

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

COMMUNITY BOND COMMITTEES ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

AUTHORITY

City Council in November 2006 authorized the creation of four (4) Community Bond Committees for a limited duration to serve in an advisory capacity with the responsibility of recommending to the City Council capital improvement projects to consider for possible inclusion within the proposed 2007–2012 General Obligation Bond Program.

The four (4) Community Bond Committees created are as follows: the Streets & Sidewalks Committee, the Drainage Committee, the Parks Committee, and the Community Initiatives Committee.

Each Committee has three (3) citizen appointments per City Council District and two (2) citizens appointments by the Mayor serving as Co-Chairs of the Committee for a total of 32 citizen representatives per Committee. The eight (8) Co-Chairs will serve as the Bond Committee Executive Team.

The Community Initiatives Committee can obtain input from City Council appointed Community Initiatives Sub-Committee Members. These Subcommittee Members should have an understanding of community infrastructure projects most needed in the individual City Council Districts.

By bringing together a diverse group of individuals with varied backgrounds and experiences from across the City of San Antonio, it is expected that the Community Bond Committees will be able to critically evaluate and propose a prioritized list of projects for the 2007–2012 Bond Program.

2007–2012 BOND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Proposed 2007–2012 Bond Program is currently scheduled to be presented for a vote by the citizens on May 12, 2007 within the General Election. The amount of the Bond Program is proposed to be \$550 million. There is no projected increase in the City's Ad Valorem Tax Rate to support the Bond Program.

The following outlines the proposed distribution of the Bond Program as approved by City Council. The Community Initiatives infrastructure improvement projects may filter into the Streets & Sidewalks, Drainage Improvements and Parks Propositions and/or other propositions depending upon final project selection for the Bond Program by the City Council.

PROPOSITIONS/ALLOCATIONS & AMOUNTS (\$ IN MILLIONS)	
Propositions/Allocation	Amount
Streets and Sidewalks	\$300
Drainage Improvements	150
Parks	50
Community Initiatives Infrastructure Improvements	50
<i>Total Proposed Bond Program</i>	<i>\$550</i>

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GOALS & EXPECTATIONS

Over the next several weeks, City staff will provide the Community Bond Committees with professional infrastructure project recommendations supporting a City-wide bond program approach. It is anticipated that there will be two to three scheduled meetings for each of the Committees allowing for these City staff presentations. Currently, City staff is recommending that the Community Bond Committees meet during the week of December 11 and during the weeks of January 8 and January 15.

All Committee Meeting agendas will be publicized in advance of the meeting date and time. The meetings will allow Bond Committee Members to obtain community input and comment from interested citizens who are in attendance.

The Community Committees shall use the attached City Council approved "Top Ten" Criteria Guide as an aide in evaluating, prioritizing and recommending projects. This guide was recently ranked collectively by the City Council for use by the four Community Bond Committees and the City Council in recommending projects for the Bond Program.

The City staff recommended projects and citizen input received during the scheduled meetings will be evaluated by each Community Bond Committee to formulate a recommended bond program to the City Council. This recommendation will be in the form of a written report. The written report will be submitted to the Mayor and City Council no later than Wednesday, **January 31, 2007**.

All project cost estimates in the Bond Committees recommendations' will come from the appropriate City Department to include the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments.

It is important for the Community Bond Committees to consider annual recurring maintenance and operating impact costs that may be associated with potential bond projects. These costs, if any, should be included as a separate expenditure variable within the final recommendations of the Bond Committees. City staff within the Office of Management & Budget will be a resource in assisting the Bond Committees with this analysis, if necessary.

Each Committee has been assigned several City of San Antonio staff members to serve as a resource. These individuals include staff from the City Manager's Office, the Office of Management & Budget and staff from the Public Works Department and Parks & Recreation Department with subject matter expertise in the respective areas.

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The Community Bond Committees will serve in an advisory capacity to recommend capital improvement projects for possible inclusion within the proposed 2007–2012 General Obligation Bond Program. After each Committee has examined their respective areas, it shall provide to the Bond Committee Executive Team (the eight Co-Chairs) a draft of its findings and recommendations.

The Committee Co-Chairs will lead and facilitate committee meetings ensuring adequate record-keeping is performed to document each meeting. The Co-Chairs will act as a conduit to City Council and City Staff for questions and need for direction or staff support.

The Committees will focus on their specified areas providing information, priorities, and recommendations as follows:

COMMUNITY BOND COMMITTEE CHARGES

Bond Committee	Committee Charge
Streets & Sidewalks	Review and recommend projects to construct or improve streets and street amenities, sidewalks, and multimodal facilities in coordination with established transportation plans of the City and other Agencies.
Drainage	Review and recommend projects to improve or develop storm drainage systems to include detention basins, channels, elimination of low water crossings, and other drainage projects in coordination with the Bexar Regional Watershed Management Program.
Parks	Review and recommend projects that acquire, develop, or renovate parks and park facilities and amenities, swimming pools, Community, Recreation and Gymnasium facilities, ball fields and ball fields lighting, trails, and open space in coordination with established park system plans.
Community Initiatives	Review and recommend projects that enhance community infrastructure to include streets and sidewalks, drainage facilities, parks, library and community facilities, and public safety facilities.

Each Community Bond Committee will assess capital improvements needed within the City and ultimately make a recommendation to the City Council on projects that should be considered for inclusion within the Bond Program. Each Committee should recommend a program with infrastructure projects that total the amount listed below for each Committee’s area of focus.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (\$ IN MILLIONS)

Bond Committee	Recommendation Total
Streets and Sidewalks	\$300
Drainage	150
Parks	50
Community Initiatives	50
<i>Total Proposed Bond Program</i>	\$550