

**Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Meeting**

**The Manning House
450 W. Paseo Redondo
Friday September 19, 2010
8:00 a.m.**

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Larry Hecker, Chair
Carolyn Campbell, Vice Chair
Pat Benchik
Donald Chatfield (arrived 8:10 am)
Gary Davidson
Pete Delgado
Brian Flagg (departed 10:10 am)
Harry George (arrived 9:20 am)
Jesus Gomez (departed 10:25 am)
Kelly Gomez
Byron Howard
Terri Hutts
David Lyons
Rebecca Manoleas
Patty Richardson
Chris Sheafe
Dan Sullivan (departed 10:15 am)
Tom Warne (arrived 9:15 am)
Greg Wexler

Committee Members Absent

Peter Backus
Rene Gastelum
Wade McLean
A.C. Marriotti
Ted Prezelski
Thomas Six

MOTIONS

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to approve the May 21, 2010 meeting summary. Motion approved 16-0.

MOTION: Greg Wexler moved, seconded by Chris Sheafe, to accept the status reports on the 1997, 2004 and 2006 bond programs. Motion approved 18-0.

MOTION: Chris Sheafe moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to approve the proposed ordinance amendments to the 1997 GO and Sewer bond program. Motion approved 18-0. Vice-Chair Campbell abstained from the vote.

MOTION: Chris Sheafe moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to approve the proposed ordinance amendments to the 1997 transportation bond program. Motion approved 18-0. Vice -Chair Campbell abstained from the vote.

MOTION: Dan Sullivan moved, seconded by Don Chatfield, to approve the proposed ordinance amendments to the 2004 bond program. Motion approved 19-0.

DIRECTION TO STAFF

Continue to revise the programmatic recommendations for a future bond election, especially the School District Partnerships.

Send the following items to the Committee:

1. Memo on El Corazon del Tres Rios del Norte
2. Report on Soft Costs
3. Presentation on Urban Loop

Contact those that spoke in support of a youth center on the southwest side to see if the project is already included in the list being considered for a future bond election.

1. Welcome

Meeting began at 8:05 a.m. with a quorum.

2. Approval of the May 21, 2010 Meeting Summary

MOTION: Terri Hutts moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to approve the May 21, 2010 meeting summary. Motion approved 16-0.

3. End of Year Status Report – 1997, 2004, and 2006 Bond Programs

Per the County's Truth in Bonding Code, materials were provided to the Committee providing the status of projects included in the 1997, 2004 and 2006 bond programs. These materials are available to the public via the County's web site. Mary Tyson, Pima County Finance, also presented an overview at the meeting.

Byron Howard requested information on soft costs, as compared to construction costs. Mr. Huckelberry references a recent report on the matter and said it would be sent to the Committee.

Bryan Flagg asked how HURF dollars could be made available for transit. The response was that per State law they could not be spent on transit.

The Town of Marana, City of Tucson, Town of Oro Valley, Town of Sahuarita, Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Tohono O'odham Nation all submitted reports on the status of County bond projects being managed by their jurisdictions. Staff from these jurisdictions were available to answer questions. A lengthy discussion was had regarding the length of time it takes to construct Neighborhood Reinvestment projects after they are approved by the Board of Supervisors and suggestions were made on how to improve the delivery times.

MOTION: Greg Wexler moved, seconded by Chris Sheafe, to accept the status reports on the 1997, 2004, and 2006 bond programs. Motion approved 18-0.

4. Amendments to the 1997 and 2004 Bond Programs

Per the County's Truth in Bonding Code, the Commission received a staff report describing each of the projects that would be impacted by the proposed ordinance amendments, including the procedure for bond ordinance amendments. Nicole Fyffe provided a brief summary of each of the bond projects involved.

MOTION: Chris Sheafe moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to approve the proposed ordinance amendments to the 1997 GO and Sewer bond program. Motion approved 18-0. Vice-Chair Campbell abstained from the vote.

Additional information was requested and provided on the recommendation to not replace the bridge and River Road and Ventana Canyon.

MOTION: Chris Sheafe moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to approve the proposed ordinance amendments to the 1997 transportation bond program. Motion approved 18-0. Vice -Chair Campbell abstained from the vote.

Chairman Hecker and other members praised the County's restoration work on the Roy Place/former Walgreens building downtown, and talked about future uses for the building.

