

**Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Meeting**

**Friday November 21, 2014
8:00 A.M.**

**River Park Inn
350 S. Freeway
Tucson, Arizona**

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Larry Hecker, Chair
Carolyn Campbell, Vice Chair (arrived 8:12/left at 11:40)
Joe Boogaart
Ed Buster
Donald Chatfield
Gary Davidson
Paul Diaz (left at 11:15)
Tom Dunn
Brian Flagg
Rene Gastelum (left at 10:30)
Kelly Gomez (left at 11:15)
Kelly Gottschalk
Terri Hutts (left at 11:15)
Michael Lund
David Lyons
Wade McLean (left at 10:50)
Ted Prezelski (arrived 8:17)
Patty Richardson
Chris Sheafe
Matt Smith (arrived 8:15)
John Sundt
Dan Sullivan
James Ward
Tom Warne (arrived 8:15/left at 11:30)
Greg Wexler

Committee Members Absent

None

MOTIONS

MOTION: Rene Gastelum moved, seconded by James Ward, to approve the November 21, 2014 meeting summary. Motion approved 22-0.

MOTION: James Ward moved, seconded by Rene Gastelum, to approve the projects remaining on the consent agenda, which included just the Rillito Race Track Conversion

project at \$14 million and the Lawrence Hiaki Pathway project at \$500,000. Motion approved 24-1.

MOTION: Chris Sheafe moved, seconded by Kelly Gottschalk, to approve \$4 million for the Jacobs Park Recreation Center. Motion approved 25-0.

MOTION: Kelly Gottschalk moved, seconded by Tom Dunn, to approve Sentinel Park – A Mountain Improvement Project at \$2.5 million. Motion approved 24-1.

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by Gary Davidson, to approve the Flowing Wells Skate Park at \$1.6 million. Motion approved 24-1

MOTION: Brian Flagg moved, seconded by Terri Hutts to approve the Ted Walker Sporting Dog Training Site at \$2.5 million. Motion approved 19-6.

MOTION: Michael Lund moved, seconded by Terri Hutts, to approve the Canoa Preserve Park at \$3.5 million, with additional language added to reflect the funding that has already been invested in the project. Motion approved 25-0.

MOTION: Gary Davidson moved, seconded by Brian Flagg, to approve the Willie Blake Park improvements at \$350,000. Motion approved 24-1.

MOTION: Tom Dunn moved, seconded by Kelly Gottschalk, to approve the George Mehl Family Foothills Park improvements at \$2.5 million. Motion approved 24-1.

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by Gary Davidson, to approve the Lawrence Park Improvements and Pool at \$6.5 million. Motion approved 25-0.

MOTION: Gary Davidson moved, seconded by Tom Dunn, to approve Pima County Softball Tournament and Recreation Park at Sports Park for \$5 million. Motion approved 25-0.

MOTION: Tom Dunn moved, seconded by Terri Hutts, to approve the James D. Krieh Park Upgrades for \$3 million. Motion approved 25-0.

MOTION: Gary Davison moved, seconded by Tom Dunn to approve the Udall Park Expansion at \$4 million. Motion approved 25-0.

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by David Lyons, to approve the Reid Park Improvements at \$2 million. Motion approved 25-0.

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by Tom Dunn, to approve the Purple Heart Park Expansion at \$1.5 million. Motion approved 25-0.

MOTION: Kelly Gottschalk moved, seconded by Vice Chair Campbell, to approve the Urban Greenways project at \$15 million. **SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Dan Sullivan moved, seconded by Don Chatfield, to approve \$4 million for Urban Greenways. **SUBSTITUTE TO SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Paul Diaz moved, seconded by Vice Chair Campbell, to increase

the amount to \$16.5 million to include the South Tucson segment of the El Paso Southwest Greenway. Substitute to the substitute motion approved 24-1.

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by Rene Gastelum, to approve the Freedom Center improvements for \$2.5 million. Motion approved 25-0.

MOTION: Ed Buster moved, seconded by Tom Warne, to approve the Lincoln Park Improvements at \$1.5 million. Motion approved 25-0.

