

WEST HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
9900 Cody Street
Coalinga, CA 93210

MINUTES OF THE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR SFID #1
June 21, 2011

6:30 p.m.

North District Center, Room 33
1511 Ninth Street
Firebaugh, CA 93622

COC Attendees: Miguel Arias, Jorge Lazo, Oscar Sablan, Willard Lewallen, Ken Stoppenbrink, Jose Ramirez, and Amarpreet Dhaliwal.

Others: Jill Stearns, Kevin Cobb, Marlon Hall, Richard Treece, Byron Woods, and Marcel Hetu.

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jose Antonio Ramirez at 6:30 p.m.
- The Flag Salute was conducted by Amarpreet Dhaliwal
- Public Comments:
Jose Ramirez, Firebaugh City Manager, discussed how he and the city felt WHCCD should consider its new Learning Center to be Lead Certified because it would benefit both the city and college. He added that his city legal consultant had also stated it would greatly enhance all parties and promote good public relations.

2. Action Items

- A. Consideration of approval of minutes from March 22, 2011
A motion was made by Miguel Arias to approve the March 22, 2011 minutes, Jorge Lazo seconded, motion carried.

3. Information/Discussion/Presentations

- A. Facility Committee Activity Report
Byron Woods discussed the completion of Phase I, North Parking lot. It was completed in 3 ½ months at a cost of \$30,000 due to various changes that needed to be made. Miguel Arias and Dr. Sablan asked if there were any costs associated with delays. Byron Woods said there were no additional costs due to delays. Byron also noted that delays

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were mainly due to the rainy weather, and some logistical issues that had to be worked out with the City of Firebaugh.

Phase II, South Parking lot was scheduled to be completed on June 2. However, rain and survey needs had changed that completion date to July 1. No additional costs for this delay are expected.

The committee also asked about the status of the camera surveillance system at NDC. Byron noted that there would be approximately 16 to 18 cameras installed throughout the college campus and the system should be completed in the month of August.

- B. Overview of all Facilities Projects for WHC Coalinga**
Dr. Lewallen presented an overview of all projects for WHC Coalinga/NDC including those for Measure C.

- C. Measure Q Projects, Cash Flow and Expenditures**
Dr. Lewallen and Kevin Cobb discussed Measure Q projects, cash flow and expenditures. Kevin went over the project financial spreadsheet. He discussed those projects that have been completed and their related costs. Dr. Sablan asked if the construction of the parking lots was needed and worth the money they cost. President Lewallen stated that the two main reasons they were built was for safety and the time it would take to see the realization of the new learning center. NDC had, unfortunately, a few students fall over branches, rocks, and uneven surfaces creating liability issues. Lastly, because we need the state to match our bond funds, and because it appears that might not happen for at least 5 years, it was determined that a temporary south parking lot was needed until the new building is constructed.

Jose Ramirez and Dr. Sablan also brought up that WHCCD is purchasing different homes along 9th street towards the river. Concerns were expressed about the maintenance of the lots after houses have been removed. There was a consensus that these lots should not become unsightly or a nuisance.

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Next, President Lewallen talked about the plans to establish learning/outreach centers in San Joaquin, Mendota, and Huron. He mentioned that the San Joaquin building recently had water damage issues and that he was working with the City of San Joaquin to resolve the problems.

Because of leadership changes that have occurred within the Mendota Joint Unified School District, there has been a delay with planning for that learning/outreach center. Jill Stearns, Vice President of Educational Services at WHC Coalinga, mentioned that she has been in contact with the new Superintendent and will be visiting with him again to continue planning.

4. Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Jose Ramirez, Chairman of the Oversight Committee for SFID # 1, stated that he has accepted a position in Livingston as their City Manager. He thanked all of the committee members and the District for their efforts, contributions, and friendship as he leaves Firebaugh. Miguel Arias mentioned that we not only need to replace the chairman, but we also need other new members. Dr. Lewallen asked that if any of them know of anybody who is interested to please notify him and that he would take their recommendations for recommendation by the board of trustees.
- The next meeting(s) of the Citizens Oversight Committee for SFID #1 will be:
 Tuesday, September 6, 2011, 6:30pm (Mendota - location TBD)
 Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 6:30pm (NDC)
 Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 6:30pm (San Joaquin Center)
 Tuesday, July 17, 2012, 6:30pm (Mendota - location TBD)
 Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 6:30pm (NDC)

5. Committee Members Comments and Requests

- None at this time.

6. Adjournment

- Jose Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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