

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
AND THE FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 30, 2003

The Boards of Trustees of the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) and the Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD) met for a Special Joint Meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District.

Barbara Kilponen, FJUHSD Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed everyone and led a round of introductions of the members of the Boards of Trustees.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL - NOCCCD Trustees Present: Jeff Brown, Otto Lacayo, Leonard Lahtinen, Molly McClanahan, Donna Miller, Manny Ontiveros, Nancy Rice, and Student Trustees Carlos Ayon and Karen Johnson. Absent: None. **FJUHSD Trustees Present:** Marilyn Buchi, Bill Dunton, Robert Hathaway, Robert Singer, Barbara Kilponen, and Student Board Member Jason Kim. Absent: None.

NOCCCD RESOURCE PERSONNEL PRESENT: Jerome Hunter, Chancellor; Rod Fleeman, Vice Chancellor Finance & Facilities; Sam Schauerman, Fullerton College Interim President; Janet Portolan, Fullerton College Vice President; Violet R. Ayon, Recording Secretary.

FJUHSD RESOURCE PERSONNEL PRESENT: Michael Escalante, Superintendent; George Giokaris, Deputy Superintendent; Patricia Howell, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services; Colleen Patterson, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; Kathy Franz, Recording Secretary.

VISITORS: from the **City of Fullerton:** Chris Meyer, City Manager; Bob Hobson, Engineering Director; Mark Miller, Construction Traffic Engineer. Henry Woo of Henry Woo Architects, Inc. Also, Vince Buck, Su Craig, Ben Jasper, John Silber, and Pattie Strub.

COMMENTS: MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE:

1. **Ben Jasper** of Fullerton expressed citizens=concerns regarding the perceived lack of community input on the Fullerton College bond construction projects, as well as the Fullerton High School bond construction projects. He encouraged both Boards to

provide forums for community input into those construction projects that impact the citizens of the surrounding neighborhoods and that the Boards take into consideration the needs of the residents as well.

2. **Vince Buck** of Fullerton echoed Mr. Jasper's concerns, with an emphasis on the need to improve pedestrian safety and the attractiveness of the City.
3. **John Silber** of Fullerton addressed the Board regarding the need for coordination between NOCCCD and FJUHSD regarding facilities construction projects, traffic and pedestrian safety, and the street scape of the City.
4. **Patty Strub** of Fullerton expressed her concerns regarding the expansion of Fullerton College and the safety of the streets, as well as the proposed maintenance yard project adjacent to a residential area.

BUILDING PROGRAM UPDATE: Dr. Escalante stated that the purpose of the joint meeting is for the sharing of information from the two districts and the City of Fullerton, as well as the identification of projects for the future of the two districts.

As a part of the building program update, **Dr. Michael Escalante**, FJUHSD Superintendent, Colleen Patterson, FJUHSD Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Henry Woo of Henry Woo Architects, conducted a presentation on the history of the development of the City of Fullerton, the establishment of Fullerton Elementary School and Fullerton High School in 1893, the establishment of Fullerton College in 1913, and identification of bond construction projects at Fullerton High School, along with those at other high schools within the FJUHSD. Mr. Woo described the new growth building for Fullerton High School as a two-story structure with under building parking, with consideration given to reducing the impact on Lemon Street. Ms. Patterson identified the Fullerton High School bond facilities projects and respective timelines. The projects include 1) the new growth building; 2) tunnel/HVAC systems renovation; 3) cogeneration for swimming pool; 4) modernization Ia; and 5) modernization IIb. She identified areas of concern, which have been discussed with the City and Fullerton College representatives, that include student traffic crossing Lemon Street for athletic classes/events, and safety issues associated with the proposed Fullerton College parking structure off of Lemon Street. (See Supplemental Minutes #904 for a copy of the complete presentation.)

In response to public comments, Dr. Jerome Hunter, NOCCCD Chancellor, stated that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process for Fullerton College construction projects has been extended due to the spirited discussion on some issues related to bond construction projects. He noted that the EIR process includes community input and that notice of EIR meetings will be distributed to those individuals who left their address on the speaker cards. Dr. Hunter clarified that the EIR process has not been completed and the Board has not made any final decision regarding those projects involved in the EIR process.