MOTION: Tom Warne moved, seconded by Don Chaffield, to approve \$16 million for the Sports Field and Lighting project. **SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Kelly Gottschalk moved, seconded by Terri Hutts, to approve \$17,615,000 for Sports Fields and Lighting, with \$11.2 million specifically for the City of Tucson. Substitute motion approved 19-6.

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MOTION: Tom Dunn moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to approve the Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion at \$12 million. Motion approved 25-0.

MOTION Brian Flagg moved, seconded by Chris Sheafe, to approve \$2.3 million for the Silverlake Park Expansion. Motion approved 17-8.

MOTION: Brian Flagg moved, seconded by Kelly Gottschalk, to approve \$2.5 million for Kennedy Park Improvements. Motion amended to require a more specific scope and approved 24-0.

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by Tom Warne, to approve the Murrieta Park Improvements for \$5 million. Motion approved 23-0.

MOTION: Dan Sullivan moved, seconded by Greg Wexler to delete the Oury Park Festival Area project. Motion fails 12-11. **MOTION:** Ted Prezelski moved, seconded by Greg Wexler to approve the Oury Park Festival Area at \$1.5 million. Motion approved 12-9 (2 members did not vote).

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MOTION: David Lyons moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to approve the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial project at \$250,000. Motion approved 23-0.

MOTION: Kelly Gottschalk moved, seconded by Gary Davidson, to approve \$5 million for the Fort Lowell Park project. Motion approved 19-1.

MOTION: Tom Dunn moved, seconded by Kelly Gottschalk, to approve \$19 million for Marana Cultural and Heritage Park. **SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Brian Flagg moved, seconded

by Vice Chair Campbell, to approve \$16 million for the Marana Cultural and Heritage Park. Substitute motion failed 2-17. Original motion was approved 19-0.

MOTION: Chris Sheafe moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to delete the Barnett Linear Park and Flood Control Project. Motion approved 13-5.

MOTION: Greg Wexler moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 18-0.

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 8:02 a.m. with a quorum. Chairman Hecker reported that he'd sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors recently updating them on the Committee's activities in pursuit of a 2015 bond election.

2. Approval of the November 7, 2014 meeting summary

MOTION: Rene Gastelum moved, seconded by James Ward, to approve the November 21, 2014 meeting summary. Motion approved 22-0.

3. Consent Agenda - Planning for a possible 2015 bond election

The majority of the projects on the consent agenda were pulled off the consent agenda to be considered during the regular agenda, with the exception of the Rillito Race Track Conversion and Lawrence Hiaki Pathway.

MOTION: James Ward moved, seconded by Rene Gastelum, to approve the projects remaining on the consent agenda, which included just the Rillito Race Track Conversion project at \$14 million and the Lawrence Hiaki Pathway project at \$500,000. Motion approved 24-1.

4. Regular Agenda - Planning for a possible 2015 bond election

Introductory statements were made by Gary Davidson, Brian Flagg and Kelly Gottschalk regarding the need for parks and recreational facilities. Chris Sheafe and Dan Sullivan made statements about the fact that the Committee is going to need to make steep cuts in project funding in the near future.

Jacobs Park Recreation Center

MOTION: Chris Sheafe moved, seconded by Kelly Gotschalk, to approve \$4 million for the Jacobs Park Recreation Center.

Committee discussion points:

- This is low income area and the public may not be able to afford admission rates. City Parks Director replied that no child will be denied access based on an inability to pay.
- Will there be a rate differential for city versus county residents? City Parks Director replied that the typical City/County IGAs for bond projects state that the City cannot charge a higher rate for services than what the County charges for similar services.

Motion approved 25-0.

Sentinel Park – A Mountain Improvement Project

MOTION: Kelly Gottschalk moved, seconded by Tom Dunn, to approve Sentinel Park – A Mountain Improvement Project at \$2.5 million.

Beryl Baker spoke in opposition to the project.

Terri Hutts asked if the last bulleted item in the scope of the project could be removed as it appeared to be acquisition of property that is eligible under the open space bond program. City and County staff will review the issue and remove from the scope if it is duplication.

Motion approved 24-1.

Councilman Cunningham spoke in support of Jesse Owens park and Ft. Lowell park improvements.

Flowing Wells Skate Park

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by Gary Davidson, to approve the Flowing Wells Skate Park at \$1.6 million.

