

City of San Antonio
COMMUNITY BOND COMMITTEES
Report on E-mailed Project Suggestions
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

Report Period: 12/14/2006 - 1/21/2007

Total Suggestions per Report Period: 22

Total Suggestions-to-Date: 22

Date Received: 1/19/2007 **Project Title:** *Libraries*

Submitted By: Vera Banner

Project Description:

Repair/renovate 15 branch libraries, including leaky roofs, damaged carpets, unreliable ac and heating units, unsafe sidewalks, inadequate lighting (interior and exterior), etc. Two new branch libraries are needed, also - one on the North side and one in District 3. We need to allocate \$33 million for these projects.

Project Location:

Not Provided

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/18/2007 **Project Title:** *Alameda Theater*

Submitted By: Arturo Madrid

Project Description:

Support the refurbishment of the Alameda Theater.

Project Location:

Alameda Theater

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/18/2007 **Project Title:** *Alameda Theater*

Submitted By: Patrici Fluitt

Project Description:

For the Alameda Project.

Project Location:

Alameda Theater

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

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Date Received: 1/18/2007 **Project Title:** *Alameda Theater*

Submitted By: Olga Bernal Owens

Project Description:

Repair and restore the Alameda Theater.

Project Location:

Alameda Theater

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/18/2007 **Project Title:** *Libraries*

Submitted By: Sarah Badgley

Project Description:

Repair and renovate libraries.

Project Location:

Not Provided

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/18/2007 **Project Title:** *Alameda Theater*

Submitted By: Trisha Tanner

Project Description:

Repair and restore historic Alameda Theater.

Project Location:

Alameda Theater

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

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Date Received: 1/18/2007 **Project Title:** *Alameda Theater*

Submitted By: Valerie Manns

Project Description:

Repair and restore historic Alameda Theater.

Project Location:

Alameda Theater

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/18/2007 **Project Title:** *Alameda Theater*

Submitted By: Michelle J. Geyer

Project Description:

Repair and restore historic Alameda Theater.

Project Location:

Alameda Theater

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/18/2007 **Project Title:** *Alameda Theater*

Submitted By: Maria Consuelo Cantu

Project Description:

Funding needed to restore the Alameda project.

Project Location:

Alameda Theater

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Date Received: 1/17/2007 **Project Title:** *Alameda Theater*

Submitted By: Philip T. Kiser

Project Description:

Please include the Alameda on the Bond Proposal.

Project Location:

Alameda Theater

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/17/2007 **Project Title:** *Libraries*

Submitted By: Lora Devlon Ecker

Project Description:

We really use the libraries. As we go to the different ones, it is apparent that some of them badly need repairs and updates. I live in District 6, and Guerra is my home library. It is pretty new and not in as much need. The Central library and some of the others need work. I'm sure that there is a master list of needed and wanted repairs for our library system. The Great Northwest was just redone and that has made such a difference. We want our city to attract companies and the library does make a difference in people wanting to relocate to our city. A strong library system has benefits in educating people, entertaining people, and helping people. Laura Bush just gave our library an award for the outreach and programs they are doing. I think the benefits should be city wide not confined to just which district has extra funds. The past bonds have included new branches to bring the library to more areas in the city. I understand the need to focus more funds on other basic things instead of new branches this time, but please don't forget our libraries. They too are a basic need for this city.

Project Location:

Not Provided

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/17/2007 **Project Title:** *Libraries*

Submitted By: Carolyn Dufelmeier

Project Description:

I hope you will pass the \$33 million bond for libraries.

Project Location:

Not Provided

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Date Received: 1/16/2007 **Project Title:** *Libraries*

Submitted By: Not Provided

Project Description:

Repair/Renovate Libraries; add two new libraries-\$33 million.

Project Location:

Not Provided

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/15/2007 **Project Title:** *Libraries*

Submitted By: Lucile Gale

Project Description:

Repair/Renovate Libraries; add two new libraries-\$33 million.