Dr. Janet Portolan, Fullerton College Vice President, conducted a presentation on the Fullerton College bond facilities projects and their respective timelines. She stated that with the passage of the District's bond measure, the College is now able to consider projects noted in the District's Master Plan adopted by the Board in 1999 and the Fullerton College Campus Image Plan adopted in 2000. Renovations projects include 1) building remodels; 2) Campus Image Plan projects; 3) District Education Center/Cosmetology/Day Spa Program; 4) Maintenance & Operations building on campus; 5) Maintenance & Operations shops north of Berkeley; and the Wilshire Block, which will include a new classroom/office building, the Wilshire Auditorium, and a new School of Continuing Education building. New building projects include 1) a Library/Learning Resource Center; 2) Classroom/Office Building; 3) Campus Commons; 4) Physical Education Complex; 5) Child Development Center; and 6) Parking Structure I off of Lemon Street and Parking Structure II off of Berkeley. Dr. Portolan added that the Environmental Impact Report is expected to be available by October 19, 2003, with a 45-day review period until December 6, 2003, and that public hearings are tentatively scheduled November 17, 2003 and December 1, 2003. (See Supplemental Minutes #904 for a copy of the complete presentation.)

Mr. Chris Meyer, Fullerton City Manager, noted the City's excellent working relationship with both college and school district representatives. Mr. Meyer identified the City's issues, which have been discussed with the high school and college representatives, regarding Lemon Street improvements as traffic flow, pedestrian movement, sidewalk widths, landscaping, provision of medians, traffic signals, technology crosswalk, and street lighting.

Mr. Bob Hobson, City of Fullerton Engineering Director, and **Mr. Mark Miller**, City of Fullerton Construction Traffic Engineer, provided background information on the City's current and long-term development concerns, highlighted traffic issues throughout the City, specifically those north of Fullerton College and identified Lemon Street Improvements, which include 1) proposed roadway improvements, 2) other proposed improvements, 3) existing mitigations (implemented by the City), 4) near term mitigations/roadway improvements, and 5) additional mitigations from the Fullerton College Traffic Report. (See Supplemental Minutes #904 for a copy of the proposed Lemon Street Improvements, Chapman Avenue to Berkeley Avenue.)

In response to trustee inquiries, the City representatives provided the following clarification: 1) elevated crosswalks were not considered between Fullerton High School and Fullerton College because of the narrow roadway, ADA requirements, and the belief that pedestrian traffic can be accommodated at traffic signals; 2) appropriate landscaping on the medians will, hopefully, discourage jaywalking; 3) it is proposed that with enhanced crosswalks with flashing signals high school students continue to cross Lemon Street at Nutwood; 4) opportunities for public comment on City projects are through the neighborhood association for the North Lemon area, the City's website, and by contacting Mr. Miller; 5) the City will complete its Lemon Street projects after the completion of the high school and college

projects; 6) City landscaping is strongly desired between the sidewalk and parking structure to soften hard edges and to provide an interface among the street, sidewalk and structures; 7) pedestrian over crossings are safer and more viable than tunnel crossings; 8) although the high school and the college both propose high school students cross Lemon Street at Grove Place, the City still believes that a crosswalk at Nutwood is necessary because that is where students now cross and the students may not want to walk behind the college parking structure, however, this may be reconsidered at a later date.

In closing, Mr. Meyer stated that the joint meetings are very productive and that the close working relationships with both entities enhances the close coordination that is required on these projects. Mr. Leonard Lahtinen thanked FJUHSD for hosting the meeting and thanked the City's representatives for their participation in such positive networking and collaboration on behalf of all entities. He added that the projects at both sites appear to be very compatible and suggested that additional joint board meetings, in addition to EIR meetings, be held in the future. Ms. Kilponen thanked NOCCCD for the joint boards-meeting and highlighted the worthiness of the joint presentations.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:20 p.m., FJUHSD Board President Kilponen adjourned the meeting.

Otto Lacayo, Secretary
Board of Trustees