

**REGULAR MEETING
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

January 14, 2019 – 6:00 pm

Meeting Location
Palm Springs Unified School District
150 District Center Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92264

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Brian Murray.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Brian Murray led the pledge of allegiance.

3. WELCOME/CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Brian Murray welcomed new members to the committee.

Since the last meeting on May 14, 2018, 5 members resigned and 3 new members were appointed:

- *Dee Dee Wilson-Barton, Business Community Representative – replaced by Mark Abercrombie*
- *Deborah Lucas, Parent/Guardian of a PSUSD Student – replaced by Scott Fenton*
- *Henry Hampton, Parent/Guardian of a PSUSD Student and Active in PTO/PTA/PTG/Site Council – replaced by Jessica Huerta*
- *Zindi Aguirre, at Large Member – vacant seat*
- *Benjamin Anglin, Taxpayer Organization Representative – vacant seat*

Brian Murray delivered a Power Point presentation on the Overview of the Citizens' Oversight Committee, which included legal obligation of the committee and membership responsibility.

4. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

Brian Murray noted that both the President and Vice President seats were open due to the untimely resignations of former members, he asked for a motion to nominate the committee President.

- Member Ross made a motion to nominate Member Horton and Member Huerta second. All members unanimously agreed.

Brian Murray asked for a motion to nominate the committee Vice President.

- Member Horton made a motion to nominate Member Ross and Member Abercrombie second. All members unanimously agreed.

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Brian turned the meeting over to President Elect Horton.

5. ROLL CALL (Establishment of a Quorum)

Roll call was conducted at 6:28 pm and a quorum established by President Elect Horton.

Members present: Mark Abercrombie
Scott Fenton
Asia Horton – President Elect
Jessica Huerta
Diane Ross – Vice President Elect

Members absent: None

District staff present: Brian J. Murray, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Business Svcs.
Julie Arthur, Executive Director, Facilities Planning Development
Kristina Murphy, Senior Administrative Assistant, Business Svcs.

Public Present: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Ross made a motion and Member Fenton second the motion to approve the COC Regular Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2018. The committee unanimously agreed.

8. COC VACANCIES

President Elect Horton reminded the committee that there are currently 2 seats that are being recruited for.

- At-Large Member
- Taxpayer Organization Representative

President Horton asked members to direct interested candidates to the district website to complete an application or contact the PSUSD Business Services office.

9. BOND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

The committee reviewed the quarterly expenditure reports provided by the District. Member Ross commented on the new traffic pattern at Cahuilla ES and commended Julie for the great work. She stated that completion of this project has made a big impact in that community.

10. UPDATE ON DISTRICT FACILITIES PROJECTS

Julie Arthur gave an update on the current projects:

Agua Caliente Elementary School - This project is our biggest currently underway. The original school site, which was built in the 1960's, is being completely redesigned. What used to be metal modular buildings are now two-story block classroom buildings. The entire school was essentially flipped. The new design will also resolve current parking and traffic issues. Once students are moved in the classrooms, the old buildings will be demolished and a new play field will be constructed. The target

date for move in is mid-February with instruction in the new classrooms beginning after the Presidents' Day holiday, (Tuesday February 19th). Challenges continue with data/technology hook ups.

District Wide Prop 39 HVAC and Lighting Projects – In addition to bond funds being allocated for upgrades, roughly \$5 million dollars was granted through the California Energy Commission through Proposition 39 for upgrades to HVAC units and inefficient light fixtures districtwide.

- HVAC at PSHS is finishing up.
- Improvements are in progress at several other sites.

Elementary Parking Lot Renovation projects:

- Cathedral City ES – project is in the 2nd phase. The parking circles are being taken out and the bus drop will be redirected to the west end of campus to open up additional parking spaces to accommodate hand to hand drop offs/pickups for all day kinder classes.
- Katherine Finchy ES – project complete.
- Two Bunch Palms ES – project complete.
- Rio Vista ES – project just about out of design and targeted to begin at the beginning of summer. Moving bus lane to west side of campus.
- Della S. Lindley ES – (future project) School site does not currently have a bus drop.

