

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

333 S. Beaudry Avenue, Board Room

10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 5, 2009

Board Members Present:

Yolie Flores Aguilar, Chairperson
Mónica García
Marguerite Poindexter LaMotte
Julie Korenstein

District Staff Present:

Guy Mehula, Chief Facilities Executive
Hector Madrigal, Director, Pupil Services

External Representatives Present:

Robert Kladifko, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles
Mary Najera, Parent Representative

The meeting convened at 10:13 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson Flores Aguilar provided brief opening remarks and presented the first item for discussion.

SELECTION OF PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE GARDENA HIGH SCHOOL WORKFORCE HOUSING AND JOINT AMENITIES PROJECT

Mr. Sam Mistrano, Senior Facilities Project Manager, provided a presentation on the Gardena High School workforce housing center, which would consist of 128 apartments, pool, fitness center, community room, kitchen, and 194 parking spaces. Additional site amenities have been proposed, such as an art center, expanded gardens and LAPD program improvements. Mr. Mistrano indicated that the project would lower teacher turnover in the area. He stated that there are 200 new teachers in the Gardena area District schools and not one of them lives in the area where they work. Mr. Mistrano stated that the estimated financial benefit to the District is \$22 million. He concluded his presentation by stating that construction would start January 2011 and occupancy would begin June 2012.

WE BUILD ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Veronica Soto, Director of Small Business Program, provided an annual report on the We Build program. She stated that the goals of the program are to fulfill contractor apprentice needs, cultivate local workforce, fulfill 50% local worker goals, and stimulate local economic development. She stated that the program attributes are quality training and strategic outreach. She presented marketing and outreach materials. Ms. Soto stated that over 900 individuals have graduated from the We Build program and 59% are working in construction. She stated that the building program has provided employment for over 61,000 trade workers since July 2004. Ms. Soto concluded by providing an overview of the youth workforce development efforts.

Chairperson Flores Aguilar asked that Ms. Soto return in 60 days with a strategic plan for women and for workers within the Los Angeles region.

CAFÉ L.A. MODERNIZATION PROJECT

Ms. Laura Benavidez, Deputy Director of Food Services, provided an update on the Café LA Modernization project. She stated the goal is to modernize serving lines, equipment configurations, and serving and seating areas. She indicated that \$33 million in Measure R funds would be utilized to update cafeterias in 64 secondary schools using the Café LA concept and 48 have already been modernized. Ms. Benavidez stated that as a result of the modernization, the Department of Public Health and Cal Code Retail Food requirements were met and there was a 13.24% increase in middle school student participation and 10.37% increase in high school student participation. With the increase, food services and staff moral have improved. Ms. Benavidez concluded her presentation by stating that Measure Q funds would be requested to modernize serving lines at all other remaining secondary schools.

EXISTING FACILITIES – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Neil Gamble, Director of Maintenance and Operations, provided an update on the repair and modernization program, and highlighted that 80% of the projects are under construction or completed. He discussed the forecast for fiscal year 2008-2009 construction starts and stated that they forecasted \$620 million in construction starts and were only able to reach \$529 million. However, an addition of \$120 million of projects are anticipated to begin in the next couple of months.

NEW CONSTRUCTION – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Mr. Fred Smith, Acting Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, presented the New Construction monthly status report. He stated that the program contains a total of 417 projects of which 291 have been completed, adding 98,216 seats. Mr. Smith highlighted that awards were presented to Central LA Learning Center No. 1 K-3, Richard E. Byrd Middle School, Edward R. Roybal Learning Center, Valley Region Elementary School No. 6, and South Region Elementary School No. 9. Mr. Smith concluded his presentation by announcing upcoming events for the month of March.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Mr. John Creer, Director of Planning and Development, presented the Planning and Development monthly status report. Mr. Creer stated that the innovation fund was focusing on youth centers and partnering with groups that can provide services for gang prevention and at risk youth. He provided a Proposition 39 status update and stated that preliminary offers were made to approximately 29 of the 68 schools that applied.

SPEAKERS:

Mr. Bill Ring, Parent, expressed his views on this item:

Items 2, 3, and 4 have been postponed.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.
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