 2010, but the District must be careful not to sell if the tax base doesn't grow sufficiently. The District needs to know the growth of the tax base is more solid before it ventures into the bond market. Recovery need to be fairly solid.

The District has architect contracts through schematic phase for the campus separation and performing arts theaters at Corona del Mar High School and Costa Mesa High School. It will take a year to get through the schematic phase.

Once the architect contracts are through schematic stage there may be a pause as it is not cost effective to continue to working drawings and DSA (Division of State Architect) submittals too early. The validity of the time stamp on DSA plans is one year.

There were question from the COC regarding whether sufficient space existed at Costa Mesa High School for the enclave and theater projects. Mr. Reed explained that Costa Mesa High School currently houses a set of Orange County Department of Education trailers for Special Ed on their campus which the County has plans to move in a couple of years. The County is aware that the District will be reclaiming the land whether it is for a building footprint or parking or something else at a later date for that site.

PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Berry turned the meeting over to Craig Scaringi of McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. who provided the following updates and Power Point report:

Newport Harbor High School - Mr. Scaringi presented slides of the work in progress in the Robins/Loats building including the science classrooms, kitchen area, reading room, Career Center, Atrium and the Theater. Mr. Scaringi also pointed out that mosaic which was a WPA project from the 1930's was cleaned and restored. The Compass Rose was cleaned up and surrounded by new terrazzo. It was noted that the best case scenario, the 500 seat theater will be completed by the end of the year.

Completed Measure F projects to date are the Science classrooms at the elementary sites, Jim Scott Stadium and the TeWinkle Gym.

Campus separation / performing arts – design is in the works at this time.

Costa Mesa High School Mustang Aquatics Center – 30% complete at this point for the pool project.

Slides of CMHS Aquatics project were shown:

- Mr. Marsh noted that Measure A was augmented with District projects to continue the projects that were not able to be completed
- Entrance to the pool was pointed out on the slide
the new 50 meter pool will allow for competition to take place it was also noted that parking might be an issue – parking lot in the other end of the campus will also be available for parking
- Footings have been poured for the classroom, locker and storage rooms and the small gym

- Response to the question regarding what type of piping was being used was PVC piping

Summary Measure F Budget Report:

<u>Total Bond</u> <u>Dollars</u>	<u>Hardship Dollars</u> <u>from the State</u>	<u>Interest from Both</u> <u>Bond Dollars and</u> <u>Hardship Dollars</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u> <u>to Date</u>
\$70 million	\$14.9 million	\$4.9 million	\$64.5 million

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Next meeting will be on January 19, 2010 at the Roderick H. MacMillian Board Room, Education Center, 2985 A Bear Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Berry adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.