

**Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Meeting**

**Friday April 25, 2014
8:00 A.M.**

**Hotel Tucson City Center
475 N. Granada
Tucson, Arizona**

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Larry Hecker, Chair
Carolyn Campbell, Vice Chair
Joe Boogaart
Ed Buster
Donald Chatfield
Gary Davidson
Tom Dunn
Brian Flagg
Kelly Gottschalk
Terri Hutts
Michael Lund
David Lyons
Ted Prezelski
Patty Richardson
Chris Sheafe
Dan Sullivan
John Sundt
James Ward
Tom Warne
Greg Wexler

Committee Members Absent

Paul Diaz
Rene Gastelum
Wade McLean

MOTIONS

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MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m. with a quorum. Chairman Hecker introduced new committee member Ed Buster representing Supervisor Carroll's district. Nicole Fyffe announced that the following project sheets previously sent to the committee had errors and that replacements were before them today and would be placed on the web site: Kory Laos BMX Park, Model Airplane Park Improvements. In addition, 47 comment letters and emails had been received in support of more softball fields at Sports Park and Riverfront Park. Members from the City's bond advisory committee were present.

2. Approval of the March 21, 2014 meeting summary

MOTION: Dan Sullivan moved, seconded by Gary Davidson to approve the March 21, 2014 meeting summary, with one revision from Mr. Davidson for page 4. Motion approved 19-0.

In response to a question from Mr. Davison, Mr. Huckelberry stated that a letter regarding the San Xavier Restoration project would be sent to the Committee clarifying ownership.

3. Possible 2015 bond election – deletion of projects no longer needed

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4. Possible 2015 bond election – Parks and Recreation Facilities

CITY OF TUCSON

A. City of Tucson Tentatively Approved Projects

Fred Gray, City Parks Director provided an overview.

Urban Greenways – discussion included:

- Percentage of greenways that are not street side improvements:
El Paso – almost 100%

Atturbury – 96%

Arroyo Chico – 88%

Arcadia – 37%

Alamo – 84% (percent corrected administratively on 5.5.14)

- Request that City submit map highlighting the street side segments.
- Entire budget estimate for all the greenways is \$54 million.
- Greenways are quality of life and economic development improvements.
- Critical issue with the greenways is safety for children

Reid Park – Concern that \$2 million is not enough. Request that the City expand the scope and bond request accordingly.

Freedom Center expansion now includes the slide that so many kids requested.

Adaptive Recreation Center – discussion included:

- Admission is open to the general public but the improvements and equipment are tailored to persons with special needs.
- Fees are the same as other City recreational facilities.
- There is a benefit to blending special needs population with general population.
- Used by residents all over southern Arizona as this is the only such facility.
- Concern about the high operating and maintenance costs for the facility.
- City budget committee has continued to be supportive of the higher than average O&M costs for this facility.

Kelly Gottschalk stated that the City bond committee talked extensively about the impact of these projects to the City's operating budget, and that the City is committed to cover these costs as not all projects will come on-line at the same time.

B. City of Tucson Resubmittals and New Projects

Julie Parizek, City Parks Project Manager, presented the four resubmitted and new projects: Silverlake Park, Kennedy Park, Murrieta Park and Oury Park Festival Area.

Kennedy Park – discussion included:

- Concern that existing project does not address the need for additional fields and existing fields are overused.
- Kennedy park is 175 acres making it just shy of the 200 acres necessary to consider it a regional park like Udall.
- Request that City consider resubmitting the project to include acquisition of adjacent TUSD parcel to expand the park to a regional size park and increase the area available for adding new fields.
- Concession stands would be new stands and it is unlikely the little league could fund the construction of these as they had in the past.
- Kennedy Park still does host festivals.
- There are not many other parks in the area that provide ball fields.

- Community wide, Tucson is 30 to 40 percent behind the national average in park acreage.
- City of Tucson estimates it is about 20 fields short each for soccer and baseball/softball.
- Consider converting under used golf courses to ball fields.

Oury Park Festival Area – discussion included:

- Possible festival area being proposed for other downtown or west side location.
- Parking is included in the development of the festival area.

