Butte/Glenn Community College District
Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee
Minutes of the Meeting Held October 13, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Patrick Blythe, Executive Director, Institutional Advancement, in the Business Education Building Room 105A

Butte College personnel present were:
Dr. Diana Van Der Ploeg, BC Superintendent/President
Martha Wescoat-Andes, Vice President of Administration
Les Jauron, Director of Facilities and Planning
Patrick Blythe, Executive Director, Institutional Advancement
Mike Miller, Assistant Director of Facilities and Planning
Dina Volenski, Butte College Foundation Assistant

Citizens’ Oversight Committee members present were:
Gil Houston, Howard Jarvis Taxpayer's Group
Janice Clay, AARP
Tom Lando, Chico City Manager
Jim Massie, retired Chico Police Chief

Citizens’ Oversight Committee members absent were:
Dick Chamberlain, CSUC Student Services
Jim Goodwin Exec. Dir, Chico Chamber of Commerce
Bob Purvis, retired CUSD Supt. of schools
Sam Yanez, Butte College Associated Students
Chuck Rough, Butte College Foundation

Welcome
Les Jauron, Director of Facilities and Planning, welcomed members of the Measure A Citizens Oversight Committee and turned the meeting over to Martha Wescoat-Andes.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the August 2, 2004 meeting were presented for approval by Patrick Blythe. Motion to approve: Janice Clay, Second: Jim Massie. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes will be posted on the Butte College Facilities website.

Financial Report-Martha Wescoat-Andes, VP of Administration
Martha discussed the tax rate for the coming year. The voters were told the tax rate would be $20.88 per $100, but the tax rate was $18.81 for the first year, $17.11 the second year, and this year the rate is which will be $16.00.

Martha reported on preliminary discussions with the county to consider setting a level rate or a floor with the next series of bonds to stabilize the tax rate. The tax rate will probably
increase substantially when the second phase of bonds are issued in 2005. A level rate could create a more predictable tax payment for the taxpayers.

The Chico Center is ahead of the original schedule, with completion to be the first part of November, 2004. The furniture will be installed in November and classes available for Winter session for first part of January. The Chico Center ribbon cutting will be December 4, 2004 from 11:00-2:00.

Martha Wescoat-Andes and Les Jauron reported they met with City of Chico staff regarding the traffic light and reported the signal is on the RDA funding list. If approved the light will probably be constructed in Summer 2005.

Les Jauron provided an update on the LRC building. The LRC groundbreaking was July 12, 2004 and is scheduled to open by January 2006. Les described the value engineering strategy and bid process used to mitigate rising construction costs due to dramatic increases in steel and concrete prices.

Tour of the Business Education Building and Learning Resource Center
The Committee toured the remodeled Business Education building. Mike Miller explained each improvement and the impact on the business programs. The Committee toured the construction site of the LRC building. Les and Mike Miller explained the retaining wall at the LRC and the construction issues related to the site conditions.

The tour ended at 5:12 and the meeting resumed in the Business Education building.

Project Updates - Les Jauron, Director of Facilities Planning and Management
Les Jauron reported on the State Funding Strategy and how the cost escalation will affect our projects. The LRC is still on schedule. Les stated the project bids came in over budget but the State provided $1.4 million in augmentation. As a result, only $1.3 million will need to come from Measure A bond proceeds. The budget is on track and comprehensive contingency plan has been developed. The project started on July 12, 2004 and completion is expected in November 2005 with classes starting in January, 2006.

Les Jauron discussed the Measure A Program Strategy. The strategy includes modifying swing space to reduce costs, managing the design process to control costs, changing schedules to bid in November-February to get best price, and use of existing serviceable equipment when it is available. Regardless of cost increases, the Measure A implementation strategy remains the same; build the maximum number of projects with the available dollars.

The Library renovation is a state and Measure A funded project. Prop 55 funds will assist with the project. As a result of materials cost escalations the concepts have been changed to fit within the original budgets. After construction, the existing Library will be returned to its original configuration and programs that were in the Library will be placed in the expansion including Media, and Distance Learning. This project is expected to be completed by Fall, 2007.
Les Jauron also discussed the Solar Project and the impacts it would have on the campus. The solar project occupies 3 ½ to 4 acres on the main campus and will allow the District to reduce PG&E expenses. Bonds for the project were sold today. The financing concept is the electricity saved will pay for the project.

Les gave details about the following projects:
Fire rescue training tower
Technology building
Auto shop canopy
Physical Education remodels

**Bond Expenditure Report - Les Jauron, Director of Facilities Planning and Management**

Completed Measure A projects include:
EVOC Track
Science Lab Renovation
Replace aging/unsafe portable bleachers
Upgrade Admin/Student Information System
Replace 21-34 year old buses
Provide CDC Security Cameras/Fire Alarms
Replace unsafe Offset press
Replace unsafe bleacher treads
Ag repair shop expansion
Business Ed remodel
Parking upgrade

**Future Meeting Dates and Adjournment**

The committee discussed the proposed meeting schedule for 2005:

January 12, 2005  April 13, 2005  July 13, 2005  October 12, 2005

The committee asked to have the next meeting at the Chico Center, on January 12th at 4:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.