Terri Hutts stated that there could be confusion regarding which emergency services respond to calls at the park since part of the park will be in incorporated City limits and part will be outside of the city limits.

Motion approved 24-1

Ted Walker Sporting Dog Training Site

MOTION: Brian Flagg moved, seconded by Terri Hutts to approve the Ted Walker Sporting Dog Training Site at \$2.5 million.

Committee discussion points:

- Need to start cutting projects and could start with this one.
- Support the project because of the economic development benefits.
- Should be privately funded.

Motion approved 19-6.

Canoa Preserve Park

MOTION: Michael Lund moved, seconded by Terri Hutts, to approve the Canoa Preserve Park at \$3.5 million, with additional language added to reflect the funding that has already been invested in the project. Motion approved 25-0.

Willie Blake Park

MOTION: Gary Davidson moved, seconded by Brian Flagg, to approve the Willie Blake Park improvements at \$350,000.

Willie Blake spoke in support of the project.

Committee discussion points:

- Support the project as a neighborhood reinvestment project.
- This is only \$350,000 and should be supported.
- This project includes construction of a basketball court.

Motion approved 24-1.

George Mehl Family Foothills Park

MOTION: Tom Dunn moved, seconded by Kelly Gottschalk, to approve the George Mehl Family Foothills Park improvements at \$2.5 million.

Committee discussion points:

- Project sheet states that there will be no increase in operating and maintenance costs but utilization is expected to be higher. Staff will review cost estimates.
- Those who live in the foothills have the ability to visit other parks where as those on the South side do not. This project should be cut. The Committee should focus investments by using the stress map.
- Disagreement with last comment and support for an equitable bond package that includes projects across the County.
- Need to benefit entire region. These residents vote, pay taxes and need park too.
- Question about the benefit of single-type sport fields versus multi-use fields.
- This park is heavily used on the weekends.

Motion approved 24-1.

Lawrence Park Improvements and Pool

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by Gary Davidson, to approve the Lawrence Park Improvements and Pool at \$6.5 million. Motion approved 25-0.

Pima County Softball Tournament and Recreation Park at Sports Park

MOTION: Gary Davidson moved, seconded by Tom Dunn, to approve Pima County Softball Tournament and Recreation Park at Sports Park for \$5 million.

Staff noted that the operations and maintenance costs should be \$101,000.

Motion approved 25-0.

James D. Kriegh Park Upgrades

MOTION: Tom Dunn moved, seconded by Terri Hutts, to approve the James D. Kriegh Park Upgrades for \$3 million. Motion approved 25-0.

Udall Park Expansion

MOTION: Gary Davison moved, seconded by Tom Dunn to approve the Udall Park Expansion at \$4 million.

Ted Schmidt spoke in support of the project and other projects involving more soccer fields, and provided handwritten comments by children that play soccer.

Committee discussion points:

- City bond committee discussed and supported this project.
- City bond committee used a matrix to evaluate projects with similar criteria to what the county bond committee adopted.
- City has submitted 30 projects, 16 of which are parks projects, and this project ranked 19 overall.

Motion approved 25-0.

Reid Park Improvements

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by David Lyons, to approve the Reid Park Improvements at \$2 million. Motion approved 25-0.

Purple Heart Park Expansion

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by Tom Dunn, to approve the Purple Heart Park Expansion at \$1.5 million. Motion approved 25-0.

Urban Greenways

MOTION: Kelly Gottschalk moved, seconded by Vice Chair Campbell, to approve the Urban Greenways project at \$15 million.

Julie Parizek spoke in support of the project.

Committee discussion points:

- Chairman Hecker asked County Administrator to explain his recommendation. Mr. Huckelberry stated that the Committee is on its way to recommending an \$800 million bond package that needs to be reduced by about 25 percent. The City originally requested \$4 million for this project and therefore \$4 million is what he recommends.
- The total cost for completing the urban greenways is estimated at \$50 million.
- Number of miles that can be completed for \$15 million.
- This project does not include the connection between Murrieta Park and The Loop.
- This project is the City's 3rd highest priority and was popular in the citizen's survey.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Dan Sullivan moved, seconded by Don Chatfield, to approve \$4 million for Urban Greenways.

