

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

Report Period: 1/10/2007 - 1/15/2007

Total Suggestions per Report Period: 7

Total Suggestions-to-Date: 9

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:

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Project Location:

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Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

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Date Received: 1/14/2007 **Project Title:** *Library Maintenance Fund*

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.

Project Location:

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

Submitted By: Gloria Kemper

Project Description:

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Submitted By: Jean Brady

Project Description:

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Project Location:

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Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

Date Received: 1/15/2007 **Project Title:** *Library Repairs*

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

Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes

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

Submitted By: Lucile Gale

Project Description:

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Project Location:

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Suggested Project Matches Staff Recommendation: Yes
