

City of San Antonio



Parks Bond Committee Meeting Minutes

San Antonio Public Library
Central Branch
600 Soledad St.

Wednesday, November 2nd
6:00 PM

Bond Committee Members

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

6:09 P.M. - Call to Order, Board Room

Co-Chair Brain Dillard called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

- Attendance of Committee Members
- Head count of general attendance: 97
- Claudia Mancillas, Catholic Charities of San Antonio was present

I. Opening Comments and Overview of the Meeting Agenda

Mr. Dillard introduced Luisa Casso, Co-Chair. Claudia Mancillas, from translation services, informed the audience of available translation services. Mr. Dillard thanked the public for attending the meeting and introduced Mike Frisbie, Director of Transpiration and Capital Improvement. Mr. Dillard explained this is the last meeting for Citizens to be Heard and the remaining two meetings are for the Committee to deliberate.

Mr. Dillard outlined the protocol for Citizens to be Heard. Citizens must be signed in by 6:30 pm and must be present to allocate their time to another speaker. If speakers have handouts for the committee, the materials should be given to City Staff. He will be calling three speakers at a time and requested the speakers state their name, Council District, and subject matter.

II. Staff Presentation on Projects Recommended at Last Meeting and Recommendation for the Projects Tour

Director Mike Frisbie thanked the public for their participation in the bond process. There have been over 850 citizens attend the bond committee meetings.

Mr. Frisbie listed the citizen requested, unfunded projects, for the Committee to consider: Old Spanish

Trail Soccer Complex, Dawson Park, John James Park, Martin Luther King Plaza, Pitman Sullivan Park, Davis Scott YMCA, Phase Two YMCA Master Plan, 5 Diamond parking lot paving, Rainbow Hills gymnasium, baseball fields at Five Palms. Normoyle Park Senior Citizens Softball Fields, District 6 skate park, Pipers Meadow homeowners association new park, and Monticello Park.

Mr. Frisbie presented the Committee Tour Survey Results. There was a high respondent rate with 27 of the 32 members responding to the survey. The survey asked Committee members which day they would prefer a tour of the Park Projects. The tour will be held on Saturday, December 3rd as that date received 56 percent of the vote.

Next, Mr. Frisbie reviewed the top responses for sites to visit: Hemisfair Civic Park (13 votes), Hardberger Park (12 votes), McAllister Park (9 votes), Brackenridge Park (6 votes), Dignowity, Lockwood, and OP Schnabel (5 votes). Old Spanish Trail, while not a Staff recommended project, was voted on as well. The Old Spanish Trail was also mentioned in the survey.

There have been a lot of questions of UIW Sports Fields project in between the meetings. A map was presented showing Brook City Base and the planned sports fields. The project would leverage \$2 million from the 2017 bond project. The terms of the contract with UIW would include land access to the public and the terms would be similar to the UTSA agreement. The public would be able to reserve time and use the field space.

III. Bond Committee Discussion

Co-Chair Luisa Casso explained that the Committee will have 20 minutes for discussion prior to Citizens to be Heard. Questions will be taken in a round robin style to insure that all Council Districts will be heard.

Richard Ramos (CD6) stated the list with the citizen recommended projects does not contain cost figures. Mr. Frisbie stated staff does have a dollar amount based on the scope presented at the committee meeting. District 6 gated skate park is estimated to cost \$4 million and Piper's Meadow would cost approximately \$1.5 million.

Melanie Tawil (CD7) asked if the UIW funding is for phase one and two or just phase one. Mr. Frisbie clarified the 2017 bond money would only pay for phase one. Grace Rose asked if the UIW presentation is the last presentation they will see and if the current list of projects is final. Co-Chair Casso stated the Committee can request additional presentations at future meetings.

District 8 asked if there is a way for the Committee to identify the leveraged funding for different projects. Mr. Frisbie stated they have provided the information in follow up material and it should also be listed online.

