



**JOINT MEETING**  
**VISALIA CITY COUNCIL**  
**&**  
**COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS**  
**COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**Monday, May 10, 2010**

**Location: College of the Sequoias, Administration Building/Room 1, 915 S. Mooney Blvd.  
7:00 p.m.**

Visalia City Council

Mayor: Bob Link - present  
Vice Mayor: Amy Shuklian - present  
Council Member: Warren Gubler - present  
Council Member: Mike Lane - present  
Council Member: Steve Nelsen - present

College of the Sequoias Board of Trustees

President: Greg Sherman – Ward 1 - present  
Vice President: Lori Cardoza – Ward 4 - present  
Clerk: Earl Mann – Ward 3 - present  
Board Member: Kenneth Nunes – Ward 2 - present  
Board Member: John Zumwalt – Ward 5 - present  
Student Trustee: Denaé Moreno - present

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

The joint meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bob Link and Board President Greg Sherman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**INTRODUCTIONS/COMMENTS**

Self introductions by Council Members, Board Members, and staff.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the College of the Sequoias Community College District and the Visalia City Council. The Board Members and Council ask that you keep your comments brief and positive. The Board/ Council members cannot legally discuss or take official action on citizen request items that are introduced tonight. In fairness to all who wish to speak tonight, each speaker from the public will be allowed three minutes or a total of 20 minutes per topic. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your street name and city.

Steven Tuttle, Edwards Court, addressed the Council and Board of Trustees regarding a proposal allowing COS students to travel on public transportation in Tulare County using their COS ID card.

**1. COS Visalia Bond Issue Project Implementation Status – Eric Mittlestead, Dean of Facilities**

Eric Mittlestead reviewed Measure I Bond Projects. All projects should be completed within the next 24 months.

Council Member Lane discussed the use of local contractors for the projects and Mr. Mittlestead responded that the district is bound to award to the low bidder; however, most of the vendors are within district boundaries.

Council Member Link discussed adding lighting across Woodland Drive for safety reasons when the new gym is completed.

**2. Status of University Preparatory High School - Duncan Graham, VP, Academic Services**

Duncan Graham reported the status of the UPHS. The high school will encompass grades 9-12 when completed and will have space for approximately 400 students. The emphasis of the high school is on college readiness and students will earn college units (3-6 units per semester) which attending high school.

Council member Gubler asked if the students can attend the UPHS and participate in sports at local high schools. Dr. Scroggins reported that is not possible at this time.

**3. Update on COS Medical Training Programs - Cindy DeLain, Dean, Nursing, Allied Health, PE & Athletics**

Cindy DeLain reviewed the program offerings at COS in the nursing and health fields. New programs to COS are the Physical Therapy Assistant Associate degree and Health Care Interpreter certificate program. COS has a 92% graduate rate in the health fields of study.

**4. Status of the Visalia Unified School District VTEC project at COS Linwood property - Bill Scroggins, President**

Dr. Bill Scroggins reviewed the vocational 4-year high school affiliated with VUSD. The program will be housed at the COS farm property and will begin in Fall 2010. The high school allows students to take college courses in vocational subjects. Enrollment will be 300-400 students.

**5. Proposed use of 16 acres owned by COS at Walnut & Linwood - Bill Scroggins, President**

Dr. Bill Scroggins discussed development options for property at Walnut and Linwood and the possibility of a joint use with the City of Visalia in developing a neighborhood park sports field. City Manager Steve Salomon reported that city staff will work with Dr. Scroggins to develop a scope of work for the proposal.

**6. Update on the California State University Fresno/COS Center - Bill Scroggins, President**

Dr. Bill Scroggins discussed the enrollment history of Fresno State University at COS. In-person enrollment has dropped for the last two years from a high of 402 in 2007-08 to 259 this year. Currently there is no on-site director for the center.

Council and Board Members agreed that this program is essential for area students and that a meeting with CSUF officials is in order to get the momentum back. The meeting should include COS, City of Visalia, VUSD and CSUF.

**7. Porter Gift to COS Foundation - Steve Renton, Executive Director, COS Foundation**

Steve Renton discussed the Porter Community Use Fund and projects for consideration. Possible projects include the Fresno State Center in Visalia, Paramedic Program, Supervisory Academy, University Preparatory High School and CTE Charter High School. The gift was given in memory of Dr. S. Thomas Porter who was a former professor at COS and former Mayor of Visalia.

**8. COS Government Supervisors Training Academy - Brent Calvin, Dean, Business & Social Sciences and Louann Waldner, Director, Business, Industry & Community Services**

Louann Waldner discussed a proposal for a government supervisor/leader program. COS will work with the

surrounding cities and counties to perform a needs analysis. This program will be a fee based training program rather than a for-credit college course. A target of Fall 2010 is expected for opening this program.

9. Update regarding Tulare County Association of Government (TCAG’s) efforts in obtaining a California Department of Transportation Planning Grant to prepare a Visalia/Tulare Community Transit Study to improve transportation opportunities between the two communities over the next five years, and to consider options for providing low cost service to COS students throughout the County - Monty Cox, City Transit Manager

Monty Cox presented an update on obtaining a grant from CalTrans for a transit study to hire a consultant to study the long range impacts of transportation opportunities between Visalia and Tulare for providing low cost service to COS students throughout the County.

Board Member Zumwalt discussed expanding that to include the KART in Kings County and students from Kings County. Council Member Lane supports the regional approach and suggested that SJAPCD grants may also be available.

City Manager Salomon indicated that staff will contact CalTrans with the possibility of starting the study earlier pending approval of the grant. The grant results will be released in September.

Steve Tuttle discussed that Tulare County is willing to provide some funding for the program. Council Member Nelsen indicated funding sources need to be identified in advance.

10. Mooney Boulevard Project updates including Tulare Avenue intersection – Chris Young, City Engineer

Chris Young presented an update on Mooney Boulevard projects. Caltrans is in the last phase of their Mooney Blvd improvements. The project consists of widening the State Highway between Packwood Creek to the south and State Highway 198 to the North. CalTrans has widened the road from four lanes (two in each direction) to six lanes (three in each direction). Mr. Young also reviewed recently completed city transportation projects including Santa Fe Bridge at 198, Houston Avenue widening between Santa Fe and Ben Maddox, Ferguson Avenue extension at Mooney Blvd west of Giddings Street, and McAuliff Street Overcrossing at Mill Creek and Mineral King Avenue.

11. Visalia Unified School District/Kaweah Delta Health Care District/City of Visalia Health Committee update – John Bradley, Recreation Supervisor

John Bradley discussed the partnership of Visalia Unified School District, Kaweah Delta Health Care District, and the City of Visalia to form a community health and wellness committee that will focus on overcoming obesity and diabetes. The Healthy Visalia Committee meets regularly and has now expanded to include the Family Healthcare Network, Tulare County Health & Human Services, and COS. The committee is planning an annual Fall Festival and developing a web site.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.