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**Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee**

**Regular Meeting**

**333 S. Beaudry Avenue**

**Los Angeles, CA 90017**

**Wednesday October 15, 2008**

Committee Members Present:

C. Rice; S. Folsom; D. Crippens; E. Bar-El; C. Espinosa; C. Bergson; J. Naimo L. Levitan; R. Slawson; B. Valles

Committee Members Absent:

D. Jenkins; A. Medina; V. Tanzmann

**Agenda Item 1. Call to Order**

Ms. Rice called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Agenda Item 2. Chair's Remarks**

Mr. Folsom chaired the meeting. Mr. Folsom commented on the various ribbon cutting ceremonies that he has attended.

**Agenda Item 3. Monthly Program Status Report – Existing Facilities**

**Presenter: Bruce Kendall, Deputy Chief Executive, Existing Facilities**

Mr. Kendall reported that 79 percent of the repair and modernization program is either complete, in construction, or under contract. Regarding construction starts, Mr. Kendall reported that execution is below what was planned. There were a number of issues with projects and change orders. Mr. Kendall reported that some of the fire alarm projects were pulled back. These projects were subjected to a more detailed level of review based on previous experience with the previous fire alarm projects. In reviewing the previous fire alarm projects lessons learned were included in the new specifications. Mr. Kendall provided examples of what was driving the higher costs. Mr. Kendall reported that some SLC projects that were scheduled for 2008/2009 were started in 2007/2008.

Mr. Kendall reported on the Maxine Waters employment preparation center. This facility provides short term skills, training, job counseling, and placement assistance to students. With the completion of the project they will be able to offer state of the art welding, general construction, and culinary arts training.

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Mr. Folsom asked Mr. Kendall if there was anything keeping him up late at night. Mr. Kendall responded that his team is working hard to keep the program on schedule. Approximately 20 percent of the program remains. He added that design is a challenge. The District is partnering with the DSA it is at an all time high.

Ms. Bar-El suggested having an offsite BOC meeting at a recently completed SLC. Mr. Kaufman suggested Monroe HS. The school is a model nationwide.

**Agenda Item 4. Monthly Program Status Report – New Construction**  
**Presenter: Fred Smith, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, New Construction**

Mr. Smith reported that there are a total of 132 new school projects, 74 are complete. Of the 58 schools that need to be completed, 34 are under construction. Of the 65 additional projects, 59 are complete with 6 pending completion in the near future.

Mr. Smith reported that the Johnson Opportunity Day School would be relocated to Central Region HS #16 (adjacent to Bernstein HS). This will be a temporary home for the next year until a permanent home could be found.

Mr. Smith reported on school openings. East Los Angeles HS #1 and the Byrd Reconfiguration will open one year ahead of schedule. Mr. Smith reported that the District had to back away from the South Region HS #8 preferred site due to environmental issues. The process has begun to identify a new site. Mr. Smith reported that the school will not be completed by 2012. Compliance with the Williams settlement will not be jeopardized.

Mr. Smith reported that Senate Bill 658 was signed by the Governor last month. This provides additional Critically Overcrowded Schools funding. State Allocation Board approval is still required.

Regarding the Johnson Opportunity Day School, Mr. Folsom asked if the new temporary location would delay the opening of the continuation school. He also asked if the District was actively looking for a permanent site for the Johnson Opportunity Day School. Mr. Smith responded that the District is aggressively trying to find a permanent home for the school. Mr. Smith reported that the continuation high was scheduled to open this year but it did not. It had nothing to do with the Johnson Opportunity Day School.

**Agenda Item 5. Monthly Program Status Report – Planning and Development Branch**  
**Presenter: John Creer, Director, Planning and Development**

The Planning and Development Branch (PDB) encompasses three areas. They include joint use, charter funds, and public/private partnerships. Approximately \$57 million has been spent for joint use projects at 105 campuses. The remaining \$63 million will focus on healthcare, fields, aquatics, and youth centers.

Phase I mobile healthcare clinic projects cover 28 campuses, of which, 16 are complete. Phase II will include 52 sites. Phase III is in development. PDB is also pursuing 6-10 school based clinics.

Mr. Creer reported that fields are the primary focus of joint use. There are approximately 16 projects in varying degrees of completion with the majority of them on existing campuses. Mr. Creer reported on the aquatics initiative. The District is partnering with the City of Los Angeles to identify all pools in joint ownership. There are approximately 15 pools. There is movement towards a master joint use agreement to ensure every pool is operated, managed, and funded the same way. Six of the 15 pools are being looked at for an investment of deferred maintenance. The focus is to make the pools more useful and more accessible so that different operators can come in and run programs. There is approximately \$6-\$8 million set aside to address the deferred maintenance issues.