Murrieta Park – discussion included:

- City should consider resubmitting project with addition of multi-use path to connect Murrieta Park to Juhan Park, which connects to The Loop.
- Concern that park is over utilized and unable to expand, with exception of potential expansion to school on the east side.

Public Comment:

Chairman Hecker noted that a petition in support of Murrieta Park improvements had just been received.

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| Ellen Paige | Support of Sentinel Peak project |
| Pat Healy | Support of Adaptive Rec Center |
| Sherry Hoskinson | Support of Murrieta park |
| Ernest Armenta | Support of Murrieta Park |
| David Bachman- Williams | Support of Urban Greenways |
| Kylie Walzak | Support of Urban Greenways |
| Sheldon Gutman | Support of baseball |

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan to move all of the City of Tucson projects forward. Motion approved 20-0.

It was confirmed that this motion meant delaying action on individual projects until the fall.

TOWN OF MARANA

C. Town of Marana Tentatively Approved Project

Bureau of Reclamation Sports Park – T Van Hook stated that this is no longer a high priority for the Town due to population growth occurring more in other areas.

D. Town of Marana Resubmittals

Marana Heritage and Cultural Park recreation component: A presentation was given by Tom Ellis, Marana Parks Director. Discussion after included:

- This is intended to be a regional attraction, not just to serve the Town's 38,000 residents.
- \$17 million out of a total of about \$35 million is being requested from County bonds.
- Ball field's portion could serve as a tournament site.
- The existing equestrian facility is utilized by 256 events a year.

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E. Pima County Tentatively Approved Projects

Mr. Huckelberry provided updated information regarding PR138 Benson Highway Park Development and Land Acquisition. The initial project was to acquire and develop 11 acres. Discussions were also had with an owner of 159 acres next to Interstate 10 and Kino Sports Complex, approximately one to two miles away. But during those initial discussions the owner was unwilling to sell at a reasonable cost. As of two days ago the owner may now be willing to sell the 159 acres for \$9 million, which is much more reasonable, but will still be subject to a County appraisal. Therefore it is likely this project will be modified to increase the costs to \$9 million. It was clarified that this could provide land for the project that the Supervisor from District 2 was seeking to serve that community. Mr. Huckelberry stated that he would provide a memorandum to the Committee with more details as they evolve.

Public Comment

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| Eddie Aldaghi | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| Robert Schuman | Supports model airplane parks |
| Michael Cummins | Supports model airplane parks |
| Austin Daniels | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| Walter Rogers | Opposed to Rillito Conversion project |
| Scott Laos | Supports Kory Laos BMX Park |
| Chuck Catino | Supports Baja Sports at Canoa Preserve |
| Kelly Fowler | Supports Rillito Conversion Project |
| Tom Carle | Supports softball tournament site |
| Kaissa Gurvine | Supports multi-use of Rillito |
| Ted Schmidt | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| Charles Kendrick | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| Jeffery Rogers | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| Tim Johnson | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| JoAnn DiFilippo | Supports multi-use of Rillito |
| Jaye Wells | Supports multi-use of Rillito |
| Kurt Luscombe | Opposes soccer project at Rillito |

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| Steven Jackson | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| Michael Storie | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| Stephanie Maben | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| Kristen Wendler | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| Ricardo Hinds | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| Tom Richardson | Supports multi-use of Rillito |
| Charlie MacCabe | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| Omid Aldaghi | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| Curt Cannon | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| Eddie Betterton | Supports Rillito Conversion project |
| Sheldon Gutman | Supports baseball |

In response to the question from Dan Sullivan, Mr. Huckelberry stated that the Rillito Conversion project includes 16 fields.

Chris Sheafe and David Lyons stated that they agreed lacrosse was a growing sport and could contribute significant economic benefits. Gary Davidson added that any rectangular shaped field should be suitable for other sports in addition to soccer.

MOTION: Tom Warne moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to move the Pima County tentatively approved projects forward. Motion approved 20-0.

Tom Warne added that he has personal knowledge that soccer players are playing many games in Phoenix because of the lack of fields in Tucson.

5. Next Meeting

May 2nd at River Park Inn. This would be the second of two meetings for the Committee to review Parks and Recreation related proposals for a future bond election.

6. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

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