California State University Channel Islands Site Authority

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2013

The California State University Channel Islands Site Authority met on Monday, February 25, 2013. 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 Debra Farar called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m. The Secretary gave the roll call and a quorum of members was present.

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

Others Present: Pamela Abbott-Mouchou, Secretary to the Site Authority; Erik Blaine, CI University Glen; Missy Jarnagin, CI Division of Finance & Administration; 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 Dec. 10, 2012 Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Considine to approve the minutes of the Dec. 10, 2012 meeting. Dr. Rush seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment Period (Pursuant to Government Code section 11125.7)

Chairperson Farar called for public comments. There were none.

Board Member Comment Period

Chairperson Farar then called for Board comments. Ms. Long thanked Dr. Rush for his informative presentation during last week’s Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Campus Update

Dr. Rush began his remarks by saying that CI completed a great Fall semester, with nearly 5,000 students attending classes, and proudly noted the addition of eight top-notch faculty members. He called attention to the university’s courtyards, including the Central Mall, a public/private partnership, with its newly decomposed granite walkways, its fountain, which is being constructed, and the recent plantings with which volunteers assisted. Dr. Rush reaffirmed his appreciation for CI’s special community relationships.
Dr. Rush informed the Board that the fifth and final candidate for Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs will be visiting the campus tomorrow, and he’s hopeful that this position will be filled prior to June.

In other campus news, this year’s Commencement will be held on May 18th, and, due to campus growth, this will be the first year that CI will have two ceremonies. And, recently a reception was held at the newly constructed Boating Instruction and Safety Center (BISC) that included President’s Circle guests. This building will be opening soon, with keys being presented in April.

Lastly, Dr. Rush announced that a Memorandum of Understanding has been recently signed with the National Park Service that establishes a partnership to create a field research station on Santa Rosa Island.

Upon the conclusion of Dr. Rush’s remarks, Chairperson Farar stated that the community is fortunate to have Dr. Rush as the President of CSU Channel Islands.

Construction Status Update

Dr. Blaine provided his report to the Board, with an update about current projects. These include the Campus Back-Up Power Project, which is nearing completion, work at the John Spoor Broome Library, where five new automatic door openers have been installed for accessibility, and grounds work at Big Rock Park, where the lawn has been refreshed using aeration.

University Glen Housing and Rental Update, and Financial Report

Dr. Blaine went on to say that six homes are currently for sale in University Glen, with the foreclosure that had previously been reported now sold to a member of the general public. In rental news, Phase 1A/B/C is 97% occupied and 97% leased.

In other news Pizza 3.14 opened on January 14th, and is doing well. And, the Ventura County Fire Department will be using the Phase 2A/B as a testing site for fire fighter promotional opportunities in February, and will pay for the water used during this period.

Dr. Blaine continued by saying that a Subaru car commercial was filmed this month in University Glen and on Potrero Road. And, the CI Power Plant is in its final stages of preparing for its maintenance overhaul by Air New Zealand. However, there are some last-minute issues with the language in the agreement that counsel from both sides are attempting to resolve. If not resolvable, other options include awarding the work to the next bidder (> $1m), trading in the engine for a new one ($5.7m), or a refurbished engine ($4.2m).

The Homeowner’s Advisory Council (HAC) remains concerned about the plan to provide accommodations to Housing and Residential Education (HRE) students. Discussions began in February about a proposal to consolidate HRE students to 47 apartments along Anacapa Islands. The HAC brought up concerns about privacy, separation, and boundaries as well as other concerns. Homeowners have also voiced concerns about parked vehicles in driveways in the alleys despite the posting of “No Parking” signs. Since
these cars are within the boundaries of the driveways, though, Parking Officers will not issue citations.

And finally, Dr. Blaine said that a drinking fountain is being added to the basketball court and a water spigot is being installed at the dog park.

After Dr. Blaine concluded his remarks, Chairperson Farar asked about the number of University Glen residents voicing concerns about HRE students. Dr. Blaine responded that only about seven residents had been vocal. Ms. Parks then asked about the future of student housing and Dr. Rush responded that one option might be the use of a private developer who would build additional housing.

There being no further business to discuss, the public meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

APPROVED:
California State University Channel Site Authority

Signed: [Signature]
Secretary to the Site Authority

Dated: 5/13/13