SUBSTITUTE TO SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Paul Diaz moved, seconded by Vice Chair Campbell, to increase the amount to \$16.5 million to include the South Tucson segment of the El Paso Southwest Greenway.

Committee discussion continued:

- How would the city prioritize which segments to complete with less funding?
- County would request more details for the bond ordinance.
- Some areas it is impossible to provide off-street connectivity.
- Urban greenways are better for commuting than The Loop due to locations.
- City staff made several presentations regarding this project to the City bond committee.

Substitute to the substitute motion approved 24-1.

Freedom Center

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by Rene Gastelum, to approve the Freedom Center improvements for \$2.5 million.

Hampton Uzzelle and Lannie Patel on behalf of City Councilmember Shirley Scott spoke in support.

Motion approved 25-0.

Lincoln Park Improvements

MOTION: Ed Buster moved, seconded by Tom Warne, to approve the Lincoln Park Improvements at \$1.5 million. Motion approved 25-0.

City of Tucson/Regional Sports Field and Lighting

Kelly Gottschalk and Fred Gray provided the history of this project. Mr. Huckelberry explained that his \$16 million recommendation was to reduce the size of the aggregate bond program.

Committee discussion points:

- This could be a \$20 million project, but remove the specific park locations to reduce future need for bond ordinance amendments, and make sure parking lot lighting is not included.
- Voters like specificity.
- Subcommittee likely placed it in Tier 3 because it was more general in nature. Tier 1 and 2 tended to be smaller, location specific projects.
- City would like a minimum of \$10 million for the program, but prefers the \$11 million.

MOTION: Tom Warne moved, seconded by Don Chatfield, to approve \$16 million for the Sports Field and Lighting project.

Continued Committee discussion:

- The project would fund replacement lighting, new lighting for existing fields and the development of new fields with lighting.
- Opposed to specificity of locations.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Kelly Gottschalk moved, seconded by Terri Hutts, to approve \$17,615,000 for Sports Fields and Lighting, with \$11.2 million specifically for the City of Tucson. Substitute motion approved 19-6.

Oury Pool Renovations

MOTION: Gary Davidson moved, seconded by Tom Dunn, to approve the Oury Pool Renovations at \$1.5 million. Motion approved 25-0.

Adaptive Recreation Center

MOTION: Tom Dunn moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to approve the Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion at \$12 million.

Margot Hurst and Adiba Nelson spoke in support of the project.

Committee discussion points:

- City surveyed the zip codes of users and this truly is a regional facility.
- The operations and maintenance costs are very high.
- City understands the costs are high but feel that the services are unique and worth it.
- City bond committee discussed these costs at length.

Motion approved 25-0.

Silverlake Park Expansion

MOTION Brian Flagg moved, seconded by Chris Sheafe, to approve \$2.3 million for the Silverlake Park Expansion.

Beryl Baker spoke in opposition.

Motion approved 17-8.

Kennedy Park Improvements

Mr. Huckelberry explained that he did not recommend this project because the scope was a vague one-liner and deleting the project would reduce the overall bond program amount.

Louie Padilla, Steve Montano and Laura Dent (on behalf of City Council member Regina Romero) spoke in support of the project. Beryl Baker spoke in opposition.

MOTION: Brian Flagg moved, seconded by Kelly Gottschalk, to approve \$2.5 million for Kennedy Park Improvements.

Committee discussion:

- There was confusion regarding which ball fields would be lit by this project versus the lighting project.
- What is the scope and will it include a new master plan?
- The baseball field will be lit with this project; the softball field will be lit by the other lighting project.
- It will be two separate lighting systems.
- Scope is not vague.
- Discussion of amending motion to require more detailed scope.
- Mr. Huckelberry would be willing to support the project if it has a more specific scope.

Motion amended to require a more specific scope and approved 24-0.

Murrieta Park Improvements

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by Tom Warne, to approve the Murrieta Park Improvements for \$5 million.

The following members of the audience spoke in support of the project:

Ted Schmidt
Sherry Hoskinson
Ricardo Hinds
Dan Castro
Steve Brown
Edgar Soto

Chairman Hecker noted that there is an effort to raise funds for the park via a memorial fund.