Facilities Master Plan – The California Department of Education requires California school districts to prepare and/or update their Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for their district every five years. PSUSD last updated their FMP in 2013. Projects will be prioritized with high priority going to safety and security of campuses and buildings with aging infrastructure.

M&O Bond Projects

- Roof Replacements:
 - James Workman Middle School - project complete.
 - Rancho Mirage Elementary School - project complete.
 - Raymond Cree Middle School - 95% complete.
- Drinking fountain replacement and hydration station installation - project is underway district wide.
- Carpet replacement at various sites.

Member Fenton asked if the drinking fountain replacement was indoor/outdoor. Brian stated that currently we are in phase 4 for replacement of the faucets deemed most needed. He also noted that every school site has a refrigerated water station in their multi-purpose room.

Nellie Coffman Chiller - the chiller plant at this site is failing. The school is currently running on a temporary chiller. SCE electricity is also failing due to a deteriorating vault that also needs to be replaced. Project has been submitted to the Division of State Architect. We are looking at a spring bid and project completion summer 2019. Member Horton – asked about the issue with the vault and how the problem will be remedied. Julie stated that the vault was in such bad shape that SCE would not allow

workers inside to do repairs. District will need to bring in a generator to run the security alarms during the replacement. The approval of a new vault was just awarded for 1.5 million. All electrical and solar will be completely shut down for 6 weeks. No one will be able to work on the campus. Brian noted that all summer projects have very short time frame due to the district calendar.

Palm Springs High School Restroom Building – the new restroom building was installed on the blacktop near the baseball fields and tennis courts on the west end of campus. This project is complete with the exception of the graphics that will be installed on the exterior of the building.

Palm Springs High School Seismic - Palm Springs High School Seismic Building Renovations project includes 5 buildings that were built prior to 1980 that are on the AB 300 list and are in need of seismic upgrades. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2019:

- Library
- Cafeteria
- Gymnasium
- 500 Building
- Multi-purpose Room

The library, cafeteria and multi-purpose room are historic buildings. The historic architect is working to have designs submitted in March 2019, then we are looking at an 8 month review time. Flooding has also been an issue at this site. Last year alone the school site had \$350K in damages to drywall and flooring. During the project, grading and new concrete will be poured to aide in proper drainage. This will be a multiyear *phasing in* project.

Member Abercrombie asked about a possible retention basin. Julie stated that dry wells are going to be put in to assist with drainage.

Discussion ensued regarding drainage.

Cathedral City High Pool Solar and Re-roof Project – project completed.

Member Horton asked if the district has opened pool use to the community. Brian stated that the ball is in the City of Cathedral City's court. The contract is in review to possibly open for use this summer.

Fire alarm upgrades – district wide. There are new codes that mandate equipment to have audibles, not just strobe lights.

Elementary Shade Structures - Elementary Shade Canopies - the Board approved funding for 30x60 metal shade structures at 16 elementary schools.

Julie explained that there is other funding that is used for projects not under bond funding. Those funds are limited. Discussion ensued regarding project funding and the current state of redevelopment funding.

Member Huerta asked about actual budget vs. expenditures listed on the project expenditure report. Julie reviewed the process for approving and allocating bond funds for projects and explained that the expenditures listed quarterly.

11. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE COC MEETING DATE

The next COC Regular Board meeting will be held Monday, May 13, 2019, 6:00 pm at the Agua Caliente Elementary School. The committee will meet at 5:00 pm for a site tour.

12. COC MEMBER PHOTOGRAPH

13. ADJOURNMENT

Member made Ross a motion to adjourn and Member Huerta second. The committee unanimously in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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Minutes approved at May 13, 2019, Regular Meeting


President Elect Asa Horton

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