Additional information was requested and provided on the proposed amendment to the Justice/Municipal Court project and the Interagency Advocacy Center project.

MOTION: Dan Sullivan moved, seconded by Don Chatfield, to approve the proposed ordinance amendments to the 2004 bond program. Motion approved 19-0.

5. Committee Deliberation Regarding 2011 Bond Election Planning

Call to the Audience

Ann Gibson, Vail Community Action Board, thanked Mr. Huckelberry for attending their recent meeting, announced a town hall on November 16 to discuss the scope and location options for FM108, and announced a survey that will be conducted in late November also on FM108.

Jansen Azarias, Youth Program Coordinator in the Southwest area, and Cheryl Lopez, principal of a private school in the same area, spoke about the need for an additional youth center in the area of Manzanita Park and Drexel Heights Community Center. The Committee responded with suggestions and staff said they would follow up with these individuals to determine if a project already tentatively approved by the Committee would address these needs. The acquisition of State Trust land discussed as part of the ordinance amendments, may also provide an opportunity to address this need. Dan Eckstrom said he would also provide support and suggestions.

Chuck Catino spoke in support of BAJA Sports softball fields (PR137).

A. Discussion of Pros and Cons of pursuing a bond election in November 2011

Mr. Huckelberry and committee members discussed the pros and cons of holding a bond election in 2011, including:

- Current state of the economy
- Risks associated with going forward with a bond election in 2011 and losing
- County may not be able to issue new bonds until 2012 or 2013 based on declining property values – will know more in January from the Assessor
- Pros and cons of holding a bond election at the same time the members of the Board of Supervisors may be running for re-election (though was successful in 2004)
- Success or failure of the City sales tax election this November may provide an indicator
- Need to fight poverty with programs such as this
- Need to hear input from residents in different areas of the County
- Need to stay the course and continue planning for a 2011
- To many unknown factors to decide today whether to continue with or call off a 2011 election

B. Presentation on El Corazon del Tres Rios del Norte

Suzanne Shields, Director of the Pima County Regional Flood Control District, gave a presentation on an area now being referred to as El Corazon del Tres Rios del Norte, at the confluence of the Santa Cruz River, Rillito River, and Canada del Oro. The City of Tucson and the County have already completed a number of public projects within this area, including parks, river park trails, flood control improvements, riparian restoration, and sewer reclamation. Ms. Shields provided an overview of projects completed so far, and a vision for the future that could include a menu of additional projects involving the Bureau of Reclamation, the Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Tucson and the Town of Marana. A memorandum on this effort was forwarded to the Committee after the meeting.

C. Deliberation on programmatic recommendations from County Administrator

Nanette Slusser, Assistant County Administrator for Public Works, provided an update on the Urban Loop. This is an on going effort to develop a continuous 55 mile pathway around the metropolitan area for biking, walking and other activities, following the Santa Cruz River, Rillito River, Pantano River, and the Julian Wash. More than 40 miles have been completed already and the County recently applied for a federal grant to complete the loop.

This presentation provided a context for the Committee to consider one of the programmatic projects Mr. Huckelberry has recommended for a future bond election – PR278 River Park Acquisitions and Development Countywide. Gary Davidson had questions about which individual projects were not included in this category.

The Committee decided to continue this and the other programmatic recommendations to the October meeting. There were several comments on PR280 – School District Partnerships, including:

- There may not be a one size fits all solution for all the schools
- Scoreboards, bleachers, and concession stands should not be funded by the County
- Support for the concept
- Need to get a better understanding of who can accelerate such agreements

- The complications may be as simple as who cleans up the fields after use by the public, but before school children use them
- City of Tucson and County already have some joint use agreements with the schools, and we need to expand those that are working

6. Other Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2010.

Agenda items to include:

Deliberation on programmatic recommendations from the County Administrator:

- PR278 River Park Acquisitions and Development Countywide
- PR279 Sports Fields Countywide
- PR280 School District Partnerships
- PR281 Public Natural Park Trail Access

PR231 Arizona Velodrome Bicycle Center – action item and presentation with concepts

PR220 Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion and alternatives

PR262 Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project

Capital Costs Versus Maintenance Costs and Applicability for Bond Funding

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

7. Call to the Audience

Phil Hobes suggested the County look at property tax delinquency trends and how many people are making full property tax payments annually, as opposed to splitting the payments.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.