

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

May 22, 2017 – 6:00 pm

Meeting Location  
Raymond Cree Middle School  
1011 Vista Chino Drive – Room 908  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by President Hampton.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
President Hampton led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL (Establishment of a Quorum)**  
Roll call was conducted and a quorum established by President Hampton.

**Committee Members Present:**

- Henry Hampton
- Zindi Aguirre
- Benjamin Anglin
- Asia Horton - (arrived 6:24 pm)
- Diane Ross

**Committee Members Absent:**

- Kari Middleton-Hendrix
- Deborah Lucas

**District Staff Present:**

- Brian J. Murray, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
- Julie Arthur, Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Development
- Kristina Murphy, Senior Administrative Assistant, Business Services

**Public Present:**

- None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
None
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Anglin made a motion and Member Ross seconded to approve the COC Regular Meeting minutes for January 30, 2017. The committee unanimously agreed.

6. COC VACANCIES

President Hampton asked for a motion to be appointed for his second of two consecutive terms. Member Anglin made a motion and Member Ross seconded. All members were in favor of the appointment. Member Hampton will continue the role as committee chair. Kari Middleton-Hendrix second of two consecutive terms will end at the conclusion of this meeting, which opens a vacancy for the Business Community Representative seat and the role of committee co-chair. Kari could not attend the meeting tonight and will be invited back to the next Regular Board meeting to be honored with a plaque of recognition for her service. Member Hampton asked the committee to reach out to the community for possible applicants to fill the seat.

7. BOND EXPENDITURE REPORTS

The committee reviewed the quarterly expenditure reports provided by the District.

8. UPDATE ON DISTRICT FACILITIES PROJECTS

Julie Arthur gave an update on the current projects:

Agua Caliente Elementary modernization – Project was awarded on March 9, 2017, to Erickson Hall Construction. The construction trailer is in and work will begin this summer and continue on site while the students are in session. The parking lot is being reconfigured to fix current issues with drop-offs, pickups and general parking. The project has an 18 month projection for completion.

Bubbling Wells Elementary parking lot - Project is complete. Issues with DSA are being corrected.

Cathedral City High solar and roofing – Project has been awarded and the design is in progress. Waiting on DSA approval; should be hearing any day. Work will begin over the summer. Electricity generated will service the new district wide pool.

Security and Fire Alarms - Project is ongoing. Discussion ensued regarding security alarms being only as good as the response time of personnel. PSUSD currently has 2 night security personnel on staff for the entire district.

- Member Aguirre mentioned that Katherine Finchy Elementary has been broken into 3 times this year and asked what is being done to aide with future prevention. Brian Murray stated that the district has instructed principals to make sure items/equipment are put away to deter theft and break-ins. He also stated that tracking software has been installed in district electronic equipment.
- Member Anglin asked about security cameras and surveillance options for school sites.

Master Plan - The facilities department has meetings scheduled with site principals for their input regarding the district master plan. Community meetings are also being scheduled for the public to have the opportunity to give input. Member Hampton asked if Master Plan projects use bond funds. Julie stated that depending on the scope of the project, bond funds

can be used. She also noted that projects are prioritized once the Board gives direction. Discussion ensued.

James Workman Middle and Rancho Mirage Elementary reroofing projects were awarded on May 9, 2017. Project completion is set for the end of summer. Raymond Cree Middle will be awarded separately due to the magnitude of the project, (\$2 million budget) to include the removal of 60 year old flat roof.

Landau staff parking lot – Design in progress.

Palm Springs High restroom building - This building is a container that will be plumbed, wrapped and insulated. The building will be placed on the blacktop between the PSHS baseball fields and tennis courts. The project is out of DSA, but we are holding the bid for 30 days with hopes that construction costs will come down after summer. Brian Murray asked how long the project will take. Julie is estimating 90 days for completion and anticipating to come in under budget. This building is a possible prototype for future projects.

District wide prop 39, Energy efficiency projects - \$5 million from the state, with matching District funds. HVAC at PSHS, JWMS and MSJ are complete. CCHS and RMHS are getting exterior lights.

Palm Springs High auditorium is complete. Training is on-going for the lighting and audio/visual system. Very technical.

PSUSD district wide pool project is complete and finished under budget. The pool is fully functional and is being utilized by students and programs. The solar that is being installed will offset energy costs.

Raymond Cree Middle classroom building - project is complete.

Nellie N. Coffman Middle central plant chiller replacement – gearing up to begin architect design. Construction set to start summer 2018. The HVAC system will be down in the whole school. May have to bring in a temporary chiller plant, which has a cost of approximately \$25K. Retro-commissioning will send in an engineering company that assesses the efficiency of the plants.

Seismic building investigation is ongoing - PSHS gymnasium, library and cafeteria is in the radar for upgrades.

Drinking Fountain replacement district wide ~~project went to bid and came back with no responses.~~ District will repackage and open to new bids.

Approved funding for a new elementary school land purchase to build a new school in Desert Hot Springs. Julie will be looking for land that the CDE approves. Member Ross asked why we would consider purchasing land for an elementary site when the district has a decline in enrollment. Brian Murray stated that the projections for growth in DHS, (6-10 years) are for DHSHS to have over 3000 students. New school will not be needed for about 15 years.

9. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE COC MEETING DATE

The next COC Regular Board meeting will be held Monday, October 16, 2017, at 6:00 pm at Cathedral City High School.

Member Hampton asked for a COC tour of the district wide pool project before the meeting, at 5 pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Member Ross made a motion and Member Anglin seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm

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Minutes Approved at October 16, 2017, Regular Meeting

  
Henry Hampton, President