Bill Baily (CD9) mentioned there are four large projects: Brackenridge Park, Botanical Garden, Hemisfair, and the Zoo Parking Garage. Mr. Baily asked for a more detailed scope to get a better understanding of what is going into the projects. Mr. Frisbie explained the projects are not in the design phase yet. However, there initial presentation gave an overview of scope explaining the large components of the projects. If there is a specific project or two, staff can provide additional information. Mr. Baily requested additional information for Brackenridge Park and the Botanical Garden.

Xavier Urrutia, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained the funds for the Botanical Gardens would be used for the construction of an educational and multi-use facility. The proposed project at Brackenridge focuses on the restoration of historic features on the property such as the retaining walls and historic pump house. Mr. Baily followed up by asking if the project would also clean up the river all the way down to Avenue Eight. Mr. Urrutia answered that cleaning the river is a project lead by the San Antonio River Authority.

Allison Cohen (CD10) asked how groups got their projects on the list because a Linear Creekway Park project near vital creek improvements did not make the list. Mr. Frisbie explained that every project presented by citizens should be on the list and committee members can request a project be added to the list. Ms. Cohen stated McAllister Park Improvements is not on the list, and requested it be added to the list for discussion.

Jeanette Honermann (CD1), referring to the initial scope of the project, said some scopes state “possible rehab” or “to include but not limited to...” Ms. Honermann asked how the scope was defined, was it recommended by city staff or community members. Mr. Frisbie explained that city staff made the recommendation based on initial community input but the design phase will revolve around additional community input after the bond meetings.

Charles English (CD2) asked staff to provide dollar amounts for the citizen recommended parks that do not have an amount listed. Mr. English also requested a virtual reality presentation of all the parks on the list for discussion. Mr. Frisbie directed Mr. English to reference the bond website for an interactive map of the staff recommended projects. Mr. English would like to see the parks recommended by citizens.

Olga Martinez (CD3) referenced an email containing a list of new projects and staff recommended projects. Ms. Martinez is seeking clarification because some of the projects were not originally on the staff recommended list and it appears they are on the list now. Mr. Frisbie stated the Committee originally received a blue list of staff recommended projects, and then citizen recommend projects were added to the list in green. Some of the green projects have a dollar amount and others do not. If there is a dollar amount listed, it is the amount the citizens proposed for the project. If there is not a dollar amount listed, the project was not presented with an estimated cost.

Kathy Luna (CD4), referencing the list of citizen recommended project, stated Rainbow Hills gym has no funding listed. Mr. Frisbie clarified staff expects the project to cost \$3.25 million when taking the existing building foundation into consideration.

Valeria Hernandez (CD5) asked if the Zoo Parking Garage project should be funded through the facilities bond committee because the project is structural. Mr. Frisbie explained one half of the project is recommended to be funded through the facilities committee and the other half to be funded through the parks committee for a total of \$12 million.

Phoebe Gonzalez (CD5) asked to receive the funding amount for the citizen projects that were not presented with a dollar amount. Mr. Frisbie provided the funding amount for the remaining projects:

- Pitman Sullivan Park: \$550,000
- Stinson Park – 5 Diamond: \$400,000
- Rainbow Hills Gymnasium: \$3.25 million
- D6 Gated Skate Park: \$4 million
- Piper Meadows HOA new park: \$1.5 million

- Monticello Park: \$350,000

Mark Guerrero (CD) wanted to clarify that committee members have two different lists with different titles showing all the projects recommended. One list has identified dollar amounts and the other does not. Mr. Guerrero asked to receive the amount of leveraged funds for the projects that are on the leveraged project list.

John Kent (CD9) asked if the city has a breakout on the amount of time that the UIW fields will be open to city use versus UIW use. He asked if the use will be based on how much money each party contributes to the deal. Mr. Frisbie explained the city will try to reach an agreement by the end of the calendar year.