Mr. Creer reported on the charter facilities bond, which is valued at \$120 million. To date, \$62 million has been spent on furniture and equipment and Proposition 39 projects. The remaining \$58 million is being focused on developments for long term Proposition 39 co-developments. Approximately \$5 million has been set aside for next years Proposition 39 projects. The anticipation is for 15,000-20,000 seat requests. Last year 17,000 seats were requested. Approximately \$8 million will be set aside to reopen closed schools. The District will pay to bring the projects through CEQA and design and then partner with charter schools that can provide the funding for construction. Discussions are occurring to put out an

RFP to develop approximately 1,500 new charter seats in three separate developments with charters. The primary focus will be on charters that received Proposition 1D grants. This will allow for a District match.

Mr. Creer reported on public/private partnerships. There is a YMCA on the campus of University HS. There are also three teacher housing projects. They are located at Glassell Park EEC, Selma ES, and Gardena HS.

Mr. Folsom asked Mr. Creer if he was involved with the Fairfax HS charter lawsuit. Mr. Creer responded that idle space at Logan ES was re-offered back to the charter. The charter has not responded.

Mr. Bar-EI noted that the estimated seat request for next year would be 15,000 seats. Ms. Bar-EI recalled that last year the request was for approximately 17,000. The explanation given was that some of the schools were requesting the maximum amount of seats that their charter allowed. Ms. Bar-EI felt these requests weren't realistic and in some cases the charters were not ready for the seats. Ms. Bar-EI asked if the same scenario was expected this year. Mr. Creer responded yes and that it may even be worse. He added that the regulations have been broadened to include such things as equipment. For example, a charter can make a request for the latest version of a software program. There is also an anticipation that requests can be made for fields. Mr. Creer reported that the regulations are broadening. The anticipation is not only a request for 15,000-20,000 seats but may include requests for furniture and equipment and fields. Ms. Bar-EI asked if the requests are made is the District obligated to meet them by September 2009. Mr. Creer responded that from his perspective and what he is being told about the Districts obligation under Proposition 39, the answer is yes. He added that there are 4-5 criteria where the District can deny a request, but they are not specific. Mr. Creer is working on the assumption that the requests have to be met until he is told otherwise by District legal counsel. Ms. Bar-EI wished to see more guidance to staff about how to approach the issue.

Ms. Rice noted that the BOC has been asking for a coherent strategic vision for coordinating and integrating all of the Districts different models of schools. She added that the District has to provide space and facilities for all of them. Ms. Rice wanted to know where the District stood on the creation of a strategic vision for the different models of schools. Ms. Rice stated that Proposition 39 cannot be carried out in a way that infringes or disadvantages District children, Partnership children, Magnet children, etc. She reiterated that there had to be a coherent integrated vision that would allow the District to distribute the resources in a fair and legal way.

Mr. Crippens asked Mr. Creer what his challenges are with his program. Mr. Creer responded that the biggest challenge is trying to find inventory for the long term. He added that the big challenge is the short term. Another challenge is that the money set aside in the new bond is not going to solve the problem. The majority of the problem will have to be solved within the existing inventory, which will require profound changes in the way the District operates schools to share space and free up space. There is a move towards a master planning effort as well as dealing with the short term to determine what types of operational changes need to occur to free up space.

Ms. Rice requested the Superintendent address the BOC at the next meeting to explain the strategic vision for how all the District's models of schools are integrated.

#### **Agenda Item 6. Consent Calendar**

Mr. Folsom introduced the Consent Calendar consisting of the BOC Quarterly Report (April-June 2008).

There was a Motion, Second, and vote.

**Aye: 10**

**Nay: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Absent: 3**

The Consent Calendar Passed Unanimously

#### **Agenda Item 7. Existing Facilities SEP Amendment – Small Learning Communities** **Presenter: Ellis Kaufman, Director, Small Learning Communities & School Redesign**

**Resolution 2008-57**

Mr. Kaufman reported the top Academic Performance Index (API) increases for District high schools. Harbor Teacher Prep Academy had the top API in the District. Another top API school is Middle College HS. Mr. Kaufman noted that these were small schools that cater to students in the community.

