Facilities Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called by: Steve Garcia
Facilitator: Steve Garcia
Note taker: Michelle Messer

Type of meeting: Standing Committee

Attendees: Steve Garcia, Robert Sewell, Jon Booth, Odell Moon, Tom Miller, Pat Luther, Art Bishop (AV Fire), Tom Turner, Michelle Messer.

Minutes

Agenda item: Presentation – Possible Partnership with AV Fire
Presenter: Art Bishop, Division Chief – AV

~ Art Bishop, Deputy Chief for Apple Valley Fire, presented an opportunity for VVC to partner with them on a Regional Fire Training Center that will be built on 13 acres next to the Walmart Distribution Center out off of Dale Evans Parkway.

~ With the consistent growth of VVC’s fire programs over the last 5 years a need for better training facilities is present.

~ Discussion on the effects this partnership might have on our FPP – Health & Public Safety Center:
  - Is positive in that we can tell SVL that we are moving these types of programs which could have an environmental impact on them to this remote location (i.e., Burn towers, Driving Courses, etc.)
  - This will not take away from our project because many other facilities (Nursing, Allied Health, EMT, Admin. Justice, and much of Fire will still need this facility. The AV Fire training facility would be used for more specific, mandated training of fire personnel.
  - Having this facility will increase enrollment for VVC – only other facility like this is up North – so Southern California will send their people to this facility for training.
  - VVC is contributing to the safety of our community by participating with this project.
  - This could be included in the Bond measure. It would increase a more positive response to the bond. Fire people are well liked by the public due to 9’11 and all the SoCal fires “Vote for the Bond is a Vote for Better Fire Protection”.

Agenda item: Five Year Plan
Presenter: Group Discussion

~ Discussion regarding changing the priority of the projects listed on the Districts 5-Year Plan.
  - This planning process must be driven by the Educational Master Plan.
  - This committee will be included in all decisions regarding which projects go forward as Initial Project Proposals (IPP) and Final Project Proposals (FPP).

Discussion:
  - This fiscal year we can submit one IPP and one FPP to the state.
  - Discussion of which Architect we will use to create these documents will occur at the next meeting along with which projects the committee feels should be submit for funding.
~ Dr. Silverman asked that this committee review his document “VVC Keeping Pace with and Protecting the High Desert”. The following is a list of recommendations from the committee:

1.) Sustainability (Energy Savings) needs to resonate within the Bond documents. Our new buildings are being built to save energy. Dr. Silverman’s document states “Protecting the High Desert” – this should somehow state that this includes protecting environmentally.

2.) Heading on Dr. Silverman’s document reads “Keeping Pace With”…should use more future oriented words such as “Setting the Pace”.

3.) Too much emphasis was put on the need to repair VVC in the last bond attempt. This was a negative approach – need to approach this bond in a more positive manner.

4.) Master Plan needs to be referenced on the bond document.

5.) No mention of the Higher Ed Center in document.

6.) Bond measure will change the priority of future buildings listed on the Five Year Plan. If referring to West Side Center for Bond – this needs to move up in priority.

7.) Because the State will not fund parking lots and roads, it is a good idea to incorporate this into the bond. (Multi-tiered parking structure?).

8.) Much of the community is not clear on what the State will and will not fund, and they should somehow be informed.

9.) Cost for Adaptive PE is not fully covered by the State – this should be listed in the bond.

10.) The cultural community is not touched on in the bond document. Moving the Visual Performing Arts project to a higher priority on the Five Year Plan and touching on it in the bond document is important to catch this population of voters.

11.) Possible to list priorities as On Campus/Off Campus, and each would have it’s own set of priorities detailed.

12.) If VVC decides to partner with AV Fire for the Regional Training Facility out at the WalMart Distribution Center (see Agenda Item #1 Notes), this should be included in the Bond measure. It would increase a more positive response to the bond. Fire people are well liked by the public due to 9’11 and all the SoCal fires “Vote for the Bond is a Vote for Better Fire Protection”.