

PARKS & RECREATION COMMUNITY BOND COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011
6:00 PM**

**CLIFF MORTON DEVELOPMENT & BUESINESS SERVICES CENTER
1901 SOUTH ALAMO**

Co-Chairs: Alex Nava, *Co-Chair*
Lisa Rodriguez, *Co-Chair*

Members Present: *See attached*

Staff Present: Peter Zaroni, *Assistant City Manager*; Edward Belmares, *Assistant City Manager*; Mike Frisbie, *Capital Improvement Management Services Director*; Maria Villagomez, *Office of Management & Budget Director*; Xavier Urrutia, *Parks & Recreation Director*; Brandon Smith, *Office of the City Clerk*

Also Present: Mayor Phil Hardberger; Mayor Howard Peak; Mayor Ed Garza; Councilmember Ray Lopez, *District 6*; Councilmember Chip Haass;

I. Opening Comments and Meeting Procedure by Committee Chairs (5 Minutes)

Co-Chair Lisa Rodriguez called the meeting to order and thanked the Committee for their participation. Co-Chair Alex Nava provided an overview of the rules/process of the meeting and outlined the order of the agenda.

II. Community Bond Committee Roles & Responsibilities and Status Update of City's 2007 Bond Program

Peter Zaroni, Assistant City Manager (15 Minutes)

Peter Zaroni provided an overview of the following:

-  Committee Roles and Responsibilities
-  Parks & Recreation Department
-  Parks Program
-  Responsibilities of the Parks Foundation/Board
-  Calendar

He reported that the September 25, 2011, the City Council approved an allocation of \$596 million to four infrastructure categories: 1) Streets, Bridges, & Sidewalks (\$340 M); 2) Drainage (\$190 M); 3) Parks (\$65 M); and 4) Facility and Community Initiatives (\$61 M). He stated that Bond Committee Meeting would be held: October 11th, October 25th, November 15th, and December 6th. He noted that Bond Committee recommendations would be presented to the City Council on January 11, 2011 and that on February 2, 2011, the City Council would approve the final Project List and Call for the Bond Election.

III. Opening Meeting City Ethics and Lobbying Activity

City Attorney's Office (15 Minutes)

Martha Sepeda provided an overview the Code of Ethics and the Open Meetings Act. She highlighted conflicts of interest and private interests. She cited Open Meeting requirements and noted that the presiding officer can limit the amount of time spoken if there are too many individuals speaking.

IV. Staff Professional Recommendations of Parks and Recreation Projects

Mike Frisbie, Director, Capital Improvements Management Services (30 Minutes)

Mike Frisbie provided an overview of the guiding principles for project selection. He stated that the Bond Committees will use City Council approved Criteria Guide as an aide in evaluating, prioritizing and recommending projects. He noted that this was the beginning part of the public process and added that projects could be changed, project amounts could be changed, and that additional projects could be added. Mr. Frisbie presented the staff recommended projects.

A Bond Committee Member asked if the public input would be included in the selection of public artwork projects. Mr. Frisbie responded public input will be taken into consideration. It was requested by a Committee Member for distribution of Mr. Frisbie's expanded notes to the Bond Committee. Mr. Frisbie stated he would provide the expanded notes. It was also requested that Mr. Frisbie include the District of each park in the expanded notes.

V. Bond Committee Discussions and Analysis (30 Minutes)

Mike Frisbie, Director, Capital Improvements Management Services (30 Minutes)

Co-Chair Nava stated that there were over two-hours of Citizens signed-up to speak. He recommended that the Committee address Citizens to be heard at this time and address Committee discussion and analysis at another meeting. He requested the completion of the work on Hardberger Park in the amount of \$20 million.

VI. Citizens to be Heard (30 Minutes)

Co-Chair Rodriguez called upon Citizens to address the Committee. She stated that Citizens would have 2 minutes to speak and that groups would be given 4 minutes. She noted that there were 38 Citizens signed to speak.

Mayor Phil Hardberger spoke on behalf of the citizens and animals that visit Hardberger Park. He expressed concern with lack of parking for park visitors.

Mayor Howard Peak, Parks Foundation, spoke in support of staff and the public in the effort to present park improvements across the city. He requested funding for the Sunken Garden Complex.

Mayor Ed Garza, School District, requested funding for the City-owned Island in front of Thomas Jefferson High School and Lee's Creek Park.

Dave Walsworth, Wilderness Oak Alliance, requested funding for Panther's Spring Park.

Carol Abbotts spoke in support of funding for Pearsall Park

Walter Martinez, Market Square, spoke in support of funding for Market Square.

Wendy Thornton, Master Naturalist, spoke in support of funding for Hardberger Park.

Bianca Maldonado spoke in support of the following projects: Woodlawn Lake; Beacon Hill Phase 2 Project; and Laddy Place Phase 3 (not on project list).

Terrence Hickman, Davis-Scott YMCA, spoke in support of funding for the Davis-Scott and Westside YMCA Facilities.

Rosanne Barajas, Westside YMCA, spoke in support of funding for the Westside and Davis-Scott YMCA Facilities

Barbara Hawkins, George Gervin Youth Center, spoke in support of funding for the George Gervin Youth Center.

Lauro De Leon, AARP, spoke in support of funding for Cuellar Park.

Kirk Feldman, Sunken Garden Theatre, spoke in support of funding for the Sunken Garden Theatre.

Frank Burney, Sunken Garden Theatre, spoke in support of funding for the Sunken Garden Theatre.

Marise McDermott, Witte Museum, spoke in support of funding for Witte Museum Project (not on the list).

Regina Masparo, Health Collaborative, provided information on the Healthy Hubs Committee.

David Reichert, Alamo Area Master Naturalists, spoke in support of funding for Hardberger Park.

Claire Alexander, Botanical Gardens, spoke in support of funding for the Botanical Garden.

George Mauze, Botanical Garden, spoke in support of funding for the Botanical Garden.

Ray Knox, *Friends* of McAllister Park, spoke in support of funding for McAllister Park.

Robert Ramirez, Westside Creeks, spoke in support of funding for McAllister Park.

Charlotte Kahl, spoke in support of funding for Old Spanish Trail Bike Hike & Bike and for the Nearer Town Project.

John Linkhart, Northside Neighborhoods for Organized Development, spoke in support of funding for Hardberger Park.

Jay Laudin, Brackenridge Park Conservancy, spoke in support for funding for Brackenridge Park

Councilmember Chip Haass, Midtown Alliance, spoke in support of funding for Maverick Park.

Charles English spoke in support of funding for Lincoln and Dawson Parks.

VII. Nest Steps for Community Bond Committee Process (5 Minutes)

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ivy R. Taylor, Chair

Brandon T. Smith
Office of the City Clerk