

**Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Meeting**

**The Manning House
450 W. Paseo Redondo
Friday, October 15, 2010
8:00 a.m.**

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Larry Hecker, Chair
Carolyn Campbell, Vice Chair
Donald Chatfield
Gary Davidson
Pete Delgado
Brian Flagg (arrived 8:10 am)
Rene Gastelum
Jesus Gomez (arrived 8:10 am)
Byron Howard
Terri Hutts
A.C. Marriotti
Wade McLean
Rebecca Manoleas
Patty Richardson
Chris Sheafe
Thomas Six
Tom Warne (arrived 8:10 am)

Committee Members Absent

Peter Backus
Pat Benchik
Harry George
Kelly Gomez
David Lyons
Ted Prezelski
Dan Sullivan
Greg Wexler

MOTIONS

MOTION: Tom Six moved, seconded by Patty Richardson, to approve the September 17, 2010 meeting summary. Motion approved 14-0.

MOTION: Chris Sheafe moved, seconded by Tom Warne, to tentatively approve \$20 million for PR278 River Park Acquisitions and Development Countywide. Motion approved 17-0.

MOTION: Chris Sheafe moved, seconded by Tom Warne, to tentatively approve \$2 million for PR 281 Public Natural Park Trail Access. Motion approved 17-0.

MOTION: Carolyn Campbell moved, seconded by Gary Davidson, to tentatively approve \$500,000 for PR228 Lawrence Hiaki Pathway. Motion approved 17-0.

MOTION: Byron Howard moved, seconded by Donald Chatfield, to revise PR34 Trails, Urban Pathways and Riverparks to include more specifics for a \$15 million project. Motion approved 17-0.

MOTION: Chris Sheafe moved, seconded by Rene Gastelum, to tentatively approve \$10 million for PR35 Sports Fields. Motion approved 17-0.

MOTION: Rene Gastelum moved, seconded by Patty Richardson, to tentatively approve \$12 million for PR220 Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion. Motion approved 17-0.

MOTION: Carolyn Campbell moved, seconded by Gary Davidson, to tentatively approve \$1.5 million for PR262 Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project. Motion approved 17-0.

DIRECTION TO STAFF

City of Tucson - Revise PR34 Trails, Urban Pathways and Riverparks to include more specifics for a \$15 million project.

Revise project description sheet for PR35 Sports Fields to reflect City of Tucson proposal as approved by Committee.

1. Welcome

Meeting began at 8:10 a.m. with a quorum.

2. Approval of the September 17, 2010 Meeting Summary

MOTION: Tom Six moved, seconded by Patty Richardson, to approve the September 17, 2010 meeting summary. Motion approved 14-0.

3. Committee Deliberation Regarding 2011 Bond Election Planning

A. Deliberation on programmatic recommendations from the County Administrator

PR278 River Park Acquisitions and Development Countywide

Nanette Slusser, Assistant County Administrator for Public Works, gave a presentation on the River Park System (also known as the Urban Loop) at the previous meeting. Nicole Fyffe listed which individual river park segment projects were being proposed for inclusion in the \$20 million program, explained why staff does not recommend including the subcommittee tiers in the program description, and described the proposal for program management.

Discussion and questions included whether the program approach provides enough certainty to the public on which segments will be completed, what the difference was between the original \$27 million estimate for each of the projects in total versus the program amount of \$20 million, which portions of the river parks remain to be completed and their costs, that more specifics would be available on which portions of the river parks would be included as we draw nearer to a bond election and draft the detailed bond implementation plan ordinance, other funding sources such as federal and state grants, and that this was a good way to package these similar projects.

MOTION: Chris Sheafe moved, seconded by Tom Warne, to tentatively approve \$20 million for PR278 River Park Acquisitions and Development Countywide. Motion approved 17-0.

PR281 Public Natural Park Trail Access (Trailheads)

Nicole Fyffe explained which of the individual trailhead properties were being recommended for inclusion in the \$2 million trailhead program, that the program description does include the tiered priorities recommended by the subcommittee, and similar program management to the river parks program. The program is not recommended to include PR228 Lawrence Hiaki Pathway and the City of Tucson's PR34 Trails, Urban Pathways, and River Parks, since these are urban trail projects and not trailheads to existing parks.

MOTION: Chris Sheafe moved, seconded by Tom Warne, to tentatively approve \$2 million for PR 281 Public Natural Park Trail Access. Motion approved 17-0.

PR228 Lawrence Hiaki Pathway

Nicole Fyffe explained that this project was recommended as a Tier 1 project by the subcommittee, was the Pascua Yaqui's 2nd highest ranked project, and is recommended by the County Administrator.

MOTION: Carolyn Campbell moved, seconded by Gary Davidson, to tentatively approve \$500,000 for PR228 Lawrence Hiaki Pathway. Motion approved 17-0.

