Chair Richard Chavez called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Members Present
Mr. David Barnhart
Mr. Richard Chavez
Ms. Allison Dale
Dr. Nicolas Ferguson
Ms. Rikki Hix
Mr. Jeff Kraus

Members Absent
Mr. Robert Taylor

Staff Present
Mr. Aaron Brown, Associate Vice Chancellor, Finance
Dr. Ed Bush, Vice President of Student Services, RCC
Mr. Jim Parsons, Associate Vice Chancellor, Strategic Communications & Relations
Mr. Orin Williams, Associate Vice Chancellor, Facilities Planning, Design & Construction
Mr. Bart Doering, Director of Construction

Approval of minutes – January 12, 2011
Committee voted to approve the minutes. (M/Ferguson, S/Dale)

Dr. Bush briefed the committee about the opening of the School of Nursing and Math & Science Building, which attracted approximately 300 guests and included tours of the facilities. He also discussed Wheelock Gymnasium project progress and the upcoming soft opening. The facility will have a grand-opening in the fall, tied into the fall sports season.

Mr. Brown distributed the Measure C Financial Summary Report, listing commitments through March 31, 2012. He discussed a recommitment of dollars at Moreno Valley College, as well as impacts related to the Network Operations Center.

Chair Chavez wanted to ensure that health and safety issues were not being compromised. Other discussion included Wheelock Stadium (Member Dale), i.e., project completion and cost. Answer: Final stages of completion, readying for opening for faculty, staff, and students, and that due to unforeseen construction issues, project was $5 million
over budget; and, the Center for Student Success (Member Barnhart), which came in under budget. Member Barnhart also asked about reallocation of funds due to the re-scoping of the MVC Learning Gateways Building. Mr. Williams responded that there would be a reallocation of Measure C funds by the college and that the college had designated the updating of its Facilities Master Plan as a top priority.

Committee members suggested that an archive be created for Board actions related to Measure C projects. Staff will look into the creation of such an archive, with implementation targeted for fall 2012.

Member Dale asked if the District and colleges had contingency funds related to Measure C projects in order to cover project overruns, potential legal issues, etc. Answer: The District and colleges, and each project, have contingency funds allocated for such purposes.

Chair Chavez asked if the disbandment of Economic Redevelopment Agencies would affect plans for the Culinary Academy/District Offices facility in downtown Riverside. Answer (Mr. Brown): the changes would have no effects on that project.

Member Hix asked about program reserves. Mr. Brown replied that when the Board made allocations, funds were set aside for reserve purposes.

Mr. Williams distributed and discussed the comprehensive construction program schedule and the Program Executive Summary. Specific items of discussion: the rescoping of the Learning Gateway Building at Moreno Valley College, Phase II at MVC, the Network Operations Center at Norco College, and the School of Nursing/Science & Mathematics Building, a future Student Services Building, and new Food Services at RCC.

Mr. Doering presented a PowerPoint, “Learning Gateway Building—Decision Point,” which had been presented previously to the RCCD Board of Trustees. The presentation detailed the intent to rescope the project due to projected costs/bid amounts/changing college needs. Doing so would allow the Moreno Valley College to build several more new buildings than would otherwise have been possible.

Member Dale asked about the scope of work completed for the $5 million already expended. Mr. Doering outlined the planning and drawings that could still be used within the next five years, as well as the fact that $3 million had been used to construct the Lions Lot, resulting in 144 new parking spaces on campus.
Mr. Doering also discussed Phase II—Student Academic Services and the projected groundbreaking for that building, as well as the science lab remodel due to ventilation issues.

Also discussed was the status of Secondary Effects construction/remodeling at Norco College (85% complete), which covers five buildings; the Network Operations Center, due to break ground on April 23; the School of Nursing/Science & Math Building (99% complete) at Riverside City College; Weelock Gymnasium (90-95% complete); the beginning of the design stage for the a Student Service Building at RCC, and planning for Food Services in the Quadrangle at RCC.

District projects discussed included the Center for Social Justice & Civil Liberties (opening June 27, 2012), which is non-Measure C funded.

Regarding Measure C construction in general:

Member Barnhart asked about any significant changes/surprises in current projects. Mr. Williams said Wheelock was the most problematic for reasons already detailed to the committee, e.g., foundation, flooding, wall supports.

Chair Chavez asked about the impact of construction activity on students. Member Hix commented that parking issues were evident and affected students, but that she was unaware of any structural issues or construction that impacted students’ schedules.

Ms. Hix did mention cracks in the Math & Science Building ceilings, and missing items such as fire sprinkler covers. Mr. Williams responded that these types of issues were being addressed with the contractors.

Mr. Williams reported that his office would be restructuring one the reports he presents to the committee to include warranty information. For instance: A one year warranty—other than for student/use damage—exists in most cases.

Member Hix requested consideration be given to developing less confusing campus maps. Mr. Parsons responded that changes would be considered during the next scheduled cycle of map updates.

Member Dale asked about about the definition of the red line that appears on the Capital Program Executive Summary. Answer: Projects below that line do not have sufficient Measure C funds to be fully funded; those priorities can and do change as the colleges update their Facility Master Plans.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.