VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Citizens Oversight Committee July 17, 2006 MINUTES

Michael Wesner called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present: Michael Wesner, Manuel Lopez, Kay Wilson-Bolton,

Don Facciano, James Stueck

VCCCD Administration Present: Tom Kimberling

Others Present: Mary Anne McNeil, Handel Evans, Les Dickey, Carol Dawes and Jason

Mandel (County of Ventura, Grand Jury) and Linda Cooper

II. Chairman's Comments

Mr. Wesner welcomed Ventura County Grand Jury members: Carol Dawes and Jason Mandel.

A. Approval of Minutes for May 22, 2006

The minutes of May 22, 2006, were corrected to read, "Some citizens" in Item V - A, as requested by Kay Wilson-Bolton. The minutes were approved as corrected.

B. Correspondence Received

No correspondence was received.

III. Chancellor's Comments

None

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 including information thru July 10, 2006. She stated that audits would be brought to the October meeting.

V. New Business

A. Update on Bond Program

Mr. Evans gave an overview of projects with special focus on Ventura College. The campus has had many electrical infrastructure improvements, which are making regular classrooms "computer friendly."

Mr. Evans also reported on the litigation with the City of Moorpark stating that both the City and the District are working towards an agreement regarding the traffic situation. Mr. Evans also recommended any future bond language include specific statements identifying which fees are allowable using bond funds.

Mr. Dickey distributed "Status of Measure S Projects" information sheets. This summary form indicates Completed Projects, Under Construction Projects, and In Design Projects by campus. Mr. Dickey noted that water, sewer, storm drainage, and technology are being upgraded at all campus locations.

Mr. Kimberling explained changes to the Ventura College campus. He anticipates a "one-stop" Student Services Center, which will include administrative, counseling, testing, and assessment in one building. Mr. Kimberling also explained the use of State and Bond funds. Ventura College, originally opened in 1958, is expected to have many improvements completed within the next three to four years. Currently, athletic improvements (new track, football, soccer fields, new bleachers for gym, and electrical), Building D & CR remodel, Campus IT, Food Service renovation, and Building 'F' modernization are under construction.

Mr. Wesner asked how the campus dealt with bond projects that had to be repriorized. Mr. Kimberling explained that the Facilities Oversight Committee (FOG) has been involved in changes and will continue to be active beyond the completion of bond projects. FOG will continue to make recommendations to the Administration.

There was a brief discussion of the bid process.

Mr. Evans explained the LA Unified School District construction management system, which operates at the District level with additional construction personnel at the campus level. The average cost for professional fees for LA Schools is 18-20% and VCCCD is in the 8% range.

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

Information was distributed in agenda packet that included May 23 through July 11 information.

C. Next meeting date

Next Citizens Oversight Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2006, at Oxnard College.

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 4:40 p.m.