



Los Angeles Valley College

**LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE
Citizens Building Oversight Committee
Minutes
July 21, 2015
President's Conference Room**

Members

Pat Ballew *	Member of the College Foundation
Eric Bubbers	LACCD Representative
Asta Criss (absent)	Valley Glen Neighborhood Association
Diedra Stark	Retirees Association of LAVC
Vacant	Student Representative
Charles Samson	Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council
Vacant	Member at large, LAVC Alumni
Vacant	Valley Village Neighborhood Council
Vacant	Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
Lisa Cahan Davis	Studio City Neighborhood Council

Chair*

Ex-Officio

Erika Endrijonas College President

Resource: Mark Strauss, College Project Director, Ilene Sutter, Senior Secretary

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Chair Pat Ballew convened the meeting at 6:07 pm. She welcomed all members present and asked them to introduce themselves indicating the association they represent. Lee Davis attended as a proxy for Lisa Cahan Davis. Mr. Davis serves on the Board for the Museum of the San Fernando Valley.

2. **Approval of Minutes** – M/S/P D. Stark/E. Bubbers, the minutes from the meeting held on April 7, 2015 were approved with a change to indicate that Kent Twitchell's name is spelled "Twitchell" rather than "Twitchel," and Mr. Samson's name should be corrected to omit the "p". Additionally, the agenda should be corrected to show a meeting date of 11/3/2015 rather than 11/30/2015, and 5/3/2016 should be added.

2b. Chair Ballew said she is working on increasing membership, focusing on the North Hollywood area. D. Stark is working to increase membership as well. E. Endrijonas will work with the ASU and Liz Negrete to find a new student representative, as Austin Smith has graduated from the college.

2c. Chair Ballew distributed copies of the by-laws and conflict of interest statements to the CBOC members present. She would like to have these documents updated yearly.

The CBOC will meet every other month, unless it is deemed unnecessary for any given month.

3. **President's Report --** On July 8th, the LACCD Board voted to rename Valley College Gateway. It will now be called Administration and Career Advancement (ACA). The administration will be on the second floor. The first floor of the building will include Cooperative Education, Job training and Workforce Development, and possibly a work source center. The building will be very dynamic in terms of serving community.

LAVC was taken off warning status by the ACCJC and is now fully accredited. Our college will be going through another comprehensive review in March 2016 along with the other eight colleges in the district. The commission previously reviewed three colleges every couple of years, but it was decided that the entire district would receive a single visit. Thus, even though our last comprehensive visit was in 2013, the ACCJC will visit the district from March 7-10th, 2016. Because we are receiving the visit three years ahead of schedule, the accrediting commission has extended the next review to seven years rather than six.

We are having a Staff Development day next week on 7/29 and accreditation and safety, including emergency preparedness, will be a part of the event. The summer session has ended and fall semester begins August 31st.

Raul Castillo facilitated a meeting between President Endrijonas and the Mayor of Burbank. Mr. Castillo heard that the mayor was looking for a place to train people, and what he was describing sounded identical to our existing job and career center. The mayor met with Raul Castillo and Lennie Ciufu. In September, Chancellor Rodriguez and President Endrijonas are tentatively scheduled to meet with the Burbank superintendent of K-12 (Matt Hill), as well as Board Member Dr. Armond Aghakhanian, to talk about AB86 and the joint role of both institutions in adult education.

4. **Update on District Citizens' Oversight Committee --**

E. Bubbers reported that he was invited to attend the committee meetings a year ago and that he has attended four of the six yearly meetings. The meetings are held at different campuses each time, which has been interesting and insightful. He offered committee members the opportunity to view the agenda from June 29th at Pierce College. The minutes for this committee are available through the district web site (<http://www.buildlaccd.org/oversight/about>). He feels he still has the role of an observer as he acclimates to the complex terminology and work associated with this committee.

E. Bubbers stated facts about the program:

- This is a \$6.2 billion bond program, of which \$5.1 billion has been contracted, leaving \$1.1 uncontracted. Four and a half billion dollars have been spent.
- 220 of 383 planned projects have been completed. Of those 383 planned projects, there are 811 sub-projects, 594 of which have been completed.
- There are currently 38 ongoing projects under construction, with 42 sub-projects.
- There are 37 projects 51 sub-projects in design and planning

It is challenging to track all of these in a holistic way. Mr. James O'Reilly in the program office gives extensive reports on these numerous projects.

Chair Ballew inquired about what constitutes a project versus a sub-project. E. Bubbers stated that there is no easy answer, and the distinction has been a subject of discussion. Essentially, sub-projects are those whose completion is dependent on other projects. M. Strauss provided an example using the Student Union and parking structure. Both projects were developed using one construction contract, one design team, one contractor, one inspector and management team but are delivered as two independent structures. The parking lot is actually a sub project of the larger student union project. The bungalow demolition is a sub-project of the larger Parking lot H and J capital improvement.

E. Bubbers explained how the bond program works. The state sells bonds on the bond market, and as part of funding this construction work there were general obligation bonds totaling \$310 million issued in early May. Interest rates are now extremely low. This is good news in terms of bond programs because it means that the interest rates these bond programs incur after being issued are extremely low. For taxpayers, approximately 70 dollars in present-value tax savings has been realized for each homeowner as result of bond money. Mr. O'Reilly's goal is to have everything under contract by 2018 and completed by 2019.

