



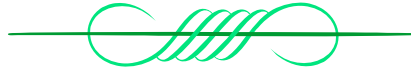
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MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

April 8, 2008



CALL TO ORDER / OPEN SESSION

Vice President Henry called the study session of the Board of Trustees to order at 9:08 a.m. and led the Board of Trustees and audience in the flag salute.

Board members present:

Mark McKean, President
Bill Henry, Vice President
Nina Oxborrow, Clerk
Jeff Levinson
Edna Ivans
Robert Wallace, Student Trustee

Board members absent:

Jack Minnite
Steve Cantu

Administrators present:

Frank Gornick, Chancellor
Ken Stoppenbrink, Vice Chancellor of Business Services
Willard Lewallen, President, West Hills College Coalinga
Don Warkentin, President, West Hills College Lemoore
Jana Cox, Interim Director of Human Resources
Dave Bolt, Vice President of Educational Services, West Hills College Lemoore
Susan Kincade, Dean of Learning Resources
Marlon Hall, Associate Dean of Educational Services, Evening College
Frances Squire, Director of Marketing

Introduction of Guests

Frances Squire, Director of Marketing, introduced Mr. Frank Mellot, Executive Office at Naval Air Station Lemoore and Mr. Roman Benitez, Senior Planner for Naval Air Station Lemoore.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made at this time.

STUDY SESSION

City of Lemoore 2030 General Plan Update – Dr. Frank Gornick explained that Mr. Jeff Briltz, Lemoore City Manager, could not be here. He provided a PowerPoint presentation given to him by Mr. Briltz. The presentation featured a timeline of activities with regard to the 2030 General Plan Update. Discussion occurred regarding flight patterns, takeoffs and landings.

President McKean arrived during the presentation of the timeline.

Dr. Gornick reported that the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for April 14. There could be public comments at that time.

Mr. Frank Mellot stated that, to her credit, the chair of the Planning Commission has given everyone the opportunity to speak.

President McKean summarized previous discussions with the Planning Commission, stating that the navy wouldn't have a problem with schools, churches, clubs, etc., but has a problem with houses being built west of Highway 41. Mr. Mellot responded that this is correct, stating that it is problematic for the navy and the city. It is the navy's thinking that we cannot sign away our constitutional rights. Trustee Henry commented that this was not the case 11 years ago as the navy was in favor of expansion at that time. Mr. Mellot stated that the navy is smarter now and they have to do their due diligence.

President McKean reiterated Trustee Henry's comments, stating that we had the navy's blessing in the past and were encouraged to be at our current location. Mr. Mellot stated that it is unfortunate and regrettable. They want to potentially avoid more conflict in the future. President McKean stated that we have a real gem here and do not want to give it up.

Dr. Gornick stated that part of the Environmental Impact Report was that everything is on 5' pads for a 100 year flood and we mitigated for the noise. In the past, Lemoore was not favorably viewed by office personnel or pilots wives as an ideal place to live. The base wanted a place for enlisted men and dependents to live. We have fulfilled the educational needs. They navy said that they wanted to get out of the housing business. They wanted sailors to develop some equity.

Trustee Levinson stated that he would like to have intellectual honesty from all of the parties. He stated that prior to today he thought that one of the issues was takeoff. He stated that the issue comes down to this: the runway is used 5% of the time. Trustee Levinson stated that the navy is using it to preclude growth.

Mr. Mellot stated that there is no agreement between the navy and those speaking in their capacity as private citizens. Dr. Gornick stated that motivating people by fear is not the way to go. Dr. Gornick stated that the navy is in control of what is said by the navy. Mr. Mellot stated that people are not orchestrating conversations with private citizens. The private citizens are voicing their own private opinion. Dr. Gornick stated that the captain of the navy has said that the navy is not leaving Lemoore. We would like to hear more of that.

Trustee Levinson stated that he appreciates Mr. Mellot's attendance today and commented that he learned more today than he had before.

Mr. Mellot stated that it is a tough decision that has to be made.

Dr. Gornick thanked Mr. Mellot and Mr. Benitz for coming to the meeting today in spite of all the problems. He stated that he appreciates the work they do for us.

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

CO-35 Resolution - City of Lemoore 2030 General Plan Update - Dr. Gornick commented on the proposed resolution, stating that it summarizes the milestones of everyone working together. He stated that we want to continue in this spirit.

Dr. Gornick asked that the Board review the resolution and provide comments to his office.

The resolution in the matter of the City of Lemoore 2030 General Plan Update was tabled for further review and comment on a motion by Trustee Henry, seconded by Trustee Levinson, and carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 10:47 a.m.

- Discussion of Land Acquisition/Disposition of Property (as per Government Code Section 54956.8). Property: Coalinga, California; Firebaugh, California; Lemoore, California
- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (as per Government Code Section 54957)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 11:06

President McKean announced that at its meeting on March 10, 2008, during closed session, the Board of Trustees took action to approve the non-reemployment of a contract faculty member.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, the study session was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Nina Oxborrow
Clerk of the Board of Trustees

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