Bill Bailey (CD9) asked what is being done at La Villita. Mr. Frisbie explained that the bond money would be used to restore the historic plazas. Mr. Bailey asked if staff was taking new businesses in the area into consideration. Mr. Frisbie stated they have not taken new businesses into consideration at this point.

Grace Rose Gonzales (CD7) stated the soccer fields at Old Spanish Trail (OST) are right on the district line between District 7 and District 8. Other projects on the line are listed as a shared project. Ms. Gonzales asked if OST will be a shared project. Mr. Frisbie responded that the corresponding Council District is based on physical location, and the OST fields are in Council District 7. However, the Council District does not truly matter for approving a proposed project.

Co-Chair Casso noted the time for Committee Discussion was over and it time to move on to public comments.

IV. Citizens to be Heard

Co-Chair Brain Dillard outlined the rules for Citizens to be Heard. Over 60 minutes were allocated for Citizens to be Heard. Citizens will be called in the order they signed in and those individuals who have not spoken at a previous committee meeting will be called first. Time will be allotted based on the number of speakers and groups can have up to 5 minutes to speak. All group members must be present to speak as a group. Each person will have one minute and thirty seconds to speak. Mr. Dillard requested each speaker please state their name, district, and project.

Jane Dubel (CD7)- Jane Dubel Park is a year old and received a walking path, pavilion, and 4 benches from the City. Ms. Dubel worked to receive a \$150,000 grant from the federal government for playground equipment for the park. The current restroom is a port-a-john right next to the picnic tables, and when the wind blows it smells up the eating area. Ms. Dubel is requesting the toilet be moved and additional parking. Jane Dubel Park is a part of the District 7 package.

Steven Hixon (CD9) supports the land bridge at Phil Hardberger Park. The park is a large 330 acre park; however, a person must cross Wurzbach Parkway. There is a lot of road kill because wildlife must also cross the road. The bridge will allow emergency and park services to use the bridge to access the park quickly. The bridge will add one acre of land, and will be 150 feet wide and 150 feet long with up-sloping sides. A cost of \$25 million, which seems like a lot until it is compared to other bridges, like the \$250 million spent in London to build a bridge under the Tymes. Mr. Hixon is asking for \$15 million from the bond and stated the remaining \$10 million will be raised by private donations. The bond money would come from two committees: \$7.5 million from parks and \$7.5 million from streets. He added that he

currently donates to Hardberger Park, so he puts his money where his mouth is.

Tom Guido (CD9) outlined what he believed makes San Antonio unique: who we are and the place we live. Mr. Guido is in favor of the land bridge at Phil Hardberger Park. Mr. Guido had three points for the Committee: the park is free and open to the public at all times. The habitat restoration is continuous and ongoing. Finally, the citizens will get much more than they are paying for and the investment will last into the future.

Brenda Gonzales is representing South Texas Off Road Mountain Biker Organization (STORM), representing districts 3, 4, 9, and 10, speaking about McAllister Park and OP Schnabel. STORM represents the users of natural trails. STORM advocates for the preservation and safety on trails. The organization has trail stewards to monitor the conditions of the trails. Ms. Gonzales would like STORM to be involved with the development of McAllister Park and OP Schnabel trails.

Michelle Stewart (CD10) spoke on behalf of Friends of Mud Creek Park. Mud Creek Park is a small park and a part of the natural area in the recharge zone. Ms. Stewart explained a lot of people use the trails and the users would like to have more basic amenities for safety to deter the bow hunting and the use of ATVs in the park. Ms. Stewart also requested a small dog park for the safety of the dogs because there is a large number of stray dogs in the park. There are currently no water fountains in the parks, a pedestrian entrance at the second entrance, and the lock on the gate is broken. Mr. Frisbie told the Committee this request is a new request and not on the staff recommended project.