The SEP amendment is for small learning community projects at Carson HS, Van Nuys HS, and Wilson HS. To date, the District has converted 35 of its high schools to small learning communities.

The District is creating small learning environments through small learning communities. A reason for the rise in API scores is that small learning environment processes are being discussed at schools and students are receiving more personalized experience.

Public Works, Inc. is an evaluation company that does work for the District. They recently evaluated 28 high schools. The key findings were higher average school attendance; fewer 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade dropouts, lower transfer rate, and the students were more likely to pass the CAHSEE ELA as 10<sup>th</sup> graders.

Mr. Kaufman reported on the BOE Small Schools II resolution that was adopted in June 2008. The BOE is committed to making schools smaller and ensuring that all schools have in place the conditions, including quality principals and teachers and rigorous curriculum, to foster improved learning. Mr. Kaufman discussed the connection between small learning community conversion projects and small schools.

There was a Motion, Second, and vote.

**Aye: 10**

**Nay: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Absent: 3**

Resolution 2008-57 Passed Unanimously

Ms. Bar-El requested having the next offsite BOC meeting at Monroe HS. Monroe HS is nationally recognized for their success in converting to small learning communities.

**Agenda Item 9. Wonder of Reading**

**Presenter: Will Rapp, Program Manager**

Wonder of Reading (WOR) is non profit organization whose mission statement for elementary school libraries is to renovate, restock, and read. The organization partners with elementary schools in the greater Los Angeles area to expand their libraries, increase available books, and train volunteer readers. The organization has partnered with the LAUSD since 1995 and has completed 170 renovations to date, with nine projects currently in planning or design.

The projects are initiated at the elementary school level. The school will apply to WOR after receiving approval from school management services to expand their library into an adjacent room. WOR then provides the renovation design and submits it to the LAUSD for approval. School funds are set aside to procure \$10,000 worth of new books. With the balance of the project funds Existing Facilities then executes the expansion.

Mr. Rapp reported on the history of the partnership with WOR. The current match for a WOR project is approximately \$30,000-\$35,000. In June of 2008 the BOE approved a maximum contribution from WOR of \$50,000 to account for future cost increases. Mr. Rapp provided a layout of a WOR project.

Mr. Folsom noted that there was some controversy with the WOR program. He requested the controversy be addressed. Mr. Rapp reported on the methodology of contracting. He reported that JQ Construction has won the majority of the competitively bid projects. The records indicate that 41 general contractors have been contacted for bids, 8 of them have bid against JQ Construction and four contracts were won by competitors. In 2007 a new process evolved with the management of the projects being conducted at Central M&O. They now act as the general contractor and have at their

disposal supplemental resources. Mr. Rapp reported that \$3.82 million in bond contributions has been made to 82 of the 170 WOR projects. Eighty-eight projects have been completed without bond funds through local school resources and other contributions to the school. All projects are approved by the BOE through strategic execution plans. Occasionally schools may request funds as additional support from BOE members or local district superintendents. Bond funded requests come directly from the school.

Ms. Rice requested Mr. Kendall explain the issues regarding the WOR program. Mr. Kendall responded that the controversy stems around allegations made by KNBC 4 investigative team. Mr. Kendall stated that the intent of the presentation was to set a baseline about the WOR program. He added that part of the misunderstanding stems from the fact that WOR is a multifaceted program that renovates, restocks, and reads. The WOR organization is a non-profit that provides funding contributions. The LAUSD manages the construction portion of the program. The local school library works with WOR on restocking. Mr. Kendall reported that some of the allegations stem from a misunderstanding of the WOR program and another non-profit organization named Access Books. Access Books contributes books. A comparison is trying to be made between WOR and Access Books although the programs have entirely different scopes. Mr. Kendall added that there are allegations with the contracting method, specifically, that JQ Construction wins most of the contracts. Mr. Kendall stated that the informal contracting process is competitive. It has changed over the years in terms of the rules and regulations with each improvement strengthening the competitive aspect and the documentation required. Mr. Kendall noted that they are trying to demonstrate that there is a competitive process in place, although JQ Construction has won many contracts. Mr. Kendall believes the allegations are inaccurate and that the WOR program is an important and viable program for the District.

Mr. Folsom requested clarification that Access Books is a non-profit that stocks existing libraries but not involved in converting classrooms to libraries. Mr. Kendall responded that Access Books has not approached the FSD to engage in any broader effort like WOR. He added that there involvement has been with Library Services and has been strictly for the stocking of books.

Mr. Crippens stated that Ms. Rice wrote a letter to the producer of KNBC advising that allegations should be forwarded to the Office of Inspector General. Ms. Rice stated that the BOC consultant reviewed the selection process for WOR. She added that if there was any opposition to the review she would like to see it. Ms. Rice stated Mr. Rubin has gone through issue by issue and explained what the decisions were. Ms. Rice has not seen anything on the countervailing side. Ms. Rice noted there was a difference between instruction and construction. There is a small amount of bond money that is being used for these projects. Ms. Rice noted that Mr. Rubin's report does indicate that the failure of the District to take down the WOR link from the District website could have given them an unfair advantage. Ms. Rice asked if the link was taken down. Mr. Kendall responded that it was. Ms. Rice asked if the issues in Mr. Rubin's factual findings were being addressed. Mr. Kendall responded none that are significant. Ms. Rice invited Mr. Snepp to refute the factual findings of Mr. Rubin either in writing or at the microphone. Mr. Snepp responded that as a producer he would normally reveal the information on the air. Mr. Snepp asked Ms. Rice if she had received the memos he sent to Mr. Rubin. Ms. Rice responded that Mr. Rubin has factored in all the materials into his findings. Mr. Snepp stated after the initial broadcast he sent a series of memos to Ms. Rice through Mr. Rubin that outlined the findings to date and requested comment. Mr. Snepp stated he would forward the memos to Ms. Rice if she didn't have them. Ms. Rice responded that she had the materials and forwarded them to Mr. Rubin to review and look into it, which he did. Ms. Rice invited Mr. Snepp to provide any information that contradicts Mr. Rubin's findings. Mr. Snepp responded that it would be on air.

Mr. Folsom stated he was worried because a big deal was being made out of school libraries. Mr. Folsom believes school libraries should be a big deal because they are the most important classroom in the school. Mr. Folsom noted there was an appearance of two non-profits having a disagreement about who is doing the best work. Mr. Folsom announced that if there was any evidence of wrongdoing to contact the Office of Inspector General. Mr. Snepp responded that the BOC has refused to comment on any of the information that has been distributed. Mr. Folsom stated the BOC is not an investigative body. Mr. Snepp noted that he has directed the BOCs attention to what he has discovered. Mr. Snepp noted that the Office of Inspector General has not made any contact with his sources. Mr. Snepp noted that it appeared Mr. Rubin had not forwarded his memos to the BOC. Ms. Rice responded that he was incorrect and that the Office of Inspector General's investigation schedule is not public information. Mr. Snepp asked Ms. Rice if she wanted to be interviewed. Ms. Rice declined the invitation and asked Mr. Snepp if he had Mr. Rubin's analysis. She added that if there was a counter to the analysis then it had to be submitted and therefore have a factual record.

**Agenda Item 8. LAUSD – City of Los Angeles Master Aquatics Agreement**

**Presenter: Chris Espinosa, Policy Analyst, Office of the Mayor**

**Ana Lasso, Interim Director, Joint Use Development Program**

Mr. Espinosa reported on the City of Los Angeles Master Aquatics Agreement. The City of Los Angeles (City) and the LAUSD started working on joint use projects two years ago and a lot of new projects were initiated. There was some concern at the time about older joint use projects that had expired agreements or had old dilapidated facilities. As the City and the LAUSD continued to work on pool and field projects they realized that the old projects had to be recognized. Over the last year an MOU was established to look at all the joint use projects.

Currently the toughest work is looking at the old joint use pools, rectifying them, cleaning up the agreements, and rehabilitating the facilities. Mr. Espinosa reported that the two most pressing projects include the Fremont HS pool, which is currently shut down, and Venice HS, which has been in operation for 47 years. Mr. Espinosa recently received an email about Venice HS asking whether or not it made sense to continue joint use since the pool is in tough physical condition. Mr. Espinosa believes joint use projects are the smart way to move forward. He stated the City is committed to working with the District in completely reconstructing the pool and rectifying all the old joint use agreements.

Ms. Lasso stated that one of the important things that they are trying to do is to standardize their agreements. The move is toward rectifying agreements and uniform the way the facilities are shared, the way they are maintained, and the way the costs are shared. The District and City are great partners and want to ensure that 50 years from now the facilities will still be used in a uniform manner and that there are plans in place for rehabilitation. It is a great endeavor and the hope is to bring the Fremont HS pool as the first project where joint use bond funds will be used to provide rehabilitation. Venice HS will be the second.

