

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

January 22, 2018 – 6:00 pm

Meeting Location

Palm Springs Unified School District
980 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way – CR-102
Palm Springs, CA 92262

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Co-chair Zindi Aguirre.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Aguirre led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL (Establishment of a Quorum)**

Roll call was conducted and a quorum established by Member Aguirre.

Members present: Zindi Aguirre
 Benjamin Anglin
 Asia Horton
 Deborah Lucas
 Dee Dee Wilson Barton
 Diane Ross

Members absent: Henry Hampton

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

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Anglin made a motion and Member Horton seconded the motion to approve the COC Special Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes from October 17, 2017. The committee unanimously agreed.

6. **COC VACANCIES**

All seats on the committee are currently filled.

7. **BOND EXPENDITURE REPORTS**

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

Member Ross asked if the status of bond projects are where they are expected to be. Julie Arthur explained there are a couple of projects behind due to paperwork/payments to vendors/contractors being tied up through the warrant process. Expenditure wise, they are on track.

8. UPDATE ON DISTRICT FACILITIES PROJECTS

Julie Arthur gave an update on the current projects:

Agua Caliente Elementary School - is in the Dream Homes area of Cathedral City. The original school site, which was built in the 1960's, is being completely redesigned. Two-story classroom buildings are going up in the current play area. Once classroom buildings are moved in to, the new playground will be built where the old buildings currently stand. There will also be 2 additional Early Childhood Education classrooms going in. With the site being totally reconstructed, the District is hoping to attract more students for enrollment. The project is on track with completion scheduled for the summer of 2019.

Parking Lot Renovation projects - Katherine Finchy Elementary, Two Bunch Palms Elementary, Rio Vista Elementary and Cathedral City Elementary Parking lots are being redesigned based on traffic flow studies that were conducted and recommended for renovation.

Bubbling Wells Parking Lot – project is complete.

Palm Springs High School Seismic Building Renovations - there are 5 buildings that were built prior to 1980 that are in need of seismic upgrades. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2019.

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

- Member Horton asked what the time frame would be. Julie noted that we are in the design phase.

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.

Facilities Master Plan - 85% complete. Interviews are being finalized with the administrators in our Education Services department. Projects are being prioritized based on safety and security. Funding will be allocated as projects are assigned. Currently, drinking fountains are being replaced and filling stations are being installed at school sites districtwide.

Roof Replacements -

James Workman Middle School - project complete.

Rancho Mirage Elementary School - project complete.

Raymond Cree Middle School - 95% complete.

Landau Staff Parking Lot - Redesigned bus drop off. Project complete.

Nellie Coffman Chiller - The chiller plant is failing. The school is running on a temporary chiller currently. This project is in DSA. SCE electricity is also failing due to the vault that needs to be replaced. We are looking at a spring bid.

Palm Springs High School Auditorium Modernization – project complete.

Palm Springs High School Restroom Building – the new restroom building will be placed on the blacktop between the baseball fields and tennis courts on the west end of campus. The bid that was received last summer came in over double the budget. The project will go back out to bid this spring.

Cathedral City High Pool Solar and Re-roof Project – the solar company's plan design is in DSA. Looking for approval at the end of March 2018. A crane will be delivered to the site to begin work and hope to complete the project by May 15th, before testing starts. If the project gets delayed we may have to pull back, remove crane and wait until summer.

Raymond Cree Middle School Classroom Project – project complete.

- Member Lucas asked Julie what project she felt was currently the biggest concern/what project everyone is currently pleased with. Julie shared that the Nellie Coffman MS chiller project is biggest concern right now, due to the added issues with SCE and having to replace the vault. The Agua Caliente ES renovation is going very well and everyone is pleased with how the project is progressing.
- Member Ross commented on how beautiful the Palm Springs HS auditorium turned out.
- Member Ross talked about our next Citizens' Oversight Committee meeting being held at the new District Administration Center facility. Julie noted that redevelopment funds are being used to fund this project. This is not a bond project.
- Member Aguirre inquired if the district has safety concerns at the construction sites of the new District Administration Center and Agua Caliente ES. Julie noted that there have not been any issues on the construction site and we are hoping to be good neighbors.
- Member Horton asked if the district wide pool is being used to its potential by the high schools. Brian answered that the pool is currently being used 18 hours a day, by 3 district high schools for water polo practices/matches and swim team practices and meets. We are still in the process of 1 year operational "trial run" period. The district will be rolling use out to the community after the trial period has been evaluated. We are also in the planning stage of implementing use of the pool for PE classes.
- Member Horton asked if Desert Hot Springs High School will be getting more classrooms on campus or will the City see a new high school in the near future.

Julie stated that Career Tech classrooms will be going in at DHSHS. There is currently room to expand at the school site. They are not near capacity, which is 2300. Our current enrollment is 1789. The projection would be 5-10 years before that area would warrant a new high school. Julie also noted that Edward Wenzlaff Education Center has 10 open classrooms.

9. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE COC MEETING DATE

The next COC Regular Board meeting will be held Monday, May 14, 2018, 6:00 pm at the new Palm Springs Unified School District, District Administration Center.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Member Anglin made a motion to adjourn and Member Wilson Barton seconded the motion. The committee unanimously agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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Minutes approved at May 14, 2018, Regular Meeting


Henry Hampton, Chair or
Zindi Aguirre, Co-chair