Committee discussion:

- Those in support of this project should talk to their City Council members that voted to maintain the golf courses but close pools. The Council should shut those courses down as they are losing money and benefit very few residents.
- Supporters should collect kid's comments for this project.

Motion approved 23-0.

Oury Park Festival Area

MOTION: Dan Sullivan moved, seconded by Greg Wexler to delete the Oury Park Festival Area project.

Bob Rodriguez spoke in support of the project.

Committee discussion:

- The pool and festival projects are separate because one was submitted a while before the other.
- This neighborhood has a unique history.
- Neighbors have said they prefer pool over the festival area.
- Tucson's festivals are unique.
- Stand up for Barrio Anita.

Motion fails 12-11.

MOTION: Ted Prezelski moved, seconded by Greg Wexler to approve the Oury Park Festival Area at \$1.5 million. Motion approved 12-9 (2 members did not vote).

Jesse Owens Park Development Project

Ted Schmidt and RC Marx spoke in support.

Committee discussion:

- This project is not included in the regional lighting project, but part of the scope is included in the alternate list of lighting projects the City would complete if funding remains after completing the original list.
- This park is a highly used park.
- Perhaps the bond project should be limited to the non-lighting scope items.
- If limited to non-lighting scope items, there will be no assurance that the fields will be lit since they are on the alternate list.

MOTION: Vice-Chair Carolyn Campbell moved, seconded by Don Chatfield, to approve \$700,000 for the Jesse Owens Park project, excluding the lighting. Motion failed 9-8 (6 members did not vote).

MOTION: Ted Prezelski moved, seconded by David Lyons, to approve \$1 million for Jesse Owens Park. Motion approved 23-0.

Gary Davidson requested that the confusion regarding which projects are included in the regional lighting project and which are not, be clarified.

Buffalo Soldiers Memorial

MOTION: David Lyons moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to approve the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial project at \$250,000.

The following members of the audience spoke in support of the project:

Willie Blake
Jon Covington
Floyd Gray

There was discussion about where the memorial should be located. City of Tucson Councilman Fimbres spoke in support of the project and the location at Quincie Douglas Center.

Motion approved 23-0.

Fort Lowell Park

Fred Gray presented the project.

Committee discussion:

- City's committee reviewed the project and supported it, but did not rank it among the other City of Tucson projects.
- It is a very heavily used park.

MOTION: Kelly Gottschalk moved, seconded by Gary Davidson, to approve \$5 million for the Fort Lowell Park project. Motion approved 19-1.

Marana Cultural and Heritage Park

Tom Dunn reminded the Committee that this used to be two separate projects, one focused on the recreation elements and the other on the economic development elements.

MOTION: Tom Dunn moved, seconded by Kelly Gottschalk, to approve \$19 million for Marana Cultural and Heritage Park.

OK Rihl spoke in support of the project.

Committee discussion:

- Why \$19 million versus the \$16 million recommended by the County Administrator? \$19 million was half of the original request amount when the projects were separate projects.
- Project scope was discussed.
- Mr. Huckelberry stated that he was fine with \$19 million and suggested that the Town Council may like to allocate the additional \$3 million to another project.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Brian Flagg moved, seconded by Vice Chair Campbell, to approve \$16 million for the Marana Cultural and Heritage Park. Substitute motion failed 2-17.

Original motion was approved 19-0.

Barnett Linear Park and Flood Control Project

MOTION: Chris Sheafe moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to delete the Barnett Linear Park and Flood Control Project.

Beryl Baker spoke in opposition to the project.
Keith Brann spoke in support of the project.

Committee discussion:

- The project should be approved.
- Mr. Huckelberry was asked to explain his opposition to the project and stated that this is the type of project that should be funded by developers since it will benefit a significant amount of vacant and future developable land in this area.
- Should not be bond funded as there are other ways to fund it.

Motion approved 13-5.

5. Call to the Audience

No speakers.

6. Next Meeting

The December 5 meeting will no longer be necessary. The next meeting will be on December 12.

7. Meeting Adjourned

MOTION: Greg Wexler moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 18-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Note that speaker cards for those members of the audience that selected not to speak or submitted speaker cards but did not speak are attached to this meeting summary.