

COMMUNITY BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE May 8, 2018, 5:30 P.M.

Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders 2206 Prather Lane, Austin, Texas 78704

MEETING SUMMARY

CBOC: The Board of Trustees appoints volunteer citizens to the Community Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) to ensure that the projects remain faithful to the voter-approved bond program scope of work and to monitor and ensure the bond projects are completed on time, with quality and within budget. More information can be found at the 2017 Bond Program Website (https://www.austinisd2017bond.org)

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Dale Sump*, Lori Moya*, Jennifer Carson, Dr. T. Jaime Chahin, Mark Grayson, Lawrence Huang, Maria Jimenez, Hatem Natsheh, Scott Norman, Julian Rivera, Cindy Schaufenbuel, Anna Valdez, Rocio Villalobos, Alex Winslow

Staff:

Matias Segura, Bob Cervi, Jim Sessions, Chaneel Daniels, Debra Boone, Beth Wilson, Kris Waugh, Christian Clarke-Casarez, Scott Morrison, Cheryl Johnson, Deanna Mercer

Visitors

Shuronda Robinson (Adisa Communications), Kathleen Langan (McKissack & McKissack), Carlos Mederes (AECOM)

CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 PM

Dr. T. Jaime Chahin was introduced as a new Community Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 10, 2018, CBOC meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers.

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

A. Vision

Christian Clarke-Casarez, Special Assistant to the CFO, introduced Beth Wilson, Director of Planning Services, Office of Facilities.

Beth introduced the New Educational Specifications (Ed Specs) which call for fully modernized schools and requires building multi-purpose spaces as opposed to building single use rooms at schools, and spaces that can be used by the community after hours without accessing the rest of the school. Members were excited that the new learning studios would have flexible walls, increasing flexibility not only for students, but for the teachers as well. [Beth explained the challenges for making the schools accessible,

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not only for wheelchair users, but for people with other disabilities and ensuring those elements were included in the new Ed Specs.]

A member asked what is the relationship between the stated capacity of a flexible school and demographics? Beth explained that the district looks at the ratio of children to houses/rooftops to determine the capacity of a school. Beth explained that the number of rooftops continue to grow in Austin and Austin ISD also welcomes children who live outside Austin. The spaces are flexible enough to accommodate more students than the stated capacity the school is designed for.

Another member explained that the plan should be to not have portables and that portables were not safe. Beth explained that the new Ed Specs provide greater flexibility to accommodate groups of various sizes so that portables will not be needed at the new and modernized schools.

Christian Clarke-Casarez explained that more than 40 community meetings have been held to discuss the design of schools and introduced Kris Waugh, Principal of Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders (Ann Richards SYWL), who shared plans for what a new building would look like if it were created to match the school's mission. Kris mentioned that O'Connell Robertson & Associates, Inc., toured schools in California with a group of stakeholders from Ann Richards SYWL and students gave feedback on their needs and dreams for the new Ann Richards SYWL. Kris presented a 3-D layout of what the students would like their school to look like. Suggestions from the students included a student union, amphitheater, rooftop garden for the seniors, and dispersed dining. The young women also have ideas for the exterior of the new building. Kris explained that schematic design is nearing completion.

Members asked about the parking situation and Kris Waugh explained that there will be plenty of parking spaces available.

B. CBOC History and Charge

Members asked that a column be added to the project statistics that shows the previous month's statistics. Members asked to attend the Campus Architectural Team (CAT) meetings. A list of upcoming meetings is included in the Weekly Bond Update from the CFO Division, prepared by Christian Clarke-Casarez.

Members expressed the importance of staying informed about the bond budgets, identifying line items of how much has been spent. Members encouraged staff to post historic bond information on the website. Christian indicated that FAQs are posted on the website and the principals will be encouraged to get the information out to the communities about the website.

C. Public Accountability

Chaneel Daniels, Assistant Director, Bond Planning and Administration, presented a matrix on key elements of public accountability and how the district met standards in all areas except posting audits. An auditing firm has been hired for the 2017 Bond Program to be embedded at the outset. Chaneel informed the members that she would like to hear from them and her team members are eager to meet the needs of the CBOC.

D. Bond Implementation 101

Matias Segura, Operations Officer, spoke about his new position and his endeavors with Austin ISD. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to lead Austin ISD bond programs and his intention to be more efficient. He stated that without the bond, it would be difficult to discuss modernization. Matias then explained the delivery methods, including Design-Build which is new to the district.

Matias explained the district is implementing a new Project Management Information System (PMIS) to replace Tririga.

Chaneel credited Amy Loyd, MIS Manager, with preparing the first CBOC report from BOLT data and members expressed confidence and relief that they were receiving information from the district's financial system of record.

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E. Reports (No discussion, documents provided in meeting materials)

Chaneel asked the members to review the meeting materials and let her know if they have any changes. In the future, CBOC meetings will be paperless. Tablets and thumb drives and/or a link to materials will be provided.

Members thanked Scott Morrison, CAFM Database Manager, for setting up tablets for the members to use during the meeting.

F. Norms

There was discussion about the importance of the meetings being a safe zone. Members agreed that all media inquiries regarding CBOC should be directed to the CBOC chairs.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Safety (specific inquiries from members to be discussed)
- Prevailing Wages (to be provided in draft Board Report)
- Community-Based Aspects of the Charge (specific inquiries from members to be discussed)

ADJOURNED - 8:20 PM