

**G.O. BOND – MEASURE Y
CITIZEN’S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
October 30, 2019**

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m.

Members Present: Leroy Parker, Connie Buge, Brenda Asta, Russel Silva, George Palma, Rose Lopez, Angie Lopez, Mohammad Z. Islam, Linda Silva and Paula Bailey

Members Absent: Sara Garcia

Paula asked everyone present to review the minutes of the last meeting. Paula asked if there was any corrections and Connie Buge moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted and Russel Silva seconded the motion.

Paula then went Round Robin with introductions as there are a lot of new players and everyone introduced themselves. Mohammad had Angie share her background and employment history with everyone so that they could understand more why we hired her for our Facilities/Planning Department.

Paula moved on to item 3 – Measure Y Series C Expenditure Report as of 6/30/2019. Mohammad explained that we are still working to straighten out the funds since the retirement of the previous staff, he likes everything to be accurate and he is still reviewing for accuracy. He asked us to draw our attention to the bottom dollar sign of the purple column. He shared that new marquee signs have been funded through Measure Y and they are still being done. There are projects attached to that bottom line dollar figure so there is currently no money available for new projects. The \$4,042,949.03 is an unofficial dollar amount. This spread sheet represents the money spent from 2014/15 through 2018/19 school years. The audit will be done in December and once the audit is done we will have the actual numbers. Paula asked the amount of the original bond and Mohammad said \$98 M. Russel Silva asked if the 4.572 M dollars are encumbered funds and Mohammad said that no not necessarily but it is assigned to the projects.

Paula moved to the Project Updates – Mohammad turned it over to Angie.

Paula asked a question regarding Milor HS and wanted to know if we have thought of having student input to help give them some focus? Mohammad assumes that the new principal will have some input to help make the school more appealing and Angie interjected that she has already shared some vision ideas with her as well. Some of the ideas that she has already shared are going to be incorporated. Angie feels that the new principal will take in student input. Brenda interjected that it is important that students have input as it makes them feel important. Mohammad said that she has good vision and we are partnering with her to improve her campus.

We moved on to Status of Measure Y – Series D Bond has a remaining balance of \$29.358 M and Mohammad shared that he has been working on selling this remaining balance. Because the real estate market has grown over the past few years and now is the time to move forward, Paula interjected that this was to last talked about for the 20/24 time period. The District has to meet all criteria in order to move forward on this sale. We are now at the point of looking for investors. It will close on November 21, 2019. The reason that he is sharing all of this information is so that we have a clear picture and he related the process to the sale of a home. Mr. Silva asked what the percentage rate was and Mohammad said that he negotiated a flat fee. Mohammad shared that we have the best credit rating Aa3 and the last time we only got an A1 rating. This rating will cut our costs down because we have such a great credit rating. This information has not gone to the board. Paula asked if we have to go through all of town hall meetings like last time. Paula asked about the a/c at Kucera and she was informed that that was resolved last year and she brought forward other items when Mohammad said, let me get to it. Mohammad then moved onto the Priority Facilities Capital Projects. This list is an unofficial list at this time. Mr. Silva said in concept it is a “Wish” list and Angie said yes. Mohammad shared that the food service areas in the schools listed are in unsafe conditions. Food Service areas have to be safe and the schools listed are our immediately needed schools. Mohammad moved on to the High Wish List items, Swimming Pools at RHS and CHS as they are really needed since the EHS swimming pool is over used and we continuously have repair issues. Once the funds are available (the end of November) he is going to present these projects to the Board. Mohammad shared that the indoor bleachers are being done with the Series C bond. Angie is already working on the Bleacher Project at Eisenhower. Paula asked about the restrooms involved with the kitchen expansions. Angie said that we will be doing a total remodel and we will be meeting all DSA requirements and will be code compliant.

Mohammad shared that he is currently working on another bond because once this one is done there is no more money. Our next bond will be on the ballot of November 2020 and we are aiming for \$203 M bond. Paula asked about the amounts that the homeowners will have to pay. The current sale will not have an impact on them currently. The state is putting an \$19 billion initiative on the March Ballot and because of this we are not going to place our new bond on the ballot until November. Rialto Unified School District is going to require everyone’s help for the greatest impact. Paula said that in the past years we have had programs that require matching funds and Angie said that this new state bond/funding will be that type and we would have to apply. It is the plan to get as much money as we can. In example, the state made money available is that we applied for 8 schools to receive new Kindergarten Buildings and we only received funding for only 1 school. Mohammad said that he has to be responsible and apply for all money that is available and he can’t be irresponsible by not going for anything that is available. Russel asked how do we apply, do we have to submit wish lists to them. Angie said that the funds will be issued based on the safety and need. Mohammad shared that the state has many different requirements and if we meet all qualifications and we have to be careful and make sure that we meet all of the priority points. Connie asked how many other areas are decreasing and it is a national problem and there are many factors. Mohammad said that the last thing he wanted to update you all on is our Full Day Kinder Project. We are looking at 8 sites and we have received funding (\$1.2 million) for 1 and we are looking at applying for more funding in the 3rd round of this grant. Any

unobligated funds remaining will be used towards the Kinder project. We are talking about Modular Buildings that will be set on concrete and are considered permanent.

Future Meeting Date: January to include audit and bond information. Linda will schedule the meeting, Paula asked if we were going to use the same auditor and Mohammad replied yes. Paula suggested that we look at the week of January 27, 2020 – Mohammad suggested Thursday, January 30, 2020.

Paula adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.