

**MINUTES**  
**STREETS, BRIDGES & SIDEWALKS BOND COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2011**

**6:00 PM**

**CLIFF MORTON DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER**  
**1901 SOUTH ALAMO**

Committee Members Present:	Frank Fonseca, J.C. Dwyer, Kelli O'Keefe, Dona Liston, Jane Gonzalez, Jesse Cortinas, Irene Keller, Michael Tejada, Edward Cano, Mari Garza Bird, Millie Borelli, Cristina Castro, Luis Marotta, Susan Powers, Emil Moncivais, Bianca Maldonado, Ted Guerra, Ed Garza, Jacob Dell, Jim Reed, Aaron Seaman, Jeff Webster, Jesse Herford, John Clamp, Ken Thomas, Duane Wilson, Co-Chair
Committee Members Absent:	Andrew Anguiano, Richard Ramos, Sylvia Diaz, Ken Lawrence, Mike Villyard, Chris Alderete, Co-Chair
Staff Present:	Peter Zaroni, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; T.C. Broadnax, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Mike Frisbie, <i>CIMS Director</i> ; Maria Villagomez, <i>Office of Management and Budget Director</i> ; Lisa Lopez, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Duane Wilson, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order.

**I. Roll Call, Opening Remarks by Committee Chairs and Review and Approve Minutes**

Mr. Wilson called upon each of the Bond Committee Members to introduce themselves. He acknowledged that Chris Alderete, Co-Chair, was out of town on business. Following the introductions, Mr. Wilson outlined the responsibilities of the Committee, and emphasized their charge is to focus on projects unique to their committee. He confirmed City staff would complete a rough proportionality map that would show the impact of projects in each quadrant of the city.

Mr. Webster made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 3, 2011 Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks Committee Meeting. Mr. Clamp seconded the motion. Two changes were made to the minutes, followed by unanimous approval.

**II. Updates from October 3, 2011 Meeting**

## **Review Responses to Unanswered Questions from October 3<sup>rd</sup> Bond Committee Meeting and Review List of Projects Requested to Date from Committee Members and Community**

Mr. Peter Zanoni, Assistant City Manager, discussed follow-up material from the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting that included responses related to requests for information regarding the bridge replacement program. He then referred to Exhibit C of Staff's memo which provided additional details about City Staff's recommended project list. He spoke about improvements made to Fredericksburg Road, and the sidewalk replacement project on St. Cloud. He referred the Committee members to Exhibit D, which outlined alternative projects that did not make Staff's recommended list. He then provided websites for Committee members to obtain more information on the city's Infrastructure Maintenance Program and the San Antonio Bicycle Master Plan.

Mr. Mike Frisbie, Director of CIMS, acknowledged that throughout this public process, people can go on-line and fill out a Project Request Form which is automatically sent to his department and then conveyed to the Committee. He commented that the public has access on-line to all information related to the public hearings. He reported that a \$30 million match for the 281/1604 connecting ramps was confirmed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board who took action to match this cost through the Transportation Mobility Fund. He discussed the costs associated with the reconstruction of streets in the downtown area, central business district. He encouraged citizen input at every meeting.

Mr. Zanoni introduced Mr. T.C. Broadnax, Assistant City Manager, who has been designated as the liaison to this Committee.

Mr. Wilson inquired whether they could conduct the citizens to be heard portion of the meeting before discussion, to which Staff and Committee members agreed.

### **III. Citizens to be Heard**

Henrietta LaGrange, District 7, spoke about the \$24 million proposed funding for drainage in her district, and encouraged it to be a complete project with streets, sidewalks, driveways, curbs, and a linear park. She expressed her concerns about flooding and poor lighting in the area.

Martha Kline, District 7, stated her street has not been paved, and encouraged for improvements to be made to West Mulberry.

Lauro De Leon, District 6, encouraged improvements to 34<sup>th</sup> Street. He cited the dangers around Jewett Circle Apartments for senior citizens. He stated the problems went along 34<sup>th</sup> street to Highway 90.

Jaime Macillas, District 5, acknowledged he owned property on West Commerce and Colorado Street. He spoke in favor of the Commerce Corridor improvements.

Ray Flores, Executive Director of the Westside Development Corporation, spoke about the positive improvement in the Westside that included institutional investment. He stated that streets, sidewalks and bridges were complementary to how they are rolling out their economic development purpose.

