

Citizens Oversight Committee (COC)
Tuesday, June 14, 2011
Cameron Elementary

Present

David M. Adelman
Mario Barrera
Herbert Brewer
Armando Cadena
Josette Gonzalez
Nettie Hinton
Linda Jackson
Steve Lecholop
Jose Limon
Amy Middleton
Richard Moore
Celina Pena
Addison Quiroga
William (Bill) Reynolds
Elizabeth Riojas
Cynthia Rodriguez
Randy Sanchez
Douglas Sellers
Nellie Shannon

Absent

Louis Benavides
Anthony Herrera
Paul Anthony Lombrano
Lillian M. Jones-McPherson
Rachel Ponce

The meeting opened with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COC President, Mario Barrera, opened the meeting by discussing the following housekeeping item:

- First series of design meetings has started throughout the SAISD community. Meetings have been held at Jefferson High, Bonham Academy, Sam Houston High, and Lanier High. The Sam Houston meeting was poorly attended, but the Lanier meeting was well attended.
- Mr. Barrera encouraged COC members to attend design meetings throughout the district.
- The SAISD staff has prepared fliers to pass out among community members that list all future meeting dates.

The housekeeping discussion was followed by a short discussion by Trish Deberry, communications director for the Project Manager, and Leslie Price, communications director for SAISD, regarding the advertising efforts for the community design meetings.

- Social media and traditional media was used.
- Various COC members recommended involving school administration to publicize the meetings.

Henry Munoz and Kevin Hitchcock, representatives from MunozJacobs, presented regarding the following:

- The bond implementation process is on schedule through the current design process.
- The bond website is fully integrated and will launch on Monday, June 20.
- The project manager expects the full schematic design for each campus by September.
- The project manager intends to utilize the “CM at risk” model for 85% of the bond projects and the “hard bid” model for the remaining 15%.
- Each principal will be given a “Principal’s Handbook” for his/her respective school that will outline the bond project/design and provide guidelines by which to interact and communicate with the school’s community.

Trish Deberry, communications director for the Project Manager, briefly informed the COC that a comprehensive communications plan that is being prepared by the Project Manager will be presented to the SAISD Board of Trustee first before being presented to the COC. Additionally:

- The website will go live on Monday and will contain the design guidelines as given to the A&E firms.
- The website will also contain the variance reports on scope to budget for each school.

Kamal El Habr, Associate Superintendent for Facilities Services, presented the COC with a construction procurement options for the bond projects.

- The district recommends “CM at risk” for 85% of the projects and “competitive sealed bid” for 15% of the projects.
- “Competitive sealed bidding” is the best way for medium-sized contractors to participate, and this method will be reserved for projects that do not require phasing.

Henry Munoz, representatives from MunozJacobs, presented an overview of Building Information Modeling (“BIM”).

- BIM is a process for organizing building information in a single digital database and making that data usable throughout the building’s lifecycle.
- BIM is already required by major owners, including the UT System, the A&M System, and the City of San Antonio. As such, BIM is the future of A&E design.
- However, BIM might prove expensive and time-intensive for A&E teams to learn and implement. The Project Manager has not decided whether to pursue this option and is still evaluating its benefits and drawbacks.

After Mr. Munoz’s presentation, Mario Barrera, President of the COC indicated that the next COC meeting will take place on July 12 at a location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned.