MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

May 1, 1975

4:00 p.m. - Board Room
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Barbara, California

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara
Community College District was called to order by Vice-President Joe W.
Dobbs, in the absence of President Ann Gutshall, on Thursday, May 1, 1975
at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Santa Barbara City College.

Members present:

Dr. Joe W. Dobbs, Vice-President
Mrs. Kathryn Alexander (arrived at 4:25 pm)
Mr. James R. Garvin (arrived at 4:07 pm)
Mrs. Joyce H. Powell (arrived at 4:06 pm)
Mr. Benjamin P. J. Wells

Members absent:

Mrs. Ann Gutshall, President
Mr. Sidney R. Frank

Others present for all or a portion of the meeting:

Dr. Glenn G. Gooder, Superintendent-President and Secretary-Clerk to the Board of Trustees
Dr. Donald K. Sorsabal, Administrative Dean, Business Services and Assistant Secretary-Clerk to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Martin M. Bobgan, Administrative Dean, Continuing Education
Mr. M. L. Huglin, Administrative Dean, Instruction
Dr. Alfred Silversa, Administrative Dean, Student Services and Activities

Dr. John Forsyth, President, Academic Senate
Mr. Kenneth Jost, Reporter, THE CHANNELS
Mr. Jim M. Williams, Director, College Information

Mr. Albert Revis, Professor, Physical Education
Mr. Raymond Rosales, Instructor/Counselor
Dr. Orrin Sage, Jr., self-employed
Mr. Patrick Sarabia, SBCC student
Mr. Donald L. Trent, Director, Facilities Development

Mrs. Elsie M. Brandt, Secretary to the Superintendent-President
Mr. Jerry E. Morin, Audio-Visual Technician
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Dr. Dobbs, in opening the meeting, noted that a quorum of Board members were present and that Mrs. Alexander was expected shortly.

Dr. Dobbs stated that the Special Meeting today had been scheduled for the purpose of considering the responses received to the Environmental Impact Report. Before calling on Dr. Sage to speak to this item, Dr. Dobbs indicated that a brief overview would be given by Dr. Gooder.

Dr. Gooder related some of the background of what has been done to date and, also, what lies ahead. Early in January of this year, the Board had adopted Procedures and Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970. Also, a Master Plan for facilities had been approved for this campus and the newer portion called the West campus.

The intention was to prepare an EIR as a supplement to the Master Plan. The EIR is an informal document which informed the public of the environmental effects of projects to be carried out or approved by the District.

The Board of Trustees is the agency that will determine whether there is a significant effect on the environment. According to the adopted Guidelines, "significant effect means a substantial adverse impact on the environment".

One purpose of the publication of the Draft EIR was to get other public agencies to participate in the gathering of information, and presentation of comments. One question raised more than once was why the procedure was not applied to one project at a time. The Guidelines state that "where individual projects are, or a phased project is, to be undertaken and where the total undertaking comprises a project with significant environmental effect, the lead agency must prepare a single EIR for the ultimate project". This had been done.

On April 3 the Board of Trustees held a Public Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Report, copies of which had been sent to the State Clearinghouse for forwarding to appropriate State agencies. Mr. Trent reported that word had been received from the State Clearinghouse the day before (April 30) that none of the agencies had any comment to submit on the report. This was an indication that the document was accepted and determined to be an important document.

Dr. Sage had prepared responses to all the comments received, and would speak to those responses. It would then be Dr. Gooder's recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the filing of a Negative Declaration which will indicate: 1) that the project is approved by the lead agency (Board of Trustees); 2) that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and 3) that an EIR was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Dr. Dobbs then recognized Dr. Orrin Sage who described the proposed Final Environmental Impact Report.
Dr. Sage first explained the 'Addendum' portion which contained the public comments from the Public Hearing, the written critique from Board member Frank and the report from the Community Development Department, and the responses to all of those comments. This addendum was prepared to be incorporated into the Draft EIR to make that report a Final EIR. Dr. Sage left it up to the discretion of the Board whether to review the whole addendum (20 pages), comment by comment, or select a few of them.

It was generally agreed, and sanctioned by Acting President Dr. Dobbs to review a select few comments.

Dr. Sage added that the responses had been prepared by his own staff. A large number of comments were of a general nature and required no response. The majority of the comments dealt with three aspects: 1) transportation congestion, 2) water issue, and 3) how implementation would be accomplished. The long-range impact of transportation congestion could be reduced by car pools, mini-buses, bicycles (traffic disincentives) as approximately 70% of students live within five miles of the campus. The water issue is mainly a philosophical question which cannot be answered. City College could utilize about 25% of the available water surplus, but mitigation measures could be employed in water conservation methods (specifics stipulated in architectural specifications) and the use of natural plants. How these mitigation measures are implemented depends on the adequacy of the EIR. If the Draft EIR is approved and made a Final EIR, as far as mitigating measures are concerned, it implements, stated Dr. Sage.

Mr. Wells spoke briefly maintaining that the District is similar to a public utility and as such is required by law to provide services for residents.

It was, also, pointed out by Dr. Sage that Santa Barbara City College is willing to create a joint committee with the City Transportation Department to work on solving future traffic problems in the vicinity of the campus.

Mr. Garvin stated that he felt Dr. Sage and his staff had prepared a very comprehensive report and that no one was in the audience this day because most of their concerns had evidently been answered. There seemed no need to go over all of the comments once again.

Dr. Gooder indicated that Dr. Sage's intention was to call attention to the three main areas of concern and also wished to make it clear that mitigating measures will need to be taken as indicated -- this was not a position of what those mitigating measures were but only the intent of the Board to follow up.

Mr. Garvin was in full agreement stating he believed the public was not in attendance as they fully realized the Board of Trustees intended to follow up.
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A motion was made by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Garvin, and passed by the Board to approve of the project making the Draft Environmental Impact Report a Final Environmental Impact Report, that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment, and that the Environmental Impact Report had been prepared according to provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.

There being no further business, Dr. Dobbs declared the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned as of 4:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

[Signatures]

DR. JOE W. DOBBS (Acting President)  
Vice-President, Board of Trustees  
Santa Barbara Community College District

DR. GLENN G. GOODER  
Superintendent-President and Secretary-Clerk to the Board of Trustees

Approved by the Board of Trustees on May 22, 1975.