5. **Building Construction Update** – College Project Director Mark Strauss showed the committee the master plan to show what is under way.

He reported the following:

- The ATF (Athletic Training Facility), including the fields, is scheduled for completion in November, occupied over winter break, and operational by spring. We may have the fields ready by fall semester. The parking (Lot G) has been paved. Synthetic turf installation is underway.
- Monarch Student Union construction is ongoing and is scheduled for completion in December 2015.
- After long review at DSA, the ACA (Administration and Career Advancement) building permit has been approved. Crews broke ground about 2 weeks ago. One third of the foundation has been poured, and they are starting to pour concrete slab.
- The next construction scheduled to begin will be the VACC (Valley Academic Cultural Center) project. We are currently in the pre-construction phase, making last minute changes of the design. We expect to begin construction by December with a 2-year construction duration and completion by the end of 2017.
- The Central Plant expansion project is in bidding. The thermal expansion is necessary because of the new construction and will provide heating and cooling for the campus. The expansion includes a chiller upgrade and piping for underground to the new buildings. The new system will provide significant

energy savings by making use of a thermal expansion storage tank at the southwest corner of the Allied Health building that will store chilled water cooled overnight when power is less expensive. The new system is scheduled to come online by spring of 2017 and should be in place when we're ready to test it with the completed VACC building.

- We currently have ADA (American Disabilities Act) upgrades in procurement barrier removal and the gym complex upgrade. ADA adds the following for disabled students: ramps, handrails, drinking fountains, and toilets. All of the upgrades are designed to make LAVC co-compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Seven bid packages have been submitted, with two packages approved. Upgrades will begin in early 2016 and others will go forward later date. Bundling with upgrade in the North gym, where a utility space will be converted to dance studio for tap. D. Stark inquired about the South gym upgrades and painting. A few South gym upgrades will also be part of this project, but the painting will not come from bond funding. Going forward, but on separate track.

Chair Ballew inquired as to any trouble spots, and M. Strauss reminded everyone about the 8-month delay for the ACA building. President Endrijonas stated that the H and J parking lots and removal of bungalows is a concern.

M. Strauss said that initially there were concerns that if the bungalows were removed without project completion, the area could become a neighborhood nuisance. Shared governance committees agreed with this viewpoint. Currently the plan is to wait another year, to see if the financial prospects leave us with funds to complete the project. CalWORKs still occupies one of the bungalows and a few others are still in use.

Chair Ballew inquired about the impact of synthetic turf on any potential increase in injuries, but M. Strauss has no expertise in this area. D. Stark said there are issues involving the turf becoming hot and needing to be sprayed before events to cool it. Chair Ballew inquired about runoff, and M. Strauss said that the fields are constructed to gather the runoff and route it back into groundwater. L. Davis said in terms of neighborhood sustainability, artificial turf poisons groundwater and additionally prevents the cooling provided by natural turf.

L. Davis inquired as to whether there were incentives to contractors or the district when construction work is completed early. M. Strauss said contractors are not permitted to accept monetary incentives for early completion. Savings to district take the form of soft costs related to staff, inspection, testing, construction crews, FF&E, etc. The bonus for the contractor would involve an earlier stop to his insurance for the project, and moving staff and equipment to the next project, all of which saves tens of thousands of dollars.

6. **Freeway Lady Project** – M. Strauss reported that Kent Twitchell has completed 85% of the mural, with all panels but the bottom installed. He visited Mr. Twitchell's office and saw one completed panel. The second panel should be completed by end of this month. There has been talk about unveiling the Freeway Lady to coincide with start of the fall semester. This would be a great opportunity for the college to bring in the community to show them The Freeway Lady and introduce the college as a place for public art.

7. Members Comments/Suggestions For the LACCD

C. Samson said that the Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood council has a horse (art piece) they are considering placing on campus. The horse is part of a project called Horses Across the Valley and is part of the Museum of the San Fernando Valley. President Endrijonas said the Public Art committee at LAVC has discussed locating one of the horses near Child Development Center and said one of the issues is whether there will be money to relocate the horse. L. Davis said that the horse is full-size, comprised of fiberglass, and weighs only 85-90 pounds with mountings to bolt it to the site. It is built to be outside, and has three coatings of anti-graffiti material applied to it. M. Strauss reported that we would not require DSA permission to place it at the children's center unless it exceeded 250 pounds or cost more than \$195,000.00. The horse is currently kept at the Museum of the San Fernando Valley.

8. Items from the Floor

Lot G will be returned to use by December and Santa & Sons will be located there once again this year. D. Stark inquired about the status of the Santa & Sons contract. This is the last year on the contract with Santa & Sons, and they would like a 5-year contract. The district prefers to move away from such long-term contracts, but we are hoping to renew for 2-3 years rather than the previous 5-year contract. The company hires our students, donates Christmas trees to CARE students and a large Christmas tree to the college; they do many positive things for the college and our intention is to continue with the company.

Mike Lee, the VP of Administrative Services, has had initial discussions about assembling a community market for Saturdays or Sundays. The plan originally involved a location near Burbank and Coldwater Canyon, but it has since been proposed to have it closer to Sheriff's station (in front of children's center) because of adequate shade, location, and safety. We want to work with the district to see if we can do without official RFP (request for proposal which takes a long time), which will put the market in front of the horse art piece.

9. Adjournment at 7:05 pm