

City of San Antonio



Facilities Bond Committee Meeting Minutes

San Antonio Public Library
Central Branch
600 Soledad St.

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

6:00 PM

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Bond Committee Members

A majority of appointive members, other than ex officio, shall constitute a quorum.

6:15 P.M. – Call to Order, Board Room

Co-Chair John Clamp, called the meeting to order, and introduced fellow Co-Chair Joe Linson

- Attendance of Committee Members
- Head count of general attendance: 67
- Claudia Mancillas, Interpreter Translation Services, was present.

I. Opening Comments, Overview of Meeting Agenda and Procedures by Committee Co-Chairs

Opening remarks were made by Co-Chairs Mr. Linson and Mr. Clamp. Mr. Linson reviewing the committee charge, and reviewing rules and procedures.

II. Staff to Present Results of Bus Tour Survey

Mike Frisbie, Director of Transportation and Capital Improvements, reviewed the bus tour survey results. He noted that not all committee members completed the survey. Mr. Frisbie also noted that the results would give staff the information needed to begin mapping a bus route which would allow for as many site visits as possible based on the feedback from the meeting. He also noted that including the citizens here tonight general attendance had broken the 1,000 count, which sets the record for bond participation/attendance for the City.

III. Bond Committee Discussion and Analysis

Co-Chair Mr. Clamp reminded the committee of the charge. He then briefed the committee on the process to amend the staff recommended project list. Mr. Clamp then instructed the committees to discuss amongst themselves their district priorities and if

they had any proposed changes they could make a motion. He then told the groups they could discuss the issues for about 10-15 minutes before he would open back up the floor.

At this time the committee broke into small groups by district to discuss their priorities.

The group discussions were inaudible and happened away from the microphones.

Mr. Clamp called the committee back to order. He then noted with 29 members present, a motion would need 15 votes to pass. Mr. Clamp then said he would call each district individually and they could make a motion at that time if they wanted.

Mr. Clamp first called District 6 – Who passed at this time.

Mr. Clamp then called District 7.

Anita Martin (District 7) noted that her district is the only district without a project on the list. She motioned to fund a project for Forest Hills Library at \$900,000, by reducing the Central Police Substation project by \$900,000.

Motion was seconded.

C.Leroy Cavazos (District 1) commented that City staff used the Library's own recommendation when preparing their list of projects, and noted that this was not included. He then commented on how public safety is critical to the City, and should remain as recommended in the committee's final recommendation.

Marc Harrison (District 8) asked if the City had looked at partnering or co-locating with any outside law enforcement agencies to possibly leverage outside help in funding the new substation.

Police Chief William McManus noted that this building will already house many specialty units, such as Park Police. He then noted that the City had not consulted with outside agencies.

Joanie Barborak (District 3) asked if City staff could recommend reducing funding for any projects.

Mr. Frisbie commented that staff has already made their recommendation, and that the project budgets are lean with no room for reduction in funding.

Mr. Clamp then called for a vote on the motion to fund Forest Hills Library at \$900,000 and reduce the Police Central Substation project by \$900,000. The motion failed to pass.

District 7 then noted they would pass at this time.

Mr. Clamp then called District 8 – Who passed at this time.

Marc Harrison did comment that District 8 wanted to ensure UTSA stays fully funded.

Mr. Clamp then called District 9 – Who passed at this time.

Mr. Clamp then called District 10.

Lauren Sides (District 10) motioned to add the Perrin Beitel Homestead funded at \$1.5 million, by reducing the District 1 Central Library Improvements \$1 million and the District 3 Green Room by \$500,000.

Motion was seconded.

Andi Rodriguez (District 1) asked why pull from the Central Library when this project serves the entire City.

Casey Whittington (District 10) noted that the Parks committee had voted to remove the Perrin Beitel Homestead from their category, and they hoped to get it added here. He then noted that the District 3 Green Room was not a city wide project.

Ms. Rodriguez then noted that she understood the desire for the project and is not speaking out against the project, but does not support pulling the funds from Central Library.

Mr. Frisbie noted that no action was taken during the parks meeting, there was only discussion on potentially removing the project from the Parks bond recommendation. He also noted that it was a project included in the staff recommendation. Mr. Frisbie also noted that the Green Room is a proposed project to create a space for performers of the Mission Marquee to prepare for their performances. The project converts a storage facility into a full-use preparation room.

Mr. Whittington then noted that they picked central library as their funding source as District 1 is receiving the most funding from this bond at this time.

Mr. Cavazos noted that many of the projects including the Central Library, may be in District 1, but serve the entire City, and he asked the committee to please view the project in that way.

Ms. Barborak commented that the Green Room would have city wide impact as it is part of the World Heritage area.

Mr. Clamp called for a vote on the motion to fund the Perrin Beitel Homestead at \$1.5 million, and reduce the District 1 Central Library Improvements by \$1 million and the District 3 Green Room by \$500,000. The motion did not pass.

Mr. Clamp then called District 6 for the second time – Who passed at this time.

Mr. Clamp then called District 5.

Manual Garza (District 5) motioned to include funding for the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center in the amount of \$455,000, and reduce \$200,000 from the Witte Parking Garage and \$255,000 from the UTSA Sports Complex.

Motion was seconded.

Mr. Harrison spoke out against using any UTSA funding.

Alan Neff (District 2) commented that reducing city wide projects are hard. He also noted that pulling small amounts of funding from larger projects are less impactful to the projects than from smaller ones.

Mr. Cavazos asked City staff if the UTSA Project had any matched funding.

Mr. Frisbie noted the total project is \$75 million and is being matched.

Ms. Rodriquez commented that the current recommendation includes \$25 million in sports funding, and no money included for the arts.

Ms. Barborak noted that the Guadalupe Center is a city wide project.

