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Pima County Bond Advisory Committee Meeting

Manning House
450 West Paseo Redondo
Friday January 12, 2007
8:00 a.m.

MOTIONS

MOTION: Mr. Sheafe moved, seconded by Mr. Backus, to approve the meeting summary from the December 1, 2006 meeting. Motion approved 17-0.

MOTION: Mr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. Sheafe, to nominate the current Chair and Vice-Chair of the Bond Advisory Committee, Larry Hecker and Carolyn Campbell, to continue serving. Motion approved 17-0.

MOTION: Mr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. Neis, to recommend that a future bond election take place in November 2008. Motion approved 18-0.

MOTION: Mr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. Wexler, to form 4 subcommittees: Parks and Recreation, Justice and Law Enforcement, Public Works (to include Flood Control, Transportation Safety, Solid Waste, Wastewater), Public Facilities (to include libraries, health, and other). Motion approved 18-0.

SUMMARY OF MEETING

The following is a summary of the January 12, 2007 meeting. Audiotapes of the meeting are available upon request.

Committee Members Present

Larry Hecker, Chair
Carolyn Campbell, Vice Chair
Peter Backus
Gary Davidson
Paul Diaz
Rene Gastelum
Jesus Gomez
Byron Howard
David Lyons
A.C. Marriotti
Wade McLean
John Neis
Chris Sheafe

Committee Members Absent

Kelly Gomez
Debbie Hecht
Patty Richardson
David Lyons

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Thomas Six
Dan Sullivan
Tom Warne (arrived after first 2 motions)
Robert Davis
Greg Wexler
Terri Hutts

1. Welcome

Meeting began at 8:10 a.m. with a quorum. Chairman Hecker introduced the new committee members appointed by Supervisor Bronson: Terri Hutts and Greg Wexler.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary

MOTION: Mr. Sheafe moved, seconded by Mr. Backus, to approve the meeting summary from the December 1, 2006 meeting. Motion approved 17-0.

3. Consideration of Chair and Vice-Chair Positions

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4. Potential Future County Bond Election

Jim Barry, former Executive Assistant to the County Administrator, provided the Committee with a written and verbal report on the pros and cons of holding a bond election in November 2008 versus November 2009. (Note that after the December 1, 2006 Committee meeting, staff was made aware of a recent change in State Statutes that took away the County's ability to continue holding general obligation bond elections in May. General obligation bond elections must now be held during November general elections.)

November 2008 – Issues to consider:

- Presidential election
- High voter turnout
- “Voters tend to be younger, more mobile, newer residents with fewer ties to their communities, and are generally less knowledgeable about local issues and history”
- Administrative costs similar
- Long ballot
- Single ballot
- Should consider restricting number of bond questions (3 or 4 versus 6 or 7), and consider holding bond elections more frequently.

November 2009 – Issues to consider:

- City general election
- Low voter turnout

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- “Voters who are very knowledgeable about the and committed to the community, have lived here the longest and are most rooted in the community, and are older”
- Administrative costs similar
- Administrative complexity high because of County Attorney opinion that County cannot contract out it’s elections, and City not willing to have County run their general election, and therefore there may be need again for two ballots for those who live within the City of Tucson (one for City general election and one for County bond election).
- Short ballot

Committee discussed these issues for some time. Discussion included questions and concerns regarding impact of potential all mail ballots, getting word out during presidential election, and sewer revenue bond election could still be held in May according to state statute. Mr. Huckelberry stated that if the Committee decides to recommend a November 2008 bond election date, that recommended projects should be popular projects that have broad based and diverse support; that number of questions should be limited to 3 or 4; and that staff and the Committee look at the percentage by which bond questions in the past have won. Chairman Hecker stated that there appears to be strong public support for parks, recreational, and library capital improvement projects, as shown in the hundreds of comments received to date. Mr. Sheafe stated that it may be better to move forward with an earlier election based on the current market and interest rates, versus waiting.

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5. Formation of Subcommittees

The Committee discussed the types of subcommittees needed in light of existing committees (Conservation Acquisition Commission, Neighborhood Reinvestment Committee, and Affordable Housing Committee). Goal of subcommittees would be to develop a prioritized list of projects, as opposed to a recommended total for dollar amount per project area. The prioritized list could then be used by the full committee when deliberating on what projects to recommend to the Board. The Commission discussed setting prioritization criteria early in this subcommittee process, including: broad support by public, jurisdictional and regional balance, other funding sources, public/private partnerships, and operational and management costs.

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Subcommittee members by end of meeting:

Justice and Law Enforcement

Dan Sullivan (Chair)

John Neis

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Parks and Recreation

Gary Davidson (Chair)

Tom Warne

Thomas Six

Byron Howard

Ted Prezelski

John Neis

Public Works

Greg Wexler (Chair)

Chris Sheafe

Public Facilities

Peter Backus (Chair)

Terri Hutts

6. Future meeting dates

Staff will try to schedule a full committee meeting in February, and hold at least one sub-committee meeting prior to the full committee meeting date.

7. Call to the Audience

Richard Hill spoke about proposed project PR 120. He does not support County acquisition of his property.

8. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 am.