Olga Martinez, District 3, expressed her concerns about Villa Coronado and East Shavano Roads, and how these streets have had problems for years. She urged the committee to approve having these streets reconstructed.

Albert Carrisalez, University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), discussed their requests that are associated with three major projects involving improvements to Frio Street, Hausman Road, and the underpass under IH10. Dr. Jesse Zapata, UTSA Downtown Campus, cited the growth of the Downtown Campus. Doug Liston, Architect, then discussed the expansion of UTSA. The representatives from UTSA concluded their presentation by answering questions from various members of the Committee.

Sarah Garrish and Sam Carreon, District 5, proposed a new project involving the pavement of Peters Court Street which they indicated has no drainage, and is currently just a gravel road that floods when it rains. Mr. Carreon further described some of the problems associated with that particular area of town. Committee Member Cristina Castro informed Staff they had previously looked into improving this road, but found out it was a private road.

Sylvia Elguezaba spoke about the need for another entrance in her neighborhood, which she noted has only one way in and one way out. She cited the heavy traffic in that area. Mr. Frisbie confirmed this was the Peggy Road Project, which was part of Staff's recommendation.

Omar Gonzales, HemisFair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation (HPARC), highlighted information from a slide presentation presented to the Committee. He discussed the vision of HPARC, and the current condition of HemisFair Park. He then discussed key aspects of the proposed plan for the Park. He encouraged the Committee to increase or retain proposed funding for HemisFair Park.

#### **IV. Bond Committee Discussion of Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks Projects**

Co-Chairman Wilson requested for each of the Council District Representatives to provide an update on their status, as far as whether they approve of their projects:

District 1 responded that they would meet with HemisFair Staff to discuss their questions.

District 2 stated they were not ready to vote for their projects at this time.

District 3 noted they were reviewing the Peggy Road Extension Project, and stated they would come back with recommendations. They strongly recommended funding for the Espada Road project.

District 4 expressed their support for their projects, and asked that they be left as recommended by City staff.

District 5 stated they did not agree with all of their projects. Committee Member Luis Moratta did not agree with the amount of funds needed to repair Frio Street. He cited the problems with Theo and Malone Avenues, and suggested funds for Frio Street be used for these particular streets. He also discussed the lack of use of bike lanes.

District 6 stated they were not prepared to vote yet. In response to Committee Member Emil Moncivais, Mr. Frisbie discussed the HemisFair Park project. Andres Andujar also commented about the project, and discussed the ownership of the park.

District 7 discussed possibly taking out certain projects recommended by Staff and exchanging them for other projects. Committee Member Bianca Maldonado stated they discussed the needs of their district, and expressed disappointment in some of the PCR Scores for the district. She acknowledged they were working with Staff to come up with recommendations that address citizen's concerns. Committee Member Ed Garza concurred with Ms. Maldonado, and stated they would be coming back with a comprehensive list for the next meeting. In response to Mr. Garza, Mr. Frisbie discussed the potential use of Federal funds for projects.

Andres Andujar, HPARC, discussed more specific details about the street grid surrounding HemisFair Park. He referenced the potential of a land swap, but indicated it is currently a real estate matter that was confidential.

Committee Member John Clamp noted the importance of giving Staff enough time to look at the proposed recommendations. Mr. Frisbie stated they would be working with Committee members before they make recommendations to Council.

District 8 stated they were comfortable with the recommended projects.

District 9 acknowledged they had an opportunity to meet with their Councilmember, and they are comfortable with the recommendations for their projects.

District 10 reported that they were comfortable with Staff's recommendations of projects.

Mr. Zaroni encouraged the Committee to look at the city wide impact of each of the projects related to the Bond Program.

Discussion ensued among Committee members and Staff regarding who is responsible for maintaining sidewalks; the process involved for bond projects and the comprehensive approach for each of the projects; how the estimate was worked up for the Redland Road project; suggestions on how to address those projects that do not make the recommended list; and the process involved for residential street improvements.

Co-Chair Wilson allowed for one more citizen to speak. Rae Hood, representing Coliseum Willow Park Neighborhood Association, encouraged the Committee to consider East Commerce

Street at DaFoste Street that runs east. She cited the poor drainage in the area, and encouraged repairs in that area.

**V. Next Steps for Community Bond Committee Process**

Co-Chair Wilson discussed the possibility of Committee members taking a tour of potential projects. Mr. Zanoni advised members to email Darrek Farrell to confirm their interest in a tour, which would take place on a weekend.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

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**Co-Chair**