Public Comment – Bill Ring: Mr. Ring noted that the email message that Mr. Espinosa referenced came from him. Mr. Ring was trying to get a feel for his community on their support of the bond. Mr. Ring stated he is not as familiar with joint use as he is with the difficulty the District has with partnering with anyone. On behalf of the Venice community, Mr. Ring noted that this was not a new issue. He spoke before the BOC at the July meeting about some of the Venice HS pool issues. According to some of the parents these issues have been going on for 4-6 years. Mr. Ring received an email from the swim coach that requested he not say or do anything else. Mr. Ring believes there is a sense of intimidation going on and didn't want to rock the boat. The students are perhaps in a position of not being served and the team cannot move forward. Mr. Ring noted he was not aware if arrangements were being made at Westwood. There are as many as 50 students involved in this activity and they are having difficulty getting accommodations. Mr. Ring reported that it is very frustrating to hear from community members that this has been going on for so long with so little attention being paid to it. Mr. Ring thanked Mr. Espinosa for producing the Venice HS pool fact sheet and accompanying summary. He urged the BOC to see that the documents are given to the Venice HS community and indeed all of the parents and community members in the District on behalf of the students who deserve better.

Mr. Folsom asked for background on the Venice HS and Fremont HS pools. Mr. Espinosa responded that the Venice HS pool was built in 1961 and has been in operation for 47 years. It has been operated beyond its life expectancy. Currently the Venice HS pool is being inspected. It appears that some of the galvanized pipes under the pool have burst and they need to be replaced, which includes possibly removing the deck of the pool, replacing the pipes, and putting the deck back on, which is a very large. The City of Los Angeles has set aside approximately \$250,000 to perform the work. Once there is a good cost estimate the next step is to perform a cost benefit analysis to see whether it makes sense to make the improvement because the pool has outlived its useful life. Regarding the Fremont HS pool, the City of Los Angeles recently contributed \$750,000 in painting, improving the bathrooms, and fixing the pool deck. Unfortunately this pool also had some galvanized pipes and some of them have burst. The City is working with the District to get some capital funds to replace them. This pool is currently closed along with the Venice HS pool.

Mr. Espinosa addressed Mr. Ring and the Venice HS community. Mr. Espinosa has been working on these projects for 2½ years. He joined the Mayor's office in December of 2005. He began working earnestly on new projects while also learning about old projects. He used the analogy of once you look under the hood you begin to find an abundance of problems. Mr. Espinosa is thankful that the community is so concerned about the pool because that means the pool is a very important component. Mr. Espinosa stated that his professional responsibility is work with Ana Lasso and rectify the situation. Mr. Espinosa and Ana Lasso are looking at old joint use agreements and updating them. Mr. Espinosa stated that it was going to take time as will all large construction projects.

Mr. Folsom asked Ana who owned the pools at both Venice HS and Fremont HS. Ms. Lasso responded that under the previous agreement the building were owned by the City of Los Angeles. Ms. Lasso added that there are five other similar arrangements. Mr. Folsom asked if the other pools were in similar condition and towards the end of their projected life. Ms. Lasso responded that Venice HS is the oldest and that Fremont HS was built in 1972 and some of the newer pools were built in 2000-2001. Moving forward, Mr. Folsom stated that there needed to be a plan in place to maintain the facilities. Mr. Folsom asked if rebuilding the Venice HS pool would require going to the DSA. Ms. Lasso responded that the pool would have to be redesigned and the District and City both agree that the buildings would have to go through the DSA and also comply with the PSA.

Ms. Bar-El stated that the notion of a swimming pool having a specific life expectancy does not sit well with her. Ms. Bar-El believes with proper maintenance a pool should last. Mr. Espinosa responded that the pool has galvanized pipes. Ms. Bar-El's point is that pools can last longer. Ms. Bar-El noted that if proper maintenance had occurred throughout the years and pipes were replaced before they ruptured several years ago, we wouldn't be discussing having to replace the whole pool. Mr. Espinosa stated that the expected life of a pool is approximately 40 years. He added that sometimes a pool will set and the foundation will crack. The Venice HS pool is an enclosed facility and the humidity of that enclosed facility has eaten away at the rooftop. Mr. Espinosa agreed that there is language in the agreements to provide regular maintenance of the facilities. Ms. Bar-El stated that proper maintenance could extend the life of a pool. Mr. Espinosa noted that the Venice HS pool is 17 years past its life expectancy which demonstrates that care and maintenance has occurred over the years and has extended the life expectancy of the pool. He added that the pool has been shut down and is currently being testing to determine where the major leaks are located. Currently cost estimates are being assembled. A fact sheet has been assembled that was developed by the City and District. Once the cost is determined a decision will be made to either provide a short term fix and keep the pool open or close the pool indefinitely for repair. Mr. Espinosa stated once a new agreement is in place the City will be shifting funds to start the redesign process on a new facility.