Anita Uribe-Martin (District 7) commented on how much improvement was made in the Broadway corridor due to the funding it received in the last bond.

Mr. Garza commented that he could amend the motion to pull all the funding from the Witte if the committee felt so strongly about UTSA.

Mr. Clamp then called for a vote on the motion to fund the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center in the amount of \$455,000, and reduce \$200,000 from the Witte Parking Garage and \$255,000 from the UTSA Sports Complex. The motion did not pass.

Mr. Clamp then called for District 4 – Who passed at the time.

Mr. Clamp then called for District 3 – Who passes at the time.

Marilu Reyna (District 3) commented they are in favor of the current funding for the projects for their district.

Mr. Clamp then called for District 2.

James Howard (District 2) motioned to add \$1.5 million for a Zernona Black Community Center, and \$1.5 million for a Greater Love community center, pulling the \$3 million in needed funding for these centers from the Wheatley Heights project.

Motion was seconded.

Mr. Clamp called for a vote, as no discussion was asked for, and the motion carried.

Mr. Clamp then called for District 1.

Bill Kanyusik (District 1) motioned to allocate \$1 million for the Family Violence Prevention Center, and reduce the Sports Education Facility in District 2 by \$1 million.

Motion was seconded.

Ms. Barborak asked City staff if the funding was reduced to the Sports Education Facility if the project could still be completed.

Mr. Frisbie noted that the project would have multiple phases and that under its current scope the project would not be completed, but that the scope could be reduced.

Mr. Clamp then called for a vote and the motion carried. This motion carried.

Mr. Kanyusik then motioned to allocate \$450,000 for the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, and fund it by reducing the Sports Education Facility in District 2 by \$450,000.

Motion was seconded.

Mr. Clamp called for a vote, as no discussion was asked for, and the motion carried.

Mr. Kanyusik then motioned to allocate \$153,446 for the Rape Crisis Center, and fund it by reducing the Sports Education Facility in District 2 by \$153,446.

Motion was seconded.

Mr. Clamp called for a vote, as no discussion was asked for, and the motion carried.

Mr. Cavazos motioned to take \$500,000 dollars from the Central Library project and move it to the Texana Project.

Motion was seconded.

Marie Cooper (District 7) asked City staff how this reduction would affect the project.

Mr. Frisbie responded saying the scope would have to be reduced.

Ramiro Salazar, Director of the Library, commented that this would not be recommended by staff. The Texana is important however, the current Central Library needs would not be met.

Virginia Brown (District 6) commented that if the HVAC system was included in the original scope it must be kept.

Mr. Clamp called for a vote on the motion to fund the Texana at \$500,000 and reduce the funding from the Central Library project by \$500,000. The motion failed.

Mr. Cavazos motioned to reduce funding to the Alamo by \$735,000 and allocate the funding to the Market Square.

Motion was seconded.

Mr. Cavazos then commented on how the Alamo project is leveraging many outside funding sources. He commented that the two projects have some synergy, but that Market Square had no funding.

Ms. Sides asked what \$735,000 would do for the Market Square, as their request is much larger than \$735,000.

Mr. Cavazos commented that it would be a start for them.

Mr. Frisbie commented that the Center City Development Office had received a funding request from Market Square for a similar amount. He noted he did not know the scope of the work, but that an allocation of that amount could still make an impact.

Mr. Clamp called for a vote on the motion fund Market Square at \$735,000 and reduce funding from the Alamo area project by \$735,000. The motion passed.

Mr. Clamp then called for District 6.

Lora Eckler (District 6) motioned to allocate an additional \$1 million to the Las Palmas Branch Library, and fund it by reducing the UTSA Athletics Complex by \$1 million.

Motion was seconded.

Mr. Clamp called for a vote on the motion, as no discussion was asked for, and the motion failed.

Mr. Clamp then called for District 7.

Ms. Uribe-Martin motioned to allocate \$900,000 for the Forest Hills Library, and fund it by reducing the Sports Education Facility by \$900,000.

Motion was seconded.

Mr. Howard commented that he did not support taking any additional funds from the Sports Education Facility as the area has great need for its services and that District 2 had already had so much taken from it.

Mr. Clamp then asked how the allocation for District 2 lined up in the bond compared to the others.

Mr. Frisbie noted that including the motions tonight its allocation is \$46.5 million and falls in the middle.

Mr. Harrison in the spirit of collaboration District 8 would concede \$100,000 from the UTSA Sports Complex to help District 7 get their Library in the recommendation.

Mr. Neff commented that District 2 needs safe spaces, and the Sports Complex is a must for them.

Mr. Linson quickly noted that the bond could have savings and that if District 7 fails to pass this motion it could be a project included on the contingency list.

Mr. Clamp noted that he would call a motion if the current one fails to include the project on that list. He then called for a vote on the motion to fund Forest Hills Library at \$900,000 and reduce funding to the Sports Education Facility by \$900,000. The motion failed.

Mr. Clamp then motioned to include the District 7 Forest Hills Library as a project on the contingency list.

Motion was seconded.

Mr. Clamp then called for a vote, and the motion passes.

Mr. Clamp then ended the motion section of the meeting and called for Barbara Robinette (District 4) to brief the committee on 2 projects up for discussion.

Ms. Robinette reviewed the Southwest ISD Natatorium, and the impact it would have on the Palo Alto Natatorium project. She discussed the details of the project scope, and outlined the needs in the area for the project. She also discussed a potential District 4 Heritage Community Center. She discussed the potential uses for the center, and the needs in that area.

IV. Next Steps for Community Bond Committee Process

Mr. Clamp thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He asked that the committee keep moving things forward in a positive manor. He noted that the bus tour would be December 3rd and that emails with the details would be forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM.