

**Pima County Conservation Acquisition Commission  
Cultural Resources Subcommittee  
Meeting**

**Manning House  
Thursday, August 23, 2007  
2:00 p.m.**

**MOTIONS**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Pettis to approve the June 14, 2007 meeting summary. Motion approved 6-0 (Commissioners Marian, Roe, Corey, Hare and Shattuck absent).

**MOTION:** Commissioner Sheridan moved, seconded by Commissioner Marshall for the City of Tucson to work with Pima County to come back to the Commission with a single list of cultural resource protection projects that do not exceed \$50 million for consideration. Motion approved 6-0 (Commissioners Marian, Roe, Corey, Hare and Shattuck absent).

**DIRECTION TO STAFF**

The Commission asked for staff to verify the 2004 Cultural Resources request made by the Conservation Bond Advisory Committee and whether or not the amount was reduced by the County Bond Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING**

The following is a summary of the August 23, 2007 meeting. Audiotapes of the meeting are available upon request.

1. Roll Call

The Commission meeting began at 2:05 pm.

Commissioners Present

Helen Wilson  
Chuck Pettis  
Tom Sheridan  
Tim Prouty  
Rob Marshall  
Jan Johnson, Vice Chair

Commissioners Absent

Jim Marian  
Bill Roe, Chair  
Wanda Shattuck  
Trevor Hare  
Les Corey

2. Approval of the June 14, 2007 Meeting Summary

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3. Proposed 2008 Bond Cultural Resources Projects

## A. Presentations

Nicole Fyffe provided a brief background on a similar committee's role in the past as the recommending committee to the Bond Advisory Committee on proposed Cultural Resources bond projects. The Commission is requested to again serve that purpose. Ms. Fyffe also provided information on past bond elections and the amounts approved for Cultural Resources. In the 1997 Bond Program, a total of \$257 million in General Obligation Bonds (GO) was authorized, with \$6.5 million being approved for Cultural Resources. In 2004, a total of \$582 million in GO Bonds was authorized, with \$20 million being approved for Cultural Resources. For 2008, the County is proposing \$700 to \$800 million in GO bonds, with \$38 million being requested by Cultural Resources. The County is requesting that the Commission consider what the maximum amount of authorization should be, so that Linda Mayro and her staff can then prioritize the projects. Chairman Roe would then take the requests back to the Bond Advisory Committee on 10/26/07.

### Pima County Presentation

Linda Mayro provided some brief information on the significant compatibility between the preservation of open space and cultural resources. She reported that the selection criteria used included the criteria identified by Mr. Huckelberry and criteria used in selecting cultural resources. Ms. Mayro presented the 15 proposed historic preservation projects totaling \$38.6 million, which were generated by Pima County, Oro Valley, citizens in the Vail area, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and the University of Arizona.

Ms. Mayro noted that the City of Tucson just recently generated a separate list of projects totaling \$34.4 million. No project requests have been received from Marana, Sahuarita, or the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Ms. Mayro concluded by saying that the current list she presented had been revised from \$50 million. The projects included are the top priorities for the County.

The Commission asked staff to verify the 2004 Cultural Resources request made by the Conservation Bond Advisory Committee and whether or not the amount was reduced by the County Bond Advisory Committee. The current request is approximately 5% of the overall proposed 2008 Bond program.

### Speakers

Gurumert Khalsa spoke in support of preserving the old schoolhouse of the Binghamton community.

Jonathan Kelley, Davita Mueller, J.J. Lamb, Elizabeth Webb, and Rebecca Manoleas spoke in support of the Vail Area Historic Sites Rehabilitation.

David Hollister spoke in support of the Ajo Historic District Churches.

Mark Lambert, with the Bureau of Land Management, spoke in support of the Cocoraque Butte archaeological site acquisition.

Barbara Mills submitted a speaker card in support of all of the Pima County projects, specifically for the University Indian Ruin/House Rehabilitation project.

Susan Benaron and Suzanne Fish spoke in support of all Pima County projects, specifically the University Indian Ruin/House Rehabilitation projects and the Marana Mound site project.

Paul Fish and Felicia Nunez, with the Tohono O'odham Legislative Branch, spoke in support of all Pima County proposed preservation projects.

Commissioner Marshall stated that the Ajo churches are iconic and should definitely remain on the list of priorities.

#### City of Tucson Presentation

Marty McCune, with the City of Tucson, presented the City's 2008 Bond project requests for Cultural Resources, totaling \$34,400,000.

Commissioner Sheridan asked why the City of Tucson waited until the meeting to provide the Commission any information on the projects being presented today. Commissioner Sheridan also expressed his concern with the City of Tucson submitting projects that call for new development. Ms. McCune explained that the City Manager asked that it be presented this way.

The Commission agreed that the City of Tucson must work with the County to shorten the list appropriately and to come back with a strong list of projects.

Commissioner Prouty noted that the some of the projects proposed sounded more suitable for Rio Nuevo, as opposed to a County Bond Program.

Ms. Mayro pointed out that they received the City's list late last week and that some projects being proposed would not fit the County's criteria for cultural resources preservation. Ms. Mayro also indicated that she cannot support the City's database suggestion, since the County can work on Mapguide and possibly provide some of the services indicated. Any new development associated with cultural resource project proposals would also be inappropriate, as well as, mitigation related projects, but will be happy to work with the City.

Ms. McCune noted that she will make a report to the City Manager and then follow-up with the County to set up a time to meet.

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#### B. Recommendations to the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

This item will be discussed at the September 13, 2007 Commission meeting.

#### 4. Next Commission Meeting

The next scheduled Commission meeting will be on September 13, 2007, at 2pm, at the **Manning House**.

11. Call to the Public

No speakers.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.