Ms. Levitan noted she learned how to swim at the Birmingham HS pool. She added that the pool is important to the community. Ms. Levitan thanked Mr. Espinosa and Ms. Lasso for their work.

Ms. Lasso addressed the situation for the Venice HS swim team. City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks is making accommodations for the Venice HS swim and polo teams at nearby pools. Mr. Folsom asked if there were similar accommodations for the Fremont HS swim team. Ms. Lasso responded that she would be back next month with information on Fremont HS.

Mr. Bergson stated post World War II there was a vote to put in swimming pools in parks and schools from 1940-1960. Beginning in the 1990s these began being looked at for replacement. He noted these pools have hit their useful life expectancy.

Mr. Folsom requested a timeline for when the pools will open once a timeline has been created.

**Agenda Item 10. Closed Circuit Television**  
**Presenter: David Holmquist, Chief Operating Officer**

Mr. Holmquist reported on the development of a school safety and security strategic plan.

While reviewing the overall security organization at the District, Mr. Holmquist reported that many different divisions and departments were responsible for security. Mr. Holmquist noted that most of the organizations performing the important work of safety and security report to him. He found it appropriate that he take responsibility.

Mr. Holmquist went through the various components of safety and security measures. Mr. Holmquist set up a safety and security taskforce that included individuals from all the various operations that are a part of overall security for the District. Mr. Holmquist noted that he discovered the District has been somewhat reactive in its approach to safety and security, rather than proactive. Mr. Holmquist reported that a gap analysis was conducted and it was discovered that there were some gaps between the organizations. The first that was done after the taskforce was formed was to issue a request for information. It was then determined that consulting help would be needed to develop an overall security plan. An RFP was developed.

Mr. Holmquist discussed closed circuit television and explained that there was an interim approval process in place for it. He noted that Earl Perkins, Assistant Superintendent, School Operations, would be the designated person to work with the BOC on requests for closed circuit television. He will make sure they are fully vetted through all the District offices. Mr. Holmquist stated that about 18 months ago there was no count on the number of surveillance cameras in the District. He provided data on which campuses have and don't have surveillance systems. Next month the crime statistics will be released and they will be reviewed to see if closed circuit television is working. Mr. Holmquist reviewed the school safety and security timeline.

Mr. Espinosa thanked Mr. Holmquist for taking responsibility. Mr. Espinosa recently met with LAPD staff to discuss the use of security cameras in parks. He added that these projects could be difficult and expensive because of the various types of technology. Mr. Espinosa suggested keeping it simple.

Jeff Crawford, Deputy Chief, School Police, addressed the BOC. He stated that the LASP had been talking with the LAPD regarding the success of their systems. He added that their systems are much more expensive and developed than those of the District. He believes the right technology for the District's use will blend seamlessly with the LAPD.

Ms. Bar-El suggested CCTV projects brought to the BOC while the safety and security plan is being developed include information about what has been learned up to that point. Mr. Holmquist stated he would provide the information.

Public Comment – Bill Ring: Mr. Ring noted that with the District effort to make schools the centers of the community means that children and adults would be on campus before and after school. There would be weekend activities on the campus. There may be less need for security especially if the District starts to become authentic about the way the parents and community members are embraced and actually invite them to our schools. Mr. Ring stated that local schools have safe school plans. There are requirements on behalf of administrators to get parents and community members involved in generating and monitoring the safe school plans. Mr. Ring urged the BOC to think back to the Parent Community Advisory Councils (PCAC) that were created in 2000. Mr. Ring noted that Dr. Cortines recently called for the local PCACs to be re-established in the local districts where they do not exist. With respect to the WOR discussion, Mr. Ring pointed out in Mr. Rubin's memo that Mr. Rubin noted that procurement files were missing and that raised the question of similar procurement files missing which shall be investigated. Mr. Ring asked if there was a mechanism for transparency and accountability in the work that is being done.

Mr. Folsom adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

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[David Crippens](#)

David Crippens, Secretary