



Solano Community College District

MEASURE Q STEERING COMMITTEE

Fairfield Campus Building 600 – Denis Honeychurch Board Room
Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield, CA 94534

Monday, February 18, 2015

4:00 p.m.

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Present

Dr. Jowel Laguerre

Ms. Amy Utt-Kennedy

Mr. Myron Hord

Ms. Patricia Itaya

Dr. John Yu

Mr. Spencer Marks

Ms. Amy Jenicke

Ms. Maire Morinec

Ms. A. Marie Young

Ms. Sarah Chapman

Mrs. Rosemary Thurston

Mr. Robert Collins

Ms. Ines Zildzic

Mr. Leigh Sata

Ms. Renee Pegues

Guest:

Mr. Peter Wong

1. Introductions

Executive Bonds Manager, Leigh Sata welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves

2. Comments from the Public

No public comments were made at this time.

3. Biotechnology Design Update; *Presented by Peter Wong, ED2 International Architects*

Mr. Wong presented the design concept for the Vacaville Biotechnology Building to the committee. The presentation is available for review on the Measure Q Website at: <http://www.solano.edu/measureq/presentations.php>

Key points:

- We are working with the local Fire Marshall and have identified two (2) major fire lanes.

Question from Trustee Chapman – “How do the fire trucks enter and exit?” Mr. Wong explained how the trucks would enter and exit the property.

- 75-90% of all the rooms have natural daylight.
- Landscape is drought tolerant.

Question from Ms. Itaya – “Are the trees deciduous?” *Yes. They provide summer shade and allow for sun in winter.*

- We are going for LEED Silver.
- Site furnishings that are easy on the body, yet durable.
- The amphitheater is being preserved in the design and will be more usable.

Comment from Dean Morinec – “We are working with Leigh to get more picnic tables and seating for that area.”

Question from Trustee Young – Have we used the amphitheater? *Yes. Fire academy uses it during their graduation ceremony. It is a gathering space for students, however we need more seating and possibly umbrellas. The Foundation Director Curt Johnston is trying to utilize the space for a function.*

Comment - Trustee Thurston – “Grass was an issue, as it wasn’t being taken care of. Do we still have a no mow policy? If so, this is a design problem and should be remove from the Master plan.”

Mr. Sata reminded the committee that this project is a design build. ED2 is working with District faculty and staff to create a design criteria. This design looks finished, but it really isn’t. This is a concept. This information will be used to create a design package for the architect and contractor.

Mr. Sata asked the committee if anyone had any concerns, questions or more detailed questions regarding agenda items #3 and #4.

4. Vallejo Autotechnology Building Location

Trustee Young voiced her concern as to the placement of the autotechnology building. We have looked at 3 different options.

There was a brief recap of the three site options and the associated cost per site for the Autotechnology project:

Site 1 - Vallejo - The original proposed site.

Total	\$21.6 million
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Site 2 – Belvedere - Site will require additional funding to be developed.

Premium	\$7 million
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Total	\$28.7
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Site 3 – Northgate Property – An existing site.

Premium	\$9 million (which includes \$6 million for purchase)
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Total	\$30.7 million
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The committee was reminded of the additional cost of \$2.1 million regardless which site we chose for autotechnology.

There is a premium for both the Belvedere (\$7million) and Northgate (\$2.1million) sites. This is for site work that will be required.

Comment by Trustee Young – Those premiums will be in place regardless if we build autotech or some other structure for classes. These are things we need to consider.

The first concern is a cash flow issue that needs to be monitored. There is \$190 million to spend in the first phase and a number of projects are already in progress. The team wants to ensure there are significant assets to complete projects. The second concern is there is no desire to touch the reserve at this time. The combination of both of these concerns must be considered, especially if the autotechnology project is moved to either Belvedere or Northgate, as it will affect other projects. Mr. Sata reviewed the projects currently in progress.

Comment by Trustee Thurston – I would like to see other course offered at Vallejo and not all CTE. I know everyone thinks Vallejo is a CTE town, but it's not.

Mr. Sata suggested investigating the possibility of 3 buildings on the Vallejo site. Trustee Young and Trustee Thurston both expressed their support and understanding that the Belvedere Site was purchased for the CTE Program and Northgate Site was purchased for autotechnology.

Question from Trustee Chapman – What if we bring the autotechnology program back to the campus? *We need to grow Vallejo to help maintain our funding. We need something that would require people to come to the Vallejo Center, an anchor program with value. Autotechnology has become that anchor.*

5. Bond Spending Plan - Questions

There were no questions or concerns regarding the bond spending plan at this time.

6. Next Steps

7. Agenda items for the next Meeting – Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Trustee Young requested an update regarding the Veterans Center and Veteran Support Services at the two centers as well as a brief update regarding the site visits to Sierra and Napa Colleges.

8. Adjournment

Attachments:

A. Biotechnology Design Presentation

Renee Pegues
Business Operations Coordinator, Bond