Phil Hardberger spoke on the park that bears his name, Phil Hardberger Park, and he would like to finish the park. Mr. Hardberger is in support of the staff recommended project. The park is in two parts separated by 25,000 cars a day. The park serves 1,000 people a day from all across San Antonio. The park was originally a dairy farm and was bought in 2008 for \$50 million. At the time it was estimated that it would cost \$50 million to do all improvements and so far \$25 million has been spent. Mr. Hardberger explained that the park is like a house without a roof, and they want a roof. They want to finish the project and this bridge finishes the project. With the \$10 million of private funds the project would be completed under budget. Mr. Hardberger explained that San Antonio likes to say we are a world class city but in order to be a world class city, the city has to finish the park. The City does not become world class by building three fourths of a park and not finishing it.

Barbara Hall (CD1) is the President of the San Antonio Conservation Society. The San Antonio Conservation Society was created to preserve building and places of natural beauty. Ms. Hall is in support of the bond proposals that will help restore the historic parks and open space. Ms. Hall asked the committee to support the funding for Brackenridge Park because the project will bring back the natural beauty, river walk and the work of the pump house. Ms. Hall added the Brackenridge Park project has developed strong community support.

Michael Ray (CD1) with Overland Partners spoke on behalf of Brackenridge Park. Mr. Ray stated it is important to recognize the historic importance surrounding the park. He added that if you had to pick three images to show the world what San Antonio is- Brackenridge Park would be on that list.

Andres Andujar presented a video on Hemisfair Civic Park.

Miguel Sepulveda (CD4) thanked the committee for their time. Mr. Sepulveda had a visual presentation of Stablewood Farms Park. Mr. Sepulveda stated that the park does not have restrooms or water fountains.

Mr. Sepulveda cleans up plastic water bottles left at the park every Monday. The project is a staff recommended project, but he is requesting the committee to increase funding to \$1 million in funding to purchase shade covers for the basketball courts, restrooms, a pavilion, and water fountains.

Carrol Brown (CD3) is speaking on behalf of the Alliance of San Antonio Missions regarding the World Heritage land acquisition. The Alliance of San Antonio Missions is a group of 300 residents the majority of who live near the missions. The alliance has long been pushing the city to acquire land near the missions to preserve it and to build a cultural heritage center. The Alliance has identified key pieces of land they would like to protect and where the cultural center can be built. Mr. Brown urged the committee to understand the land that need to be acquired now so the Missions do not become land locked like the Alamo.

Bill Dubel (CD7) advocated for Jane Dubel Park. The park currently has 10 marked parking spaces, and he has seen anywhere from 25 to 43 cars parked to visit the park. The park has the green space to pave a parking lot. Additionally, the park has 6 acres and is only using a small portion of the park because of over growth. Mr. Dubel wants the city to clean up the over growth, pave the second entrance to the park, install more tables and a softball diamond for a total of \$1 million.

Nettie Hinton (CD2) is a part of the Hays Street Bridge Restoration organization and is advocating for Dawson Park and Hays Street Bridge. Ms. Hinton asked the Committee to do the right thing for the right reason and to find the money for the bridge. The organization lobbied TxDOT and the federal government for the restored bridge and the park land, and they agreed to do it. The City signed a memorandum of understanding stating they would provide the twenty percent match for the project, including land. The Dawson family gave the land to the city for the park; however the city is planning on developing the land. The City and Hays Street Bridge Restoration group are currently in legal proceedings over the use of the land. The park is a part of the hike and bike trail.

Tommy Calvert (CD2) is the Precinct 4 representative for the county covering Council Districts 1,2,3,10 and the parks he is speaking on is in Council Districts 2 and 3. Mr. Calvert stated he does not have the time to cover the full master plan for River East, but presented a drone video of view above what could be River East. The county has partnered with the city for other parks including Museum East, and San Pedro Creek which he calls River West. He asked the committee to support Wheatley Heights Sports Complex to provide safety phone, lighting, security fencing, landscaping, park benches, signage, and basketball courts. River East is not a part of the Staff recommended projects and Mr. Calvert has provided the Committee a letter with the specific monetary request.

