

**LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE
Citizens Building Oversight Committee
MINUTES OF MEETING – August 2, 2011
President's Conference Room**

Members

Anderson	Terry	Greater Valley Glen Council
Berg	Harvey	Economic Alliance Executive Board Member
Vacant		Retirees Association of LAVC
Vacant		Laurel Grove Neighborhood Association
Criss*	Asta	Valley Glen Neighborhood Association
Vacant		Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
Vacant		LAVC Associated Student Union
Vacant		Member at large
Carleo	A. Susan	College President

Resource:

Retamal	Eloy	College Construction Manager
Lopez	Maggie	Executive Assistant

Absent Members*

Guests: Mr. Max Calne, an attorney will represent the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council, Mr. Eric Barad, is a LAVC Alum. He will fill the category of "members at large".

The meeting was called to order by Chair Harvey Berg at 5:40 p.m.

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Chair Harvey Berg welcomed the new committee members, Max Calne and Eric Barad. Chair Berg explained that he also represents the college at the district's DCOC meetings. His term, however, expires in September and he asked the committee to identify a new representative. He reminded everyone that the agenda is posted 72 hours before the meeting in the bulletin board of this building.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes were deferred to the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.
- III. **Public Agenda Requests** - There were no requests.
- IV. **President's Report**
 - A) CBOC membership update.

President Carleo welcomed Max Calne and Eric Barad. They will be installed as official members at our meeting in November.

President Carleo announced that Tony Braswell, President of Valley Village Neighbor, has also expressed interest in becoming a member of the CBOC. He was not able to attend today's meeting, but he will join the committee in November.

Helen Bialeck, representing the retirees association of LAVC, has formally presented her resignation from the committee. We will work to recruit a new member from the Retirees Association of Los Angeles Valley College.

Marshall Long, member of a bona fide taxpayers' organization, has officially declined an invitation to serve another term on the CBOC. Dr. Long was asked to recommend a replacement.

We are very grateful to Ms. Bialeck and Dr. Long for their years of service to the committee.

We have attempted to contact former member, Dianne Corral, to assist us with recommending a replacement from the neighborhood council. We are waiting to get a

response from her.

We will have student representation at our next meeting.

V. Update on District Citizens' Oversight Committee

- A) Chair Berg provided a brief explanation of the role of the committee members. He compared the responsibilities of the CBOC committee with the district DCOC committee.

The DCOC (District Oversight Committee) has no budget and its members participate on a voluntary basis. The DCOC is currently working on its annual report. The major item the DCOC is presently addressing is the Van de Kamp facility that the LACCD acquired and initially determined that it would open as a community college facility. Subsequently, due to budget constraints, the use was modified to its current configuration and the community strongly disapproved what they felt was a dramatic change in use of this historical building. The community claims that the facility is not being used as a community college as reported. This matter is now in litigation.

Chair Berg also shared that Chancellor LaVista announced the formation of a citizens' panel to review the L.A. Times' series of articles regarding the use of bond money and recommended changes to the construction management functions. The members report directly to the Chancellor and it does not include any representation by the DCOC.

Dr. Carleo informed the new committee members that the college, through bond money, has set aside ½ of 1% of measure J funds for public art as permitted by Board action.

VI. Building and Budget Update –

- A) A copy of the construction report was distributed. Mr. Retamal reported the following:
1. The Student Services Center, the Child Development Center and the Family Resource Center structure is in close-out.
 2. The Library and Learning Resource Center project is under construction. Their expected completion date is January 31, 2012.
 3. Campus wide improvements are ongoing; we expect completion in about a year.
 4. The MAPA (Media Arts and Performing Arts Center) building is at the Department of State Architects (DSA) for approval.
 5. The Athletic Training Facility is also at DSA
 6. The Monarch Center and Parking Structure has been approved for construction.

VII. Public Art Update –

No report tonight. Dr. Carleo stated that the art projects will have an education connection. We anticipate about six art projects. One project has been approved, "The Freeway Lady" by artist Kent Twitchell. The committee has identified other local and emerging artists. Once we identify other projects, we will share this information. She invited the committee members to consider serving on this committee. The committee chair is Dennis Reed, Dean of Arts.

VIII. Review of the Tree Master Plan

Dr. Carleo explained that the tree master plan will be completed soon. The tree master plan came out of an EIR (Environmental Impact Report) where every tree has been inventoried. The campus will have more trees than what it currently has with a total of about 2000 trees, both new and old. Mr. Retamal explained the reasons why some trees had to be removed, (i.e., diseased, public safety issues). This report will be posted in the website.

IX. Members Concerns/Suggestions for the LACCD Board of Trustees

Mr. Berg shared that the DCOC is solely dependent on input from the auditors and the bond council. There is no council representation on bond expenditures. We need to have a bond audit committee and representation from the CBOC's. A number of suggestions were made but were not addressed. DCOC is recommending that the annual report, when finished, will need to be published as it is a legal requirement.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 1, 2011