

## California State University Channel Islands Site Authority

### MINUTES

#### Regular Meeting

Monday, September 10, 2012

The California State University Channel Islands Site Authority met on Monday, September 10, 2012. The meeting was held at the University Glen Corporate Office on the California State University Channel Islands (CI) campus, 45 Rincon Drive, Suite 104-A, Camarillo.

Chair of the Site Authority Charlotte Craven called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. The Secretary gave the roll call and a quorum of members was present. Benjamin F. Quillian, Jr. was absent.

Members Present: R. J. Considine, Jr.; Chairperson Charlotte Craven; Vice Chairperson Debra Farar; Kathy Long; Linda Parks; Richard R. Rush

Others Present: Pamela Abbott-Mouchou, Secretary to the Site Authority; Erik Blaine, CI University Glen; Steve Lohr, CSU Chancellor's Office; Steven Raskovich, Counsel to the Site Authority; Vi San Juan, CSU Chancellor's Office; Ysabel Trinidad, CI Division of Finance & Administration

#### Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2012 Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Rush to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2012 meeting. Mr. Considine seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### Public Comment Period (Pursuant to Government Code section 11125.7)

Ms. Craven called for public comments. Ms. Jeanne Grier, University Glen resident, submitted a speaker's card to the Secretary, asking to address the Authority. She said that she was speaking on behalf of a number of her neighbors in the University Glen community. Ms. Grier expressed dismay at the lack of notice given to the residents about students being housed in the apartments, saying that the community's residents had been told that student housing would be for overflow use only. With nearly 100 students now residing in University Glen, Ms. Grier said that residents should have been notified prior to the beginning of the semester. To date, she said, there still had been no communication regarding students residing in University Glen. She expressed concern about the potential financial impact on real estate there, and now believes that her financial investment in the community may not have been a good one. She concluded by saying that the addition of students in University Glen has created the need for greater police surveillance. Following Ms. Grier's statements, Ms. Craven closed the public comment period.

#### Board Member Comment Period

Ms. Craven called for Board comments, and Ms. Parks shared news about the recent ribbon-cutting for the new Case Pacifica facility, Alice's House, which provides housing for emancipated foster youth. Dr. Rush added that during last Spring's Commencement, CI graduated two students who were emancipated foster youths.

## INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

### Campus Update

Dr. Rush began his remarks with the news that CI is experiencing its largest enrollment, however, demand to attend is higher than can be accommodated.

CI's two newest buildings, Madera Hall and del Norte Hall, will be dedicated on September 14, 2012. He said that he's proud of the work provided by Ms. Trinidad, as well as that of the contractors, and appreciates Ms. San Juan's support.

Construction on the university's central mall is currently underway, and when completed, will be a pedestrian-only campus focal point, enhanced with native plants and a large fountain at its center. This project, funded by the entry road's contractor, will enable an overall reduction in the number of cars on campus. Dr. Rush went on to say that, in addition to the beautiful mall, three courtyards will be restored this year, including one that is currently a parking lot.

On the academic front, Dr. Rush said that enrolled students are assured of getting the classes that they need, and that Friday and Saturday evening classes are now being offered. Another new service provided to students is the availability of online registration.

Dr. Rush continued his remarks by giving a brief history of the 370-acre campus park, which was turned over to CI by the County of Ventura. This area has been used by the Channel Islands Condors (Condors), a group of model airplane enthusiasts, and the Pond Rats, who are model race boat hobbyists. Over time, the area around the park has become less of a wide open space with the expansion of RAIN, a transitional living facility, and Casa Pacifica, a center for children and families. Dr. Rush expressed his concern about the risk of fire, noting the July 8<sup>th</sup> fire, caused by a model airplane crash, and another fire that occurred a few years ago. As mandated by California State law, the State Fire Marshall was notified, and his inspection report indicated that the Condors' activities put the park land at a higher risk for fire. The Condors reacted negatively to the report, and have subsequently clogged CI's system with hundreds of protest emails. The Condors have also gone to the news media with their dissatisfaction, as well as to the state legislature, and to other flying clubs around the country. CI has been cooperative with the press, and has held two meetings with the Condors to see if this situation can be resolved.

### Construction Status Update

Dr. Blaine said that the del Norte Hall project is complete, and the completion of the Boating Instruction and Safety Center is planned for October, 2012.

### University Glen Housing and Rental Update, and Financial Report

Dr. Blaine continued his report by saying that there are currently six homes for sale in University Glen, and that the Site Authority has recently purchased, and subsequently sold, a home that it had foreclosed, with no financial loss.

Dr. Blaine went on to say that rentals are 100% leased, and that University Glen is providing overflow housing for students. He said that the Homeowners Advisory Council had been informed of this, and acknowledged that broader communication might have been beneficial in light of the public comments received earlier. Dr. Blaine said that CI's Housing & Residential Education department has been responsive to any disruptions that have occurred, with Dr. Rush adding that CI is poised to submit plans for a third phase of student housing.

In other University Glen news, Dr. Blaine said that construction will begin soon on a replacement reclaimed water line that will cost \$160,000. An opening date for Pizza 3.14, a new food establishment planned for Town Center, is being discussed. The number of meals served to campus diners has risen, and net revenue is expected to increase by \$82,000. And, in an update about the University Prep School (UPS), Dr. Blaine said that the arrangement made in 2007 to hold a parcel of land for construction of an elementary school had expired. Subsequent information indicates the size of the parcel, just about five acres, is not adequate to support a school site.

Finally, Dr. Blaine shared the Site Authority financials, including both the "Statement of Net Assets" and the "Statement of Activity Compared to Budget." Dr. Blaine then introduced Missy Jarnagin, CI's Associate Vice President for Finance.

**ACTION:**

Election of Officers

Chairperson Craven announced the Election of Officers. Dr. Rush moved that the following slate move forward; Debra Farar as Chairperson, Kathy Long as Vice Chairperson, and Benjamin Quillian as Treasurer. Mr. Considine seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Dr. Rush noted that an alternate Board member will need to be identified who will fill the vacancy created by Dr. Koester's retirement.

There being no further business to discuss, the public meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

California State University Channel Site Authority

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary to the Site Authority

Dated: 9-10-12