PR34 City of Tucson Trails, Urban Pathways, and River Parks

Julie Parizek, City of Tucson Parks and Recreation, gave a detailed presentation on the urban greenways that are proposed for funding under this project. Comments and questions from the Committee included whether \$4 million would complete the greenways (no), estimate to complete the greenways (\$15 million), whether the paths were multi-use (yes), which segments would be highest priority for completion with the bonds funds, whether the City already owns all of the

land (owns majority), similarities with the river park/urban loop system, need for funding for trails that head south (South Tucson area), whether the subcommittee recommended Tier 3 would improve now that more specifics are known, and other sources of funding available for trails outside of these urban greenways.

MOTION: Byron Howard moved, seconded by Patty Richardson, to tentatively approve \$4 million for PR34 Trails, Urban Pathways and Riverparks.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Carolyn Campbell moved, seconded by Brian Flagg, to tentatively approve \$15 million for PR34 Trails, Urban Pathways and Riverparks, including a portion of that funding for a trail in or through South Tucson.

Both motions were withdrawn.

MOTION: Byron Howard moved, seconded by Donald Chatfield, to revise PR34 Trails, Urban Pathways and Riverparks to include more specifics for a \$15 million project. Motion approved 17-0.

PR35 Sports Fields City of Tucson

This project was originally proposed as a \$4 million project and lacked specificity. The City is now proposing a \$10 million project, \$7.35 million to replace ball fields lighting, and \$2.65 million to light existing fields and build new fields with lighting. Ted Moeller, Electrical Engineer, spoke on behalf of the City of Tucson about the necessity to replace many of the City's sports field lights. Julie Parizek talked about how the City's original project proposal was general, but since then the City has systematically assessed the sports fields and sports field lighting needs, and has very specific recommendations.

Nicole Fyffe stated that the County is no longer pursuing bond funding for lighting-only projects. This year an end of year balance in the County's General Fund was allocated to light fields. Fred Gray, City Parks director stated that the City has no dedicated funding source for lighting replacement or new lighting. A few of the Committee members spoke about the concern that funding replacement lighting may be considered a maintenance cost, as opposed to a typical bond funding item. It was clarified that yes it can be funded with bond funds; however the County is not choosing to fund lighting projects with bond funds.

Other questions and comments included who paid for the lighting (often it is the leagues that use the fields), the efficiency savings from the Musco lighting (50 percent more efficient), whether solar was used (no), that lighting a field increases the use 3-fold, and that if these can't be replaced with bond funds the fields will be underutilized when the lights are removed.

Note that this project incorporates PR47 Reid Park Soccer Field Replacement.

MOTION: Chris Sheafe moved, seconded by Rene Gastelum, to tentatively approve \$10 million for PR35 Sports Fields. Motion approved 17-0.

B. PR231 Arizona Velodrome Bicycle Center

Continued to the next meeting

C. PR220 Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion and Alternatives

Fred Gray clarified that the proposal was to build the “dry” portion of the adaptive recreation center, and that the “wet” (pool) portion was complete. The facility is at capacity in the summer, but a reduction in programming due to budget cuts has had some impact on utilization.

Karen Larkin spoke in support of the project. Rochelle Swanson submitted a speaker card in support of the project, but asked not to speak.

MOTION: Rene Gastelum moved, seconded by Patty Richardson, to tentatively approve \$12 million for PR220 Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion. Motion approved 17-0.

D. PR262 Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project

Nicole Fyffe explained that the County Administrator did not originally support this project, but now does for the following reasons: request for bond funds reduced from \$3.5 million to \$1.5 million, proponents (Altar Valley Conservation Alliance) have successfully leveraged \$350,000 in grant funding to apply to the project, the County now owns several ranches in the area, and the Regional Flood Control District and County Parks worked with the proponents to develop a scope of work for the project.

Pat King, Altar Valley Conservation Alliance, spoke in support of the project. Vicki France submitted a speaker card in support of the project, but asked not to speak.

MOTION: Carolyn Campbell moved, seconded by Gary Davidson, to tentatively approve \$1.5 million for PR262 Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project. Motion approved 17-0.

E. Capital Costs versus Maintenance Costs and Applicability for Bond Funding

This item was addressed during item 3A - PR35 Sports Fields City of Tucson.

F. Deliberation on remaining projects – majority fall in Group 3 – Subcategory B (projects not recommended by County Administrator)

This item was continued to the next meeting

4. Future Agenda Items and Next Meetings

Next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2010

Agenda items to include:

- PR280 School District Partnerships
- PR231 Arizona Velodrome Bicycle Center
- PR34 Trails, Urban Pathways and Riverparks (COT)
- Deliberation on remaining projects – majority fall in Group 3 – Subcategory B (Projects not recommended by County Administrator)
- Pros and cons of continuing to pursue a 2011 bond election

5. Call to the Audience

Roy Schoonover and Bill Adamson spoke in support of the River Parks project. Mr. Schoonover commended Nanette Slusser for all of the progress that has been made on the river parks since she was assigned the responsibility.

Richard DeBernardis thanked the Committee for continuing the Velodrome presentation to the next meeting.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.