Allison Hu (CD2) spoke on behalf of Public Space East supporting Lockwood and Dignowity Park. Ms. Hu explained there is collective momentum to inspire a collective generation to strengthen the Parks. Public Space East has leveraged \$300,000 over the past year in cash and in-kind donations. Ms. Hu stated investment in the basic infrastructure and building a coalition of the neighborhoods on the East Side will go a long way. Elaine Kearny also spoke and highlighted the challenges in Dignowity Park -the Park is dissected into two halves by Burnett Street. The park is underutilized and they want to close Burnet Street which is a low use street. The proposal also included upgrading the community center, new shade structures, a dog park, picnicking areas, restrooms, and an outdoor amphitheater.

Catherine Smith (CD1) thanked the committee for taking the time to look at all the projects. Ms. Smith supports Hemisfair and Brackenridge Park. She is excited about the future of the park but they need the bond funding in order to finish the park. Ms. Smith asked the Committee to fund both Hemisfair and

Brackenridge Park.

Dominic Ortiz (CD3) requested funding for a paved parking lot for 5 Diamonds Little League. 5 Diamonds has made many improvements to the park over the past years, and it is a great place to be. The park is clean and safe, but the Little League is unable to pay for the big ticket item of a paved parking lot. Mr. Ortiz is asking the Committee to consider helping the 1,800 children that play at those fields.

Ellen Pitloun (CD9) supports the land bridge at Phil Hardberger Park. It is not possible to close Wurzbach Parkway, but it is unsafe to cross the road. San Antonio will receive national recognition for the land bridge which will create tourism. It will bring the young geeky people that like green spaces to San Antonio.

Debra Hernandez (CD4) requested funding for 5 Diamond parking lot. The league fees are only \$80. Everything at the park is donated and they are only asking for the paving of the parking lot. Ms. Hernandez stated the parking lot would offer the kids something nice on the Southside.

Peggy Brumhall (CD2) supports Dignowity and Lockwood Parks. Ms. Brumhall is a local entrepreneur and she just returned from visiting triple A rated parks from around the world. Parks are number 2 for where she gets her best ideas. Ms. Brumhall decided to move back to San Antonio because it was the only city that provides a multi-generational parks.

Melinda Lechuga (CD4) requested funding for Lackland Terrace Park Community Center. The community has seen improvements over the years, but the area needs more. The requested additions include covered basketball courts and a covered playground. There is a summer program there every year and the kids would benefit from the shade. They need new signage and a replacement of the sign on the building because the current one has an old phone number.

Elva Rendon (CD5) spoke about Benavides Park. The Park is in the heart of the west side and the master plan was approved by City Council. Benavides Park is surrounded by 2,500 single family units and 800 multi-family units. Mr. Rendon listed four schools and 2 senior centers within a half mile of the park. The park is nearly eight acres and was built in 1973 and had not had attention over the past 40 years. That park had been run down by criminals but they have raised at least a million dollars over the past four years to make the park look decent. They are asking for \$1.2 million in funding for the second phase to include family picnic areas, two soccer fields with covered area for fans, parking, a large pavilion with electricity, and a water feature playground, ADA playground, skate plaza, a wider path that is ADA compatible. They will also be asking for money in the future for a community center at the park. Mr. Frisbie added that the park is a part of the district 5 improvements, but that is only \$1 million for four parks.

Laura Matthews (CD10) presented a PowerPoint on McAllister Park Improvements. The Park was created in 1964 as a natural nature habitat and she would like to keep it that way. The park is 976 acres but 300 acres are not open to the public. The park is at capacity for use. Ms. Matthews wants to complete the projects from the 2012 bond funding. Pavilion two is for large events and Ms. Matthews is requesting a pavilion expansion, to two times the size of the current pavilion with a driveway for unloading at the pavilion and a new roof. Matthews also requested a bike skills park in an open area near the practice fields on two acres of land, additional signage, expanding the dog park and additional water fountains. The Bee Tree is a forgotten area of the park that is deteriorating. The picnic area needs tables and restrooms.

