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JANUARY 18, 2007 - COMMUNITY INITIATIVES COMMITTEE 2007 BOND MEETING

To: Community Initiatives Bond Committee

Subject: 2007 Bond - District #4 – Heritage Neighborhood Swimming Pool Redevelopment Project

Presentation By: Heritage Neighborhood Association (HNA)

Purpose of Presentation: Importance of Project to Heritage Neighborhood and City of San Antonio

Presentation Outline/Information:

A. January 08, 2007, Councilman Perez submitted list of District #4 priorities for 2007 Bond

- Listed under Park Projects – Heritage Neighborhood Swimming Pool Redevelopment
- Today's presentation addresses importance of this project

B. Introduction to Heritage Neighborhood

1. Location:

- Northern most part of District 4 (see Atch 1)
- Bordered by District 6 on north and east sides
- Location in relation to major highways (see Atch 2)
 - Outside Loop 410
 - Inside Loop 1604
 - Short distance southwest of HY 151
 - North of HY 90

2. Size of Heritage:

- 4300 Housing Units
- 12,000 Population
- 127 Streets
- The number of people and housing units in Heritage is:
 - 2.86 X larger than Helotes or Castle Hills
 - 2 X larger than Boerne
 - 4 X larger than Castroville
 - 1 ½ X larger than Alamo Heights

3. The Building of Heritage:

- Building began in 1971
- Developer built a beautiful swimming facility on 2.33 acres

4. Swimming facility the hub of activity in Heritage subdivision:

- Provided fun and recreation for all ages
- Aquatic programs – swimming lessons, swim teams, etc.
- Pool grounds used for community meetings, neighborhood parties, & fund raisers.
- Venue for children on summer school break
- Pool used by surrounding communities

C. History of Heritage Swimming Facility

1. 1971 – 1986 developer owned and maintained the facility

2. 1986 developer deeded swimming facility over to the Heritage Neighborhood Association (HNA)

3. HNA is a voluntary association as opposed to one that is mandatory

4. HNA had to generate funds to maintain the swimming facility

5. Pool sustained itself by:

- Requiring HNA membership for Heritage residents
- Requiring HNA associate membership for non-residents
- Charging daily fee for use of facility
- Snack bar receipts
- Fund raisers
- Hard work by Heritage volunteers

6. Generated enough funds to build a baby pool and a small pavilion in addition to maintaining the facility

7. Aging pool and rising insurance rates generate enormous expenses:

- Replacement of sewer line
- Replace and install two pool pumps
- Refurbish and recoat bottom of pool
- Extensive plumbing repairs
- Liability insurance cost escalated

8. Expenses and rising liability insurance rates almost depleted the HNA pool and general fund.

9. Lost battle to save pool when cost to restore bottom of the pool was estimated at \$30,000 to \$50,000.

- HNA unable to raise funds
- Closed facility September 2000

10. Impact of closing the swimming facility:

- Recreation part of the heart of Heritage was lost
- Major enticement to buy in Heritage gone
- Surrounding neighborhoods lost a swimming facility
- Children lost a place to swim, learn, exercise and have fun with others

D. 2007 Bond Issue – Why should the Heritage Neighborhood Swimming Pool Redevelopment project be part of the 2007 Bond Issue?

1. Large segment of population lost access to a community pool when Heritage pool closed

2. Availability of Land – HNA would deed 2.33 acres over to the City of San Antonio

3. Redeveloped pool becomes city swimming facility

4. The utilization of a city pool in this location would be fully realized

- No community pools in new subdivisions along Potranco and Marbach Roads
- No plans for community pools in new subdivisions being built from Hunt Lane to Loop 410
- Location of pool would be centralized – within walking distance for many
- Proximity of pool would allow use by residents of District 4 and District 6

5. Excellent recreation venue for children during summer school break

6. Provide an outdoor activity where children and adults alike can exercise, play and receive health benefits from just being outdoors

7. Cost would not be a waste of tax payer money – would be an outstanding investment for the City of San Antonio

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