

**MINUTES  
DRAINAGE COMMITTEE  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2007  
5:00 P.M.  
DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER  
BOARD ROOM  
1901 SOUTH ALAMO**

A meeting of the Drainage Community Bond Committee was held on January 19, 2007 at 5:00 pm in the Development and Business Services Center, 1901 South Alamo, Board Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor) with the following present:

**Commission Members Absent:** Tommy Calvert Jr., Xavier Cano, John Diaz, Marty Wender, Paul Cotter, Hambero Ramos, Ida Ramos

**Staff Present:** Councilman Richard Perez, District 4; Councilwoman Sheila McNeil, District 2; Jelynn LeBlanc Burley, Deputy City Manager; Tom Wendorf, Director of Public Works; Peter Zaroni, Director of Management and Budget; Jason Cosby, Assistant Director of Public Works; Nancy Beward, Assistant Director of Public Works; Edward Benavides, Executive Assistant to the City Manager; Yonnie Blanchette, Special Projects Manager; Chad Tustison, Nicole Vasquez and Ron Campos, Office of Management and Budget; Kent Hickingbottom, Capital Programs Manager; John Wolters, Assistant Capital Programs Manager, Chris Callanen, Executive Assistant

**Commission Members Present:** Jim Greenwood, *Co-Chair, Mayor's Office*; Manny Pelaez, *Co-Chair, Mayor's Office*; Barbara Witte-Howell, *Dist. 1*; Bob Wise, *Dist. 1*; Rev. Robert E. Hogan, *Dist. 1*; Peggy Tedford, *Dist. 2*; Harold Williams, *Dist. 2*; Armando Cortez, *Dist. 3*; Todd Voges, *Dist. 3*; Mari Garza-Bird, *Dist. 4*; Michelle Perales, *Dist. 4*; Edie Gale Johnson, *Dist. 4*; Gloria Salinas, *Dist. 5*; Rolando Rocha, *Dist. 5*; Guadalupe Flores, *Dist. 6*; Jan Wells, *Dist. 6*; Walter Ague, *Dist. 8*; Ed Ray, *Dist. 8*; Charlie Conner, *Dist. 8*; Bill Ellis, *Dist. 9*; Elisa Chan, *Dist. 9*; Sandra Malcolm, *Dist. 9*; Bob Robbins, *Dist. 10*; Ron Van Kirk, *Dist. 10*; Terry Layton, *Dist. 10*

**1. Call to Order**

Co-Chairs Jim Greenwood and Manny Pelaez called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. Roll call was taken. Mr. Ed Ray is to be added as "Present" during the last meeting. Minutes were approved with the revision.

## **2. Co-Chairman's Welcome**

Introduction: Co-Chairman Greenwood stated the Committee would start with the original recommended list, then approve the revision to the Octavia project and discuss any other revisions to the recommended projects desired.

## **3. Citizens to be Heard**

Eddie Rodriguez (COPS/METRO) – The Octavia Phase II is important and the infrastructure is outdated and obsolete, much like manual typewriters and other technology enhancements seen in the world. This project would allow children to walk the streets safely.

Addie Rodriguez (COPS/METRO) – Stanley Court is included in the Octavia Phase II project. Neighbors have waited for improvements to this area for years. For over 50 years there has been no drainage available in this area. This project will assist handicap and elderly people. Please keep Octavia Phase II on this Bond.

Gabriella Guerra (COPS/METRO) – Octavia Phase II has been an issue for many years. She is ashamed to speak to her neighbors regarding this issue because the wait has already been so long to complete the much needed improvements. We work with Public Works and meet with them all the time. This Bond Program is a blessing sent if the Octavia Project and the Ripraft 59 stays on the list of projects to be completed. This area has been neglected for years. It is time for these areas to be repaired.

Deborah Huerta (W. Magnolia, had presentation) – requested a linear park in Beacon Hill including sidewalks and green space. This is owned by the city, but is not a city priority. This area needs to be modeled after new urbanism.

Doug Parsley – Advocate for the Beacon Hill project along with Deborah Huerta. He would like to area beautified.

Victor Villarreal – Would like drainage and walk able community workshops in East Village (HOA). Mr. Villarreal provided a large aerial-view picture of the neighborhood to visually assist the Committee Members. He indicates homes flood in this area. \*Also provided packets to Committee.

Walter Thorman (Oakpark HOA) - #887 from Priority List (Oak Glenn/Haskin). Mr. Thorman indicated there was a death in the area due to poor drainage. These problems existed in the mid 1950's and are major need of improvement.

Joe Saenz (VP of Engineering and Construction of Port of San Antonio) – Please keep the project on the list.

Diana Krusick – (9530 Rolla, with Egg Horn) – Please bond Phase II of the Zarzamora project (#1701). The south side is being neglected. Phase I has been funded and this Phase II needs to be funded to complete the project. Other than the drainage project, the city needs to have a program for re-surfacing streets to prevent and get rid of pot holes.

#### 4. Committee Discussion

a) Co-Chair Greenwood asked staff to present to original list of Drainage projects.

b) **Mr. Rolando Rocha motioned to delete the Frio City Rd. Project and add the funds to the Octavia Phase II project. There was a second.** Mr. Voges stated he agrees with this motion and the Octavia project is very important and necessary. Armondo Cortez also agreed with the motion. **The vote passed, no one was in opposition.**

c) Co-Chair Greenwood asked the Committee Members to now voice any other revisions they may have to the recommended list of projects. He asks Mr. Tom Wendorf to approach the podium and manage the revision process.