Project Location:

Not Provided

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/15/2007 **Project Title:** *Libraries*

Submitted By: Patricia Konstam

Project Description:

Libraries are an essential part of San Antonio's intellectual and cultural infrastructure, one in which the city already has a huge investment. To maintain that infrastructure and protect that investment, library buildings need to be kept in repair. The 2007 bond issue should include, at a minimum, money for urgent repairs needed on the Central Library and 15 branch libraries across the city in order to fix leaky roofs, improve lighting and sidewalk safety, and comply with ADA requirements. Since the Community Initiatives allotment seems the only possible source of library funds in this bond issue, please find a way to designate some Community Initiative money on a citywide basis for these repairs. Library officials say \$19 million is needed for repairs. That's \$2 million per Council district.

Project Location:

Not Provided

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Date Received: 1/15/2007 **Project Title:** *Libraries*

Submitted By: Jean Brady

Project Description:

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Project Location:

Not Provided

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/14/2007 **Project Title:** *Libraries*

Submitted By: Aaron Konstam

Project Description:

One of the critical factors in evaluating the quality of a city is the quality of its Public Library System. Libraries provide essential support services for the educational activities that occur in the schools. Libraries provide essential access to books to all citizens of the city without direct cost to the users of its services. Libraries provide the computer access so essential to modern life to people who do not have the financial resources to provide that access for themselves. Libraries provide the resources essential for citizens of our cities to compete in our ever more information driven world. But Libraries need to be maintained. It is inconceivable that we would accept keeping books or computer in buildings with leaky roofs. My proposal is that sufficient funds be taken from the community initiatives funds to pay for this essential maintenance. But it would be unfair that the \$8,600,000 suggested as being needed for this Branch Library maintenance be taken from money allocated to any one council district. I wish to propose that each council district set aside approximately one million dollars to be placed in a common fund dedicated to Branch Library maintenance. The resulting ten million dollars would be sufficient to provide needed repairs to the Branch Libraries.

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Date Received: 1/14/2007 **Project Title:** *Libraries*

Submitted By: Gloria Kemper

Project Description:

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Project Location:

Not Provided

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/13/2007 **Project Title:** *Libraries*

Submitted By: Roy A. Stewart

Project Description:

Repair/Renovate Libraries; add two new libraries-\$33 million.

Project Location:

Not Provided

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/13/2007 **Project Title:** *Libraries*

Submitted By: Debbie Bolner Prost

Project Description:

Repair/Renovate Libraries; add two new libraries-\$33 million.

Project Location:

Not Provided

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Date Received: 1/8/2007 **Project Title:** *Expand parking at Johnston Branch Library*

Submitted By: Carole Abitz

Project Description:

Even though the Johnston Branch Library is small, the existing parking lot often cannot accommodate all of the patrons seeking parking. This is always a problem when the meeting room is used for a meeting or early voting. I understand that the city owns the land immediately adjacent and north of the library building. That could be used to expand parking. Parking on the street is hazardous because of street-width (on Sun Valley), inadequate shoulder and heavy traffic (on Medina Base Rd), and minimal lighting.

Project Location:

6307 Sun Valley

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: No

Date Received: 1/7/2007 **Project Title:** *African-American Cultural Arts & History Museum*

Submitted By: Yvonne M. Armstrong

Project Description:

Create and maintain an African American Cultural Arts and History museum and research library facility to preserve, collect, and exhibit African American artifacts and art; promote African American history exhibitions, lectures, workshops other related activities. Develop the museum within the Eastside community, for better accessibility to the targeted population and tourists in the San Antonio downtown area. Identify and acquire artifacts and exhibits that are unique to the accomplishments and contributions of local and national African Americans. Develop partnerships with professional organizations and educational institutions that would promote arts and culture to more residents as a long-term strategy for changing attitudes and increasing understanding of African American art, culture, and history. Develop the Architectural Program into a buildable museum structure. Incorporate the vision and purpose in the image of the structure.

Project Location:

S. Mesquite St. to E. Commerce and S. Hackberry to S. Idaho to S. Mesquite.

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: No
