RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Citizens Oversight Committee

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
Rio Hondo Community College Board Room
Dinner and Meeting

Minutes

I. Call to Order

a. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance – Member Albert Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

c. Roll Call – Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) Members present: Chair Fernando Centeno, Jr., Vice Chair Andrew Moraga, Josefina Canchola, Christian Diaz, Jose Herrera, Dr. Francisco Hidalgo, Alicia Marie Lopez, Owen Newcomer, Dr. Monica Sanchez, Margie Rodriguez, and Albert Lopez. Committee Members absent: none

d. Welcome and Introductions – All COC Members present introduced themselves and stated who appointed them to the committee.

e. Open Communication for Public Comment –
   - Member Dr. Hidalgo introduced his friend Mr. Navarro and thanked him for driving him to the meeting. His ALS prevents him from driving. He will keep President Dreyfuss updated on his condition and his ability to continue to serve on the committee. He also thanks member Newcomer and Chair Centeno Jr. for assistance. Chair Centeno Jr. and members Canchola and Rodriguez thanked him for continuing to serve on the committee.
   - Member Newcomer commented that he was appointed by Trustee Pacheco who he started teaching with at RHC in 1976.

f. Approval of Minutes – December 19, 2017 – The COC voted to approve the minutes. Member Newcomer made motion to approve; Member Canchola seconded. Member Herrera abstained since he was not present at that meeting.

II. Reports/Presentations

a. President’s Update: Superintendent/President Dreyfuss reported on the following items:
1) **New Funding Formula**-In March the new funding formula was approved by Governor Brown and our Chancellor. It will potentially give colleges like Citrus an $11M increase to their general fund apportionment and Rio Hondo $4M less. President Dreyfuss has shared this formula with Academic Senate, Planning and Fiscal Council, the Board of Trustees and Managers. Statewide CEOs do not like the formula, including the colleges that will get more funds.

2) **Taste of Rio**-will be held on Friday, April 27 with over 20 restaurants and more than 500 RSVPs. She invited everyone to attend.

b. **Building Program Progress Report**: Jerome Quemada of Del Terra provided a report on the Building Program, which includes the following current and upcoming projects:

1) **L-Tower Seismic Upgrade** – Mr. Quemada informed the committee that the Contractor installed the fire line. Contractors are conducting a scan of the L Tower to locate the rebar and the building is being secured in preparation of removing the panels. Infrastructure for electrical will be on the back side. Several pictures were shown of the progress of the project.

2) **Rio Plaza** – Mr. Quemada reported that the Rio Plaza project construction documents are currently in DSA for review. It may take up to 8 months for review and comments.

**Member Newcomer** asked about the function of the plaza.

Mr. Quemada responded that it will be a transit for bus stops and welcome center. He showed a slide of the design and pointed out the features: a student drop-off zone, an upper campus tram access, and ADA accessibility for students to Lot 1, restrooms, bike lockers and info booth.

**Member Canchola** asked if the unexpected cost for the panels under “L” Tower project were due to the fire lane.

Mr. Quemada responded that two temporary hydrants had to be installed. Currently there are two hydrants at the far end of the Administration building near the Science building. The new hydrants needed to be installed to ensure coverage by the 150-foot-long hoses used by the fire department.

**Member Canchola** asked if this was part of the original cost.

Mr. Quemada replied that the location of the hydrants was unforeseen. Temporary hydrants were installed.

**Vice Chair Moraga** asked what DSA means.
Mr. Quemada clarified that it is the Department of State Architects which oversees constructions of projects for K-12 and universities in the state of California.

Member Herrera asked for the cost of the projects.

President Dreyfuss replied that the L Tower will cost $30M and Rio Plaza $3.5M.

Mr. Quemada added that it may take another eight months to a year to get to the bid process for the Rio Plaza project. The project was expected to be complete by March 2019 and the contractor is trying to resolve all unexpected issues to complete by next summer.

Chair Centeno, Jr. asked for the number of lockers in Rio Plaza.

Mr. Quemada stated there will be approximately 27 bike lockers. He continued to add that it will also include benches and a shade cover. Currently students sit on the green belt while waiting for buses.

Member Dr. Hidalgo asked if we foresee any issues with the homeless.

Mr. Quemada replied that there is a chance; however, Security will patrol the area and try to prevent vandalism.

President Dreyfuss added that she is meeting with Supervisor Janice Hahn’s Field Director to discuss a center for homeless Rio Hondo College students and nearby communities.

Member Dr. Hidalgo added that the homeless are becoming more visible.

President Dreyfuss agreed.

Member Canchola asked if homeless students will be included in the conversations with Hahn.

President Dreyfuss confirmed that they will be included.

c. Bond Quarterly Expenditure Reports: Vice President Yulian Ligioso explained there are three reports in the packet. The first report is the Projects Expenditure Summary that summarizes activities from October to December 2017. The second report is the Project Details. The third report is the Series A Bond Fund Summary of Project Expenditures sorted by project. He pointed out information on L Tower, Campus Inn remodel and Nursing projects.
Member Herrera asked which of the 32 projects are complete. Vice President Ligioso indicated that the percentage of the cumulative total budget can be used to gauge the level of completeness.

d. Other Business: none

e. Future Meeting Date and Place: The next meeting will take place on June 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

III. Comments from Committee Members

Member Dr. Sanchez announced that she has information on funding opportunities for Tabaco prevention as a result of the passing of proposition 56. She will email the information on The California Youth Advocacy Network. They want to get students interested. There is a training in Sacramento on May 6th and 7th for student leaders. President Dreyfuss asked member Lopez to please take the information back to ASRHC. Member Dr. Sanchez continued to state that as a result of proposition 54 on marijuana, more efforts will be needed to update signage.

Member Diaz shared information on the El Monte and South El Monte literacy campaign and encouraged the donation of books in English or Spanish.

Member Rodriguez was thankful for the food and hospitality.

Member Albert Lopez echoed the sentiment.

Member Canchola congratulated Member Rodriguez on a successful Cesar Chavez celebration. Over 120 students attended. There were makeovers for seniors, YWCA, reading and tutorials at elementary schools and a clothing drive for families affected by recent fires. It was a beautiful evening celebration that included members of the Chavez family addressing those gathered.

Member Rodriguez elaborated more on the Cesar Chavez event by sharing that this is the 18th year of the celebration in Santa Fe Springs and the break out to South Gate was new this year. She announced that the State Assembly is holding a public hearing on the needs of faculty and staff to support students at the University of Riverside Alumni Center on May 4th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Member Dr. Sanchez added to her earlier comments that she won the Dodger Ticket extravaganza last year at the A Taste of Rio event. She emphasized that it is a great event and to come hungry.

President Dreyfuss encouraged everyone to attend A Taste of Rio and announced the price of the ticket is $35 per person.

Chair Centeno, Jr. concurred that A Taste of Rio is a great event. Even his sister won a prize last year. He is hopeful that the funding formula will change since RHC is a commuter school and not as affluent. He is meeting with Supervisor Hahn at Long Beach regarding the homeless. He encouraged everyone to check her web page for homeowner opportunities and incentives. He thanked everyone for attending. Last month’s meeting could not be held due to the lack of a quorum. Please notify both President Dreyfuss and Teresa Buell in advance to avoid cancellations on the day of and making the trip. He appreciated everyone on the committee.

IV. Adjournment — The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Member Diaz moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Canchola seconded.