Butte-Glenn Community College District
Measure A Citizens’ Oversight Committee
MINUTES
April 12, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
A meeting of the Butte-Glenn Community College District Measure A Citizens’ Oversight Committee (“Committee”) was called to order at 4:00 p.m., on April 12, 2006.

Dr. Van Der Ploeg welcomed committee members and guests to the meeting. She expressed her appreciation to the committee and explained that it is important to us (District) that you are all here. She thanked members for the time they volunteer to provide oversight of what we are doing and keeping our promise to the taxpayers.

Everyone present introduced themselves.

II. ROLL CALL
Member Present
Jim Massie, Chair
Dick Chamberlain
Janice Clay
Robert Purvis
Jennifer McDonald

Members Absent
Gil Houston
Tom Lando
Jim Goodwin
Mike Mistrot
John Blacklock

Staff & Guests Present
Dr. Van Der Ploeg
Martha Wescoat-Andes
Les Jauron
John Blacklock
Mike Miller
Kim Jones
Richard Carver
Trish Dunlap
Jack Slota
Don McNelis

III. PUBLIC COMMENT
Visitors may address issues that do not appear on the agenda. Under provisions of the Brown Act, the committee is prohibited from discussing or taking action on oral requests that are not part of the agenda. Comments are limited to no more than three minutes per person.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS
A. Approval of Minutes
Minutes of the Committee meeting of January 11, 2006 were approved. MSC Chamberlain/Purvis

V. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS
A. Measure A overview
Martha Wescoat-Andes and Les Jauron

Martha presented general facts about Butte College and Butte College Facilities. She explained what Measure A is. She revisited the Measure A campaign promise:

- Complete the objectives set forth in the Facilities Master Plan in the most cost effective manner,
- Keep the tax rate at or below the campaign promise,
- Bring additional state capital to the local economy,
- Stimulate the local economy by keeping the money in our local community to the greatest possible extent, and
- Minimize debt service to the greatest possible extent.
She detailed the accomplishments of the bond program from 2002-2006:

- Increased instructional capacity for students in our community: Doubled our footprint in Chico with the Chico Center and tripled tutoring space with Learning Resource Center.
- Consistently delivered major construction projects on schedule and in budget.
- Leveraged Measure A to capture an additional $50 million in State funding.
- Stimulated local economy by increasing local contractor participation rate from 15% to 52% - almost $30 million going back to our community.
- Kept the tax rate at or below the campaign promise of $20/898/$100,000 assessed valuation.
- Reduced debt service by 30% and shortened payback time by 15 years.

Martha thanked the committee members for their support and efforts in making Measure A program a success, and thanked those “faces behind the bond” – District staff, architects, contractors, and inspector – for their efforts in making Measure A program successful. Thanks to everyone, we are keeping our promise to the voters.

Les presented an update of the current status of the bond program. The Measure A, $85M local bond passed in 2002, we are currently halfway through the construction program that will add six new buildings over an eight year period, State funding received for Learning Resource Center and Library Renovation/Expansion projects, and State funding approved for Instructional Arts but is dependent on Nov 06 State bond. Les presented diagram of the Butte College campus in 2012 to show what Measure A will do for the College.

Les reviewed Measure A projects:

Chico Center: First capital project funded by Measure A, 54,620 sq ft, includes classrooms, computer labs, tutoring space, Art Lab, Child Development Demo and support space, cost $16.3M, constructed Aug 2003-Dec 2005, Center opened Jan 2005 - 9 months ahead of original schedule.

Learning Resource Center: 72,000 sq ft, includes classrooms, Center for Academic Success, computer labs and offices, State funded with small Measure A component, completed on time and within budget in Dec 05.

Library Renovation/Expansion: $18.5M budget, includes a renovation of existing structure and a 30K sq ft expansion, doubles Library space, adds 13 classrooms, provides space for Media/Distance Learning, groundbreaking March 06 with completion in Summer 07, funded by State and Measure A.

Emergency Vehicle Operations Course: $885,000, completed in Fall 2003, provides training course for public safety programs.

Fire Training Tower: $355,000, completed in May 2005, provides training facility for public safety programs.

Renovation Projects – Auto Canopy, Science Lab, Ag Repair Shop, Technology Building, Parking Lot 4, and Business Education Building: Renovation projects to enhance program and facilities that have all been completed.

Les reviewed the Bond Program financial summary.

Les presented the District’s efforts towards Sustainability. He explained the District has developed objectives for Sustainability at Butte College: maximize resources available for instruction, maximize instructional opportunities, and be good stewards of the public resources under our care. He explained the strategy is a broad front approach and is to: meet LEED standards as budgets will allow, focus on efficiency and alternative energy, maximize use of public
transportation, maximize recycling, focus on water conservation, and provide instructional opportunities. He explained that Butte has the second largest solar array on a community college campus in the nation (900KW solar array), we exceed Title 24 by 15% for new construction, and are completing energy efficiency project.

Les reviewed the current market environment as it relates to the bond program. Cost escalation is a significant issue and being driven by market conditions (oil prices, natural disasters, China, exchange rates, limited number of skilled laborers and contractors). Our strategy is to: leverage local funds to captures state dollars, focus on the entire bond program with standards, delivery system, and schedule to minimize cost, make smart/efficient design decisions, and set and maintain priorities.

Les reviewed future projects:

Arts Facility: $25.3M budget, includes flexible instructional space and specialized space for current fine and performing arts programs, scheduled to begin after Library Reno/Exp project depending on State funding.

Student and General Services: $16.3M budget, includes space for Student Services, Administration, and part of Technology, scheduled after Instructional Arts to start in Spring 2009.

Student Center Renovation: $2.8M budget, includes renovating bottom floor of Campus Center to convert Student Services space into a Student Center and to renovate bookstore, scheduled to begin after Student and General Services project.

Measure A program is a success and we are keeping our promise to the voters. Projects have been delivered within budget and on time. The Property Tax rates have been less than the level promised to voters. The program has stimulated local economy. We have been successful in maximizing State funding.

B. Measure A Bond Fund 2004-05 Financial and Performance Audits

Andy Suleski reviewed the bond funds 2004-05 financial and performance audits. The Performance Audit provides a clean opinion indicating that we have done what we said we would do and spent the money how we said we would spend it. The Financial audit provides financial details of the funds. The audit finding on delays in cash reconciliations relates to the general fund, and is not related to the bond funds, but has to be mentioned in any other audits done.

Andy explained that the two audits are required by Prop 39 and are provided to the committee as a tool for you to provide oversight of the bond funds and to communicate to the public that the District is doing what we said we would do with the money.

These audit reports have been reviewed by the District’s Audit Committee and have been accepted by the Board of Trustees.

Martha explained that the committee’s role is to receive these audits as information.

Committee accepted the audit reports as provided. MSC Clay/Chamberlain

C. 2004-05 Report to the Community

Martha Wescoat-Andes

Martha explained that we will soon begin working on the Committee’s annual report and plan to complete by June 30. We will develop a draft and will forward via email for committee input.
VI. ACTION ITEMS

VII. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS
   July 12, 2006 and October 11, 2006

IX. ADJOURNMENT
   Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.