

**Folsom Cordova Unified School District
Measure N Citizens Oversight Committee
November 17, 2008, 4:30 p.m.
Mitchell Middle School**

MINUTES

Committee Members:

Present: Rebecca Budge, Gordon Cambridge, Michael Goold, Conrade Mayer, Josie Steelman, and Craig Osborn

Absent: Brandon Ivie, Jenny Jennings

Others Present: School district staff: Matt Washburn, Grant Smith, Mike Hammond, and Julie Magowan.

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm.

Approval of meeting minutes: Josie Steelman moved to approve the September 29, 2008, minutes and Craig Osborn seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Measure N Facilities Plan:

- Copies of the plan were distributed to committee members. Matt Washburn explained that the plan had been approved by the School Board. He also mentioned that copies of the plan were sent to the members of the Rancho Cordova City Council, since they were involved with input to the plan, and a presentation had been made to the City Council.
- The plan will be used as we plan future projects.
- Matt will keep the committee apprised of any changes to the plan that might come about with future projects.
- Conrade Mayer has been in meetings with the Culinary Academy at Cordova High School. There have been concerns about its proposed location near the fire lane, which might impede some of their catering events. Matt made it clear that they can still operate out of the fire lane. They just can't park there for extended periods of time.
- Conrade asked when projects will be started at Cordova High using Measure N money. Matt explained that we are working with our consultant on assessed valuations and cash flow analysis. It will really depend on the availability of bond funds. The plan is to finish existing projects through next year and continue with the planning and design of Cordova High. Construction will depend on when we have available bond funds. Some Measure N money has been spent there – concrete work, Smart Boards, and some furniture and equipment. The plan is to remove all the portables except the D wing. They will either go to other schools as necessary (i.e. CEC) or we have contracted with a

company, InterSchola, who will find buyers for the surplus furniture and equipment and will pay us 50 cents on the dollar.

- The Plan is a summary of improvements and future projections. It is for the committee members to have in case they get questions from people out in the community.
- Conrade raised the question of why we are planning a bleacher expansion on the visitor side of Lancer Stadium rather than making improvements to the Press Box. Improvements were made to the Press Box a couple of years ago. They are considering providing wheel chair access.
- Craig wanted to know what the Par Course was next to the track at Mitchell Middle School. Matt explained that it is an exercise station course. There was also discussion about the public walkway between the park and Mitchell. There will be signs directing the public into the park.
- Josie Steelman brought up closing the back access to Cordova Gardens. Mike Hammond indicated he is working with architects on relocating existing utilities.
- Craig wanted to know about the parking lot conversion at Cordova High from basketball courts. The courts are going to be relocated and that area between the gym and the stadium will be used strictly for parking. Also, there will be a new access road to the parking lot that will bypass the park.
- Josie wanted to know the costs of Smart Boards. An entire room with Smart Board, installation, and sound system is \$7000-\$8000.

Construction projects:

Matt Washburn and the Facilities and Planning Department staff reviewed all current construction projects:

- Mitchell Middle School – Phase 2 – project is complete. Notice of Completion was presented to the Board on Nov. 6, 2008. The project came in slightly under budget.
- Mitchell Middle School – Phase 3 – in the planning stages. Plans have been submitted to the architect. Project will include reconfiguring front parking lot and bus drop-off, interior of campus, exterior tile walls, basketball standards, par course, and adding storage and handicap access to the Music Building.
- Cordova Meadows – project is complete. Notice of Completion was presented to the Board on Nov. 6, 2008. There is still some landscaping to do and the marquee is up but not running yet. There were some ADA issues that needed to be addressed, but the project still came in under budget.
- Rancho Cordova Elementary – small group instruction building. They have moved back into the building and the project is virtually complete with a couple of punch list items left. The Smart Boards are scheduled to be installed on Dec. 4 & 5. Project may be \$65,000 under budget.

- The Lease-Lease Back Agreement is working well for the District. The term of the lease comes back to the District after the project is completed. Materials are ordered ahead of time and the project finishes on or before schedule.
- Williamson – project is complete with a couple of punch list items remaining. They held their 45th Anniversary celebration last week. They had a very good turn-out and everyone is very pleased with the results. The project should be \$112,000 under budget.
- Highlights of Future Projects:
 - Cordova Villa – Small Instruction Building, Multi Purpose Room, new Kindergarten classrooms, update Administration Building
 - Kitty Hawk/Mather Youth Academy – Library, Computer Lab
 - Mills – Gym work similar to Mitchell’s
 - White Rock – Bus Drop-Off, Parking lot, Kindergarten Apparatus
 - Mather High School/Morrison Creek – still working on schematic plans; still planning even though the housing market has declined. Construction will be delayed.
- Questions:
 - Conrade wanted to know the status of security cameras at Cordova HS. One of the twelve cameras has been missing since summer. Conrade wanted to know if it had since been replaced. The camera has been ordered, but not installed.
 - Conrade suggested getting a digital message board on the corner of Coloma and Chase to be used by Cordova HS, Mills Middle School, and the Park District. It could be a joint venture, financially, between the City, Park District, and FCUSD. The challenge to putting one there is laying the conduit, getting power to it, and the control of the programming. Matt pointed out that all schools should be getting their own message boards. Mills could either put theirs on Coloma Road or on the gym. Conrade also suggested that a security camera could go in with the message board at the corner, since that seems to be an area where fights happen, etc. Matt said he has a meeting scheduled with CRPD and he will bring up these topics with them.

Communication:

- Matt brought up the Soapbox Article in the Grapevine by Bill Hicks about Vista del Lago High School. He has the right to an opinion, but he didn’t talk to any district staff before he wrote it. Matt and Debbie would like to know if the committee would like to respond to this, even though it is written about a Folsom school. Debbie has drafted a response letter if we are interested. Craig proposed that we take a copy of the column and Debbie’s letter home, where we can spend more time with it and formulate ideas. Matt suggested that the committee email ideas to Debbie and copy Matt. Josie wondered if the School Board would be willing to endorse a rebuttal. Or could it be a joint letter with the Folsom Oversight Committee?
- Gordon is concerned about having more police visibility around our campuses at various times during the day and night. Michael suggested that Chief Meeks might be willing to

come and listen to our concerns. Again, this should be a partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova and CRPD.

Measure N Report to Voters:

It was determined that an annual report to voters had not been done yet. Heather may have been working on it when she left. A draft will be available before our next meeting.

Other committee topics:

- Gordon questioned if we receive any other supplementary funds from the State, etc. Matt responded that we are very pro-active in applying for modernization funding for buildings that are more than 20 years old, as well as applicable grants.
- Also, is there a contingency plan to pay the bonds with the current real estate market and property tax values? Matt deferred this question to Debbie – he will follow up with her.

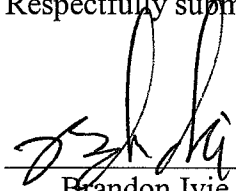
Next meeting date:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. The location will be Rancho Cordova Elementary School.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Matt Washburn, Grant Smith, and Mike Hammond took interested committee members on a tour of Mitchell Middle School.

Respectfully submitted,



Brandon Ivie, Chairperson