Silva Benitet (CD3) supports improvements at Villa Coronado Park. The park received no money from the

2012 bond. Ms. Benitet requests a skate park for the kids. Children are not allowed to skate on the sidewalks and basketball courts. The children would benefit from a splash park, and with 14.5 acres there is plenty of room. Additionally, there is a leak at the gymnasium. Manual Compos also addressed the committee and explained that when he plays basketball there it gets hot and he would enjoy a splash pad for them to cool off in. David Remon also spoke and explained he is a skater and believes it would benefit the youth to have the park. Currently, youth have to go out of their community and the highways are dangerous. Mr. Remon believes the park would keep them out of trouble and thanked the committee for their time.

Omar Gonzales (CD1) presented on the leveraging at Hemisfair Park. The Master Plan created in 2012 was for a series of parks: Yanaguana Garden, Civic Park, and Tower Park. Mr. Gonzales believes the project allies with all of the bond guiding principles. An image presented displayed a heat map of visitors to the park from each Council District. Hemisfair has the makings of a signature urban park while costing half as much as other urban parks. The proposed size of the park is the right size for the park. The passage of the bond would create a \$21 million investment with one third of money from the bond, one third leveraged, and the remaining third from other financing sources such as tax increment financing, state reimbursements and donations. The organization is close to signing a public, private, partnership worth \$165 million including 385 residential housing units, office space, retail space, a hotel and parking for the park. There is a unique opportunity to bring local tenants into the park.

Larry Clark (CD1) thanked the committee for being here. Mr. Clark is advocating for Maverick Park, a small park on Broadway. This Park needs upgrades to serve the growing number of tenets that are coming into the area. Friends of Maverick Park has developed a Master Plan for the park and have obtained strong financial commitments from outside organizations and recommended increasing bond funding to \$250,000.

Bill Altman (CD5) is the President of San Antonio Senior Softball League (SASSL). Across the United States there are 1.5 million seniors playing softball in 40 cities. Softball is the fastest growing sports for seniors, and SASSL is the largest senior league in the county. Mr. Altman expects within the next two to five years there will be 1,000 people playing senior softball. SASSL's current park is located in Council District 5, but people come from every district and surrounding towns to play in the league. SASSL has 700 participants and plays on two fields. SASSL propose improving the current fields and adding two additional fields. They propose converting a current run down youth field and building one additional field. The City estimated the project to cost \$665,000; however, their master plan outlines the project and estimates the project to cost \$3 million. Mr. Frisbie clarified that Staff is recommending \$665,000 for Normoyle Park, but not necessary for the scope presented.

Joe Calvert (CD1) is the President of Brackenridge Park Conservancy. Brackenridge Park is a well-loved park and has been named "the most culturally significant park in the country" by CEO of the Cultural Landscape Foundation. Mr. Calvert states the community needs to make sure the asset is well cared for. He highlighted the failing river center wall. The 2017 bond has \$7.5 million allocated to the park, but it will continue to cost money in the coming decades.

Kim Wolf (CD2) is a board member for Mira Flores. Ms. Wolf is urging the Committee to recommend the full funding of Brackenridge Park. She added that everyone who uses the park has fond memories of the park. Ms. Wolf has spent 10 years working to restore parts of Mira Flores, a park within Brackenridge Park. Lynn Bobbitt with the Brackenridge Conservancy addressed the committee as well in support of the parking garage at the Zoo.

Roberto Rangel (CD3) requested funding for phase two of Mission YMCA. Phase one was supported by \$2.5 million from the 2012 bond and will be completed in April. It is estimated that phase two consists of a swimming pool and a play area with an estimated cost of \$4.5 million. Mission YMCA will be the first ever YMCA built on the Southside. There are nine neighborhoods in the area, and some of them are old. In addition to the nine neighborhoods there are five low income projects in the area.

