

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Minutes

- 1) **Call to Order at 6:03.** Karl Christensen called the meeting to order.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Roll Call:**
Members Present: Stephanie Boyce, Erin Garcia, Terri Knight, Linda Vail
Excused: Deborah Carreno
Attendees Present: Christina Becker, Karl Christensen, Dianne El-Hajj and Nancy Stasch
- 4) **Approval of Agenda:**
Motioned by Linda Vail; 2nd by Stephanie Boyce; All in Favor
- 5) **Introductions:**
Everyone introduced themselves and stated what their affiliations with the District are.
- 6) **Public Comments: None at this time.**
- 7) **Orientation for New Members:**
 - a) **Summary of Proposition 39** – Karl Christensen explained how Proposition 39 General Obligation Bonds allowed voter approval for local school bonds with 55% of the vote, rather than 2/3's voter approval. However, this method comes with restrictions and limitations. Two main restrictions are:
 - 1) Limits property taxes to City residents to no more than \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value.
 - 2) Must form an ICOC Committee to oversee the spending of the Bond proceeds.
 - b) **ICOC Bylaws** - Karl Christensen explained how the Santee School District Board of Education recently amended and approved the ICOC Bylaws to include Measure S, Reauthorization of the remaining Bond amount. Karl explained to the ICOC members what duties they will need to carry out within the committee. In membership, the bylaws show that the committee needs a minimum of 7 members. The District diligently solicited to recruit members; however, only 6 individuals applied. The District will continue to solicit members, including one from a bonafide taxpayers association
 - c) **Ethics Policy** - Karl Christensen explained the policy. All members present signed the ethics policy and submitted to Nancy.
 - d) **The Brown Act** - Karl Christensen explained the Brown Act and how legislative bodies function, and that the ICOC is considered a legislative body. This just makes sure that these meetings are transparent and open to the public.
 - e) **SD Taxpayers Association Best Practices** - Karl Christensen explained the Oversight Committee Best Practices, under Prop 39.
- 8) **Adopt the ICOC Bylaws:**
Motioned by Erin Garcia; 2nd by Linda Vail; All in Favor
- 9) **Meeting Procedures:**
 - a) **Meeting Dates and Times** – Everyone was in agreement with the dates and times the meetings are to be scheduled - the last Wednesday of January, April, and July at 6:00 p.m.

- b) **Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair** – Stephanie Boyce volunteered to be the ICOC Chair; and Linda Vail volunteered to be Vice-Chair. Motion for Chair appointment by Linda Vail, and 2nd by Erin Garcia. Motion for Vice-Chair appointment by Erin Garcia, and 2nd by Terri Knight.
- c) **Members to Serve 1-Year, or 2-Year Terms:**
 2-Year Terms – Stephanie Boyce, Chair; Linda Vail, Vice-Chair; and Erin Garcia
 1-Year Terms – Terri Knight; Deborah Carreno; and Joseph Perricone
- d) **Minimum Number of Members in Attendance for Quorum** – The Committee decided that a quorum will consist of 50% of membership plus 1.
- e) **Recruitment Efforts for Additional Members** – Karl Christensen related to members that if they know someone who is interested in becoming an ICOC member to let staff know.
- f) **Public Comments Format and Process** – Members agreed that staff will have available speaker comment slips for the public comments section of ICOC meetings.
- g) **Agenda Format and Documents** – At future meetings, staff will provide a List of Board Actions and provide a link for members to view them.

10) Review of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects:

- a) **Project Details** – Karl Christensen explained the history of the Santee School District “SSD” and the SSD Capital Improvement Program since its inception in 2006. He explained the funding sources for the Projects. He shared with the ICOC members which funding source they were overseeing. He also explained why we went out for Measure S Reauthorization to secure the remaining \$15.4 million in bond proceeds. The estimated costs for the projects that the School District would like to complete were \$24 million at the time the reauthorization was being considered and are now \$27 million. The \$15.4 million bond proceeds will only fund Chet F. Harritt School. PRIDE Academy and Sycamore Canyon Schools are relying on land sale proceeds and developer fees and possibly State Grant funding sources.

Chet F. Harritt will be funded using the Measure S General Obligation Bonds, and if needed, developer fees if the costs are more than \$15.4 million. The estimated construction start date is late March 2020, and ending in March 2021. Occupancy date estimate to be the 2021-2022 school year.

- b) **Financial Reports** - Karl Christensen explained:
 - i. Program Funding Summary – Karl explained the 4 possible funding sources available, committed funding, and balances.
 - ii. Project Cost Summary – Shows a list of the summary of expenditures and commitments.
 - iii. Project Expenditures To Date – Shows the detail of the funding sources and expenditure to date.

11) General Obligation Bond Sale - Karl Christensen explained:

- a) **Net Debt Service** – Information provided on the Bonds Issued.
- b) **Costs of Issuance** – Information on what was done to issue the bonds.

12) Committee Member Comments and Suggested Topics for Next Meeting. Christina recommended adding to agenda Questions and/or Comments from the ICOC Members that they may have received from the public and community constituents.

13) Adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled to be on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.