- Barbara Witte-Howell brought the Broadway Corridor IIIA project to the attention of the Committee. Mr. Wendorf stated that the area north of Burr road drains down by the HEB Central Market and down into Broadway. He showed the Committee project #672 (Catapla) and how this project will help cure the drainage problem. This will modify Broadway Corridor and add the Catapla Bridge bridge project. **Ms. Witte-Howell made a motion, there was a second and the vote passed.** Mr. Rocha wanted to know how this effected the rough proportionality by City Council District. He also suggested the projects that have been waiting for decades for improvements such as Frio City Rd. Ms. Witte-Howell rebutted. Ms. Witte-Howell suggests we are re-allocating funds within an existing project. **The vote passed with two oppositions (Rolando Rocha and Humberto Ramos).**
- Peggy Tedford would like the Ft. Sam Houston project to be considered a city-wide project (on the graph provided to the Committee). There was a **motion and second.** Mr. Wendorf states this does have a city-wide impact, but the reason it was called a Dist. 2 project is because it had some environmental issues associated with the project that were particular to this project. Humberto Ramos indicated Tommy Calvert Jr. would like to eliminate this project. Co-Chair Greenwood stated he spoke with Mr. Calvert and everything was fine. Rolando Rocha wanted to know what the impact would be to the Bond Program if this project was made a city-wide project? The answer (Mr. Zaroni) is there will be no impact and it will be noted within the recommendation to Council. Councilwoman McNeil addressed the Committee regarding the rough proportionality by switching this project to a city-wide project. Mr. Greenwood also stated all projects are viewed as city-wide projects. The Councilwoman would like to reconsider the rough

proportionality of the District 2 projects. Charlie Conner stated all projects are not viewed as city-wide projects and if any revision would effect the support of the Bond, he would rather not vote for the ammendment. Mr. Rocha stated you still have to sell this Bond to the people in the district and the rough proportionality needs to stay in place. Councilwoman McNeil does not support changing the project (Salado Creek) to a city-wide project because of the enourmous impact it will have on Dist. 2. Armando Cortez suggested the city-wide list never existed. Councilman Richard Perez addressed the Committee and reminded them the Bond will be seperated by Streets, Drainage, Community Iniciatives, etc. And that the issue of it being a citywide vs. Council district project will not be reflected in the ballot language. He suggests the Committee keep that in mind as they continue forward. Ms. Tedford asks how much area will be effected. Mr. Wenforf stated this is a match to an existing project related to drainage issues as part of an environmental study. Does this clear Salado to IH35? These local funds will match federal funds to assist in the impact of it effecting Salado Creek. Ms. Tedford recents her motion (**dismisses**).

- Mr. Ray addresses the Committee regarding the Upper Leon Creek Regional Stormwater Facility. What happens to the drainage problems to Oakland Hills and the Hills and Dales area? Mr. Wenforf stated that as of right now they would be unidentied projects. There is a lot of development in that area. There is time you may aquire right of way at a reasonable cost. The Heubner Creek Detention Facility (we understand the concern). The Leon Creek Water Shed also covers Leon Creek.
- Bob Robbins would like to address Mr. Thorman's (Citizen) request, project #887 (Oakglenn/Haskin phase II). Project #1767 would provide drainage from Cavelen to Oakglenn. Mr. Robbins states the Committee does not have enough time to assess the projects based on the Council's Top Ten Priority Guide. **Motion:** take \$1.8M from Skyline Area Drainage Phase I (#995) and giving it to Oak Glen/Haskin Low Water Crossing (#1767). **There was a second, the motion passed.**
- **Motion:** Armando Cortez would like to reduce #886 (Goliad/IH37) to fully fund the VFW Padre to Roosevelt project. **There was second.** Mr. Wendorf recommends not reducing the outfall in the Goliad Rd. Project. If the drive-in theatre is re-developed, they will have to develop it to current drainage standards. There is no system from the theatre to the river, and this project is necessary. Are there any other avenues to help fund the Goliad project? Mr. Wendorf does not think this project will rank high enough for ferderal dollars. Mr. Todd Voges does not agree with reducing the Goliad Project. **Vote: no one in favor, all nay.**
- Jan Wells (#1780, Roland Ave. Low water crossing bridges) this sounds like something that seriously needs to be addressed. She spoke with her City

Council Representative about using a project from here district to fund this project that is not in her district. She changed her mind. No motion.

- **Motion:** Humberto Ramos would like to consider funding project #1782 (East Village Drainage Area) and eliminate the Ft. Sam Houston (#1518) project. **There was a second. The motion fails.** There was one yes and the others no.

## **5. Approval of Final Drainage Recommendation Project List**

Co-Chair Greenwood motioned for a vote to adopt the final list of Drainage Projects to include:

- Reducing the Broadway Corridor project from \$12M to \$9M and re-allocating the money to the Catalpa project for a total of \$3M.
- Reducing the Skyline Area Drainage Phase I Project from \$7,919,000 to \$6,098,000 and re-allocating \$1,821,000 to the Oak Glen/Haskin Low Water Crossing Phase I Drainage Project.

There was a second to the motion, the vote passed and the list was adopted. Co-Chair Greenwood wanted it noted for the record that the vote was unanimous.

## **6. Adjournment**

Co-Chairs Jim Greenwood and Manny Pelaez made closing comments. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm