Community Stakeholders Committee Meeting - Nov. 14, 2012

(Attendees: Mike McNamara, Bill Dant, Marcia Leslie, Bob Swanson, Ray Coronado, Linda Gerber, Gary Sutton, and Kate Chester)

- Linda Gerber led introductions, which went around the table.
- Gary Sutton gave a brief history of the Sylvania Campus, then highlighted that the voterapproved \$374 million bond measure is being split among the PCC campuses for necessary construction and renovation upgrades, as well as being used to build and/or upgrade such facilities as Willow Creek, the Downtown Center and PCC Newberg Center.

At Sylvania, there isn't a lot of room to build out; most of the work is renovation, with two new facilities being built (AM storage facility and the Child Development Center).

There is the Plaza Access Lane being added, for construction accessibility, which will later become a plaza for faculty/staff/student use similar to the PAC courtyard. Gary fielded a question from Ray Coronado about the PAL pertaining to directions and location of the lane.

By the end of summer 2013, an elevator will be added to the north end of the College Center (CC) building.

Gary highlighted the summer projects accomplished including:

- ✓ Library/Learning Commons Ground floor renovated; move of the Student Success Center and Computer Resource Center from the CC Building to the Library – which required construction in the Library. The space relinquished in the CC Building is serving as swing space for the duration of the campus bond work.
- ✓ Science and Technology (ST) Building Multi-phased project with phase one being completed this past summer which included renovation and technology modifications to three 3rd floor chemistry labs and 2nd floor faculty offices for Engineering and Visual and Performing Arts and Design.
- Swimming pool in the Health Technology (HT) Building Most of the existing piping, mechanicals and plumbing was gutted; both the diving and the lap pools were resurfaced.

Future construction: Gary noted that the Sylvania administrative offices in the CC building would be renovated this winter; Linda highlighted the need for this due in part to FERPA regulations.

- Bill Dant asked about our use of solar panels at Sylvania. Gary said there isn't much money allotted for this in the budget, but that they've been implemented at both the Rock Creek Campus and PCC Newberg Center.
- In terms of sustainability attributes as part of the college's overall bond work, Gary highlighted the use of LED lighting at PCC Newberg, in the parking lot; the integration of the boiler system at the Sylvania Campus and the installation of nearly 50 percent of new piping as part of the swimming pool work; the installation of the natural gas fuel cell system at Sylvania last fall; abatement work; and the addition of the dehumidifier as part of the swimming pool modifications for better energy efficiency.
- Ray said that the Far Southwest Neighborhood Association was hosting its holiday party and member drive at Sylvania in December. There was some discussion about the date of the party; Kate Chester said she'd check on the date and loop back to the group with a

confirmation (FYI – it was Saturday, Dec. 15, from 1:30-5:30 p.m.; Kate circled back to the group on Nov. 16).

- Kate noted Dr. Preston Pulliams' retirement and thanked Ray for allowing her to write an article for the September issue of SWNI News asking for feedback from neighbors about the presidential search. She highlighted the many community input forums that PCC hosted in September, as well as shared the overall timeline of activities to come for the rest of the school year related to Dr. Pulliams' retirement and his successor coming aboard.
- Kate recently attended the SW Corridor discussion hosted by Metro in Tigard and has looped in Mark Gorman, PCC's new transportation demand specialist, to the plans and planning partners. Kate will send a SW Corridor link to the group for more details. Marcia Leslie noted that she planned to attend the SW Corridor open house hosted by Metro at the Multnomah Arts Center in late November.
- Linda mentioned that PCC is discussing the possibility of adding shuttle runs to/from Tigard and Tualatin.
- Ray asked if PCC might be supportive of a future study hosted by the City of Portland about the intersection at Hayhurst and Lesser: The area is unsafe for pedestrians because buses can't make the turn. He will gather background information to send to Linda Gerber for review.
- As a means to help parking needs on campus, Sylvania is investigating whether it can offer more hybrid format classes those taught in a classroom and online. About 20 percent of its classes are taught online right now.
- Bob Swanson asked about plans for landscaping, plantings, rainwater plans, etc. Gary explained that a potential partnership with Tualatin Riverkeepers had fallen through. The bond has earmarked \$1 million for site improvements which includes storm water mitigation, trees, and plants. Linda said that we will be adding our 50 "50th anniversary" trees somewhere on campus and that our grounds team had removed diseased firs and some birch trees this year. The college has also implemented an integrated pest management system with regard to chemical use for grounds work.
- There was a discussion of when to hold meetings in the New Year. The group expressed that Tuesdays and Wednesdays were the best days of the week. Linda and Kate will be in touch to propose meeting dates for 2013.

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