

# VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## Citizens Oversight Committee January 9, 2006

### MINUTES

Michael Wesner called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

#### I. **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present: Michael Wesner, Debra Dettenmayer, Don Facciano, Manuel Lopez, James D. Stueck, and Kay Wilson Bolton

Board Members Present: Trustee Mary Anne Rooney

VCCCD Administration Present: James Meznek and Sue Johnson

Others Present: Les Dickey, Mary Ann McNeil, and Eileen Welser

#### II. **Chairman's Comments**

##### A. **Introduction of New Members**

- Debra Dettenmayer  
Certified Public Accountant
- Don Facciano  
President, Ventura County Taxpayers Association
- Manuel Lopez  
Optometrist
- James D. Stueck  
President, Ventura County Ombudsman Program

##### B. **Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2005**

The minutes of October 17, 2005, were approved with two abstentions.

##### C. **Duties of the Citizens Oversight Committee**

Dr. Meznek acknowledged the Citizens Oversight Committee and welcomed the new members. Mr. Wesner updated new members on the responsibilities of the Citizens Oversight Committee. He pointed out the committee must follow the *Brown Act* procedures. It was suggested that tours of the campuses be scheduled in the summer.

##### D. **Correspondence Received**

No additional correspondence was received.

**III. Chancellor's Comments**

Dr. Meznek reported that the District has not taken any additional position on capital construction. He said the revised project Cluster of Priorities lists will be brought forward for action at the February Board meeting.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Report of expenditures to date (M.A. McNeil)**

Mary Anne McNeil reviewed the most current Ventura County Community College District Use of Bond Proceeds summary sheets. She also distributed copies of the Bond Measure S Exhibit B page with reference numbers so that any Board items that refer to these numbers may be identified. She also noted that the second issue of bond funds (\$80 million) had been received by the District.

**B. Updates**

Mr. Dickey reported that costs of construction projects have doubled since Measure S was passed. He said revisions would be presented to the Board in February, which may affect the Conejo Center, Santa Paula Center, and other projects. Dr. Meznek noted that he would be meeting with the City of Santa Paula and the Santa Paula Union High School District regarding the Santa Paula Center.

Mr. Stueck asked for an update on the Conejo Center. Mr. Wesner gave a brief history of the proposed Conejo and Santa Paula Center projects. Dr. Meznek explained that the Conejo Center project is still being discussed with Moorpark College. Mr. Dickey mentioned that the Moorpark EIR has been circulated and will go to the Board in January. Mr. Wesner reported on the lawsuit filed by the County for traffic mitigation fees.

Mr. Facciano asked about the status of the Fire/Sheriff Academy. Mr. Dickey indicated that the project had a budget overrun and indicated it would be the decision of the colleges to determine if there would be a reduction to this project or other adjustments.

**V. New Business**

**A. Update on Bond Program**

**Ventura College Athletic Bond Improvements**

The committee reviewed e-mail correspondence between Handel Evans and the Arnolds regarding the Ventura College Sports Complex. Mr. Wesner said it would be inappropriate for him to respond directly to Mr. Arnold. Les Dickey said the Arnolds' concerns were that the Measure S language did not call for a "sports complex." Steve Tobias gave a brief overview of the project, noting that the renovation of the tennis courts has been eliminated. He provided a history of the other physical education facilities, noting name changes, and stressing that these improvements would be beneficial to the college and the community. Tom Kimberling also provided some history of this item. Mr. Wesner stated that the committee had reviewed the bond language and felt there had been no inappropriate expenditures in this area. Mr. Wesner will review the minutes of

prior COC meetings, then coordinate with Mr. Evans to craft another response to the Arnolds.

**B. Actions taken by the Board involving bond funds (since last meeting)**

*(Report provided in agenda packet)*

**C. Next meeting date**

Mr. Wesner asked if the committee would be interested in visiting the campuses. It was decided that the April meeting will be at Moorpark College, the July meeting should be at Ventura College, and the October meeting should be at Oxnard College. Tours of the campuses will be arranged. It was decided to meet the second Monday of the month, quarterly. The next meeting was set for Monday, April 10, 3 p.m. at Moorpark College, location to be determined.

**VI. Public Speakers** (Members of the public are allotted 5 minutes to address the agenda issues.)

No public speakers.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.