Elaine Ortiz (CD3) is on the 5 Diamonds Little League Board of Directors. For the health and safety of the 1,800 children playing for 5 Diamonds, they are asking for a paved parking lot. 5 Diamonds allows outside organizations to use their outfields. Ms. Ortiz added they are creative when accumulating items they need. 5 Diamonds is unable to afford the parking lot on their own.

Rachel Brehn (CD10) thanked everyone who has supported Hemisfair Park. Yanaguana Garden's just had its first anniversary, and in its first year, over 500,000 visitors attended the park. Without the bond money and donations the vision for Hemisfair will not be completed. Ms. Brehn quoted former Mayor Hardberger, "you don't finish a world class park three-fourths of the way through."

Gail Siller (CD2) is asking for a new limited access road running from Rittiman Road through John James Park to Winans Road. Currently Winans Road is the only road allowing access to school facilities creating a safety concerns.

Theresa Ybanze (CD3) is the President of Mission San Jose Neighborhood Organization. Ms. Ybanze is advocating for \$4.5 million to complete phase two of Mission YMCA. The 2012 bond funded the start of the project and they would like to complete the master plan. Mission YMCA phase 2 meets the requirements for SA Tomorrow. Ms. Ybanze stated public art should not be funded through the bond, but rather through the Hotel and Occupancy Tax.

Lydia Evans (CD6) is representing the Pipers Meadow Neighborhood and the surrounding area. Ms. Evans is requesting a Pipers Meadows park. There is not a park in the area that young and old people can walk to. There is an abandoned county site near the VIA bus center. This is the property they propose converting to the park. Teenagers with little to do are just hanging out there. The green space in the area is quickly disappearing.

Fernando Figueroa (CD10) believes the Phil Hardberger land bridge is an iconic project for the city. The land bridge will feature skywalk trails and allow continuation of Salado creek trail. There is private funding committed to the project.

Amber Garza (CD5) stated that the Committee has heard a lot of great projects and Hemisfair is receiving \$21 million while other parks are not being funded. Ms. Garza believes the land bridge could be done for less money and other projects can be funded.

Richard McKinny (CD7) is the President of the Retreat at Ingram Hills Neighborhood Association. Mr. McKinny has been gathering signatures to leverage their voice to the Committee to support Chrystal Hills Park. The organization is able to leverage the following: \$20,000 from City of Leon Valley, lights cheaper than city lights, and a land donation at the entrance of the city trails. The proposed park is at I 410 and Ingram and is in an underserved part of town. Mr. McKinney stated that only four percent of the funding in district 7 is for new parks.

William Harper (CD2) provided the history of Dawson Park and Martin Luther King Plaza. Mr. Harper requests \$750,000 for renovations at Dawson Park including lighting, walking space, and parking. Mr. Harper is also requesting \$650,000 for MLK Plaza.

Noah Almanza (CD6) is the President and CEO of San Antonio Parks Foundation. Mr. Almanza is advocating for all staff recommended projects and commends the city for the high class efforts. Additionally, Lockwood Park was not on the leveraged funding list and believes it should be added.

Gary Houston (CD2) is advocating for investing in Pitman Sullivan Park because there is flooding in the middle of the fields. The standing water is a safety and health concern. The current list contains \$550,000 in the bond project right now.

V. Next Steps for Community Bond Committee Process

Co-Chair Dillard fielded three questions from the Committee.

Jovanna Lopez- District 5: Requested itemized list for district park package. Mr. Frisbie explained how the package was developed; the parks are small and close together. After approval a scope will be created so it is not yet known what will be added to each park.

Grace Rose Gonzales- (District 7) requested a list of how many acres are in each of the parks.

Richard Ramos (District 6) asked staff to provide the Committee a copy of the citizen's presentations.

Co-Chair Dillard informed the public that the two remaining committee meetings are for committee discussion and no more public comment will be heard. The next meeting will be held Monday Nov 14 2016 at 6pm.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Co-Chair Brian Dillard adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.