

**Tulare Local Healthcare District
Tower Construction Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:30 PM
Administrative Offices, Construction Trailer
869 N. Cherry Street, Tulare, CA
(Northeast corner of Terrace and Gem Street)**

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MINUTES

Tower Construction Committee Members:

John Atilano Committee Chair
Linda Crase (Zoom) Committee Vice-Chair
Margaret Fidler
Mike Shaffer
Ross Gentry
Kevin Northcraft
Mike Shaffer

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Atilano at 6:31 PM.
2. **Public Comment**
None.
3. **Announcements – Committee Members**
None.
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. 2/08/2022 Tower Construction Committee Meeting Minutes
 - b. Continuation of Remote Attendance Accommodations (by Zoom) in Accordance with AB 361Motion was made by Linda Crase and seconded by Mike Shaffer to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion approved 4-0.
5. **Updates from Committee Liaisons**
 - a. Tulare Hospital Foundation – Linda Crase: Linda Crase advised Kevin Mooney is working on a video of the tower; it should be available at the Chamber mixer on May 12th.
 - b. Adventist Health Central Valley Network and Adventist Health Tulare – Mike Shaffer, Kevin Northcraft: Mike Shaffer noted a Regional Board meeting at 3:00 PM on April 28th. One topic will be the completion of the tower. Kevin Northcraft shared he is glad to have the meeting on the calendar.
6. **Tower Tours Update – Amy Benton & Nancy Overstreet**
 - a. Amy Benton shared the video and original concept map with the group. Nancy Overstreet gave a brief overview of the project. CEO Smith advised the map is from 2012.
7. **Chief Executive Officer Update – Phil Smith**
 - a. Project Manager Introduction: CEO Smith reported that Nancy Overstreet had joined the District as a Project Manager. Ms. Overstreet then gave a brief overview of her history as an architect in the Tulare area. Next, CEO Smith commented

Christie Watkins had joined the District as an Executive Assistant. Ms. Watkins shared a summary of her experience, noting her excitement to join the team.

- b. Tower Construction Committee and District 1 Director Vacancies: There were no prospects for the Tower vacancy. The appointment will be made by the County Board of Supervisors should the applicants submit their letter of interest.
- c. Potential Revisions to TCC Charter- John Atilano suggested some verbiage changes to the Charter. A copy of the TCC Charter was distributed to the group for review; it was noted this would be added to the May agenda for further discussion. This will allow time for the Committee to assess the current Charter

8. Discussion about Committee Role, meeting frequency, and members' thoughts on the potential future bond proposal- John Atilano

- a. John Atilano commented on the need to reassess as a committee and be sure we are fulfilling the meaning of the Charter. Ross Gentry stated we should investigate bringing on new skillsets. Linda Crase commented on other construction projects around the hospital. Ross Gentry shared thoughts regarding bonds and trusts. Mr. Gentry expressed the need to offer better facilities in the community for new interns. Mike Shaffer commented that next month we should have more information after the Regional Board Meeting to make an informed decision on the next steps. CEO Smith expressed the need to generate income from future developments and asked the committee for feedback on the need to focus on the tower or the need to generate revenue to provide quality health care to the community. Kevin Northcraft noted that 95% of the focus should be on the tower construction. Linda Crase stressed the importance of recruiting physicians. The group discussed changing the name of the Tower Construction Committee and meeting frequency. It was noted the committee agreed to continue meeting monthly. CEO Smith shared that at the May 25th Board meeting, we will have financial presentations looking at blended bonds and private financing.

9. Miscellaneous Projects Prior to Resuming Major Construction – Nancy Overstreet

- a. Update on Projects in Progress: Overstreet reported on the following work being done on the premises: generator progress, Siemens service department will be assessing the generators, and testing the fuel in the tanks. Quarterly roof drain and overflow have been sent to bid.
- b. Update on Potential Projects: Overstreet advised the scope of work has been completed for the steel awning project, and the scope has been sent to the contractors for proposals.
- c. SCE Connection: Overstreet stated on April 4th. the temporary power was turned on at the tower. There is also ongoing patching of the firewalls and labeling. The roof drain and overflow are going out to bid. CEO Smith shared the IOR (Derek Farmer) has indicated he wants to stay on board as the IOR for the District.

10. Adjournment at 7:29 PM – Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Administrative Offices, Construction Trailer, 869 N Cherry Street, at the northeast corner of Terrace and Gem Street.