

City of San Antonio



Bond Committee Meeting Minutes

San Antonio Public Library
Central Branch
600 Soledad St.
Monday, October 17
6:00 PM

Bond Committee Members

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

6:08 P.M. - Call to Order, Board Room

Co-Chair Brain Dillard called the meeting to order and introduced fellow Co-Chair Luisa Casso.

- Attendance of Committee Members
- Head count of general attendance: 209
- Katherine de la Vega, World Wide Translators, was present

I. Opening Comments and Overview of the Meeting Agenda

Ms. Casso recognized and called for a moment of silence to honor Ms. Choco Gonzales Meza who passed away on October 17, 2016. Mr. Dillard thanked the Committee for attending and announced that translations services were available if needed. Mr. Dillard introduced Mike Frisbie, Director of Transportation and Capital Improvements.

II. Staff Presentation on Rough Proportionality and Staff Recommendation for McAllister Park and Capitol Little League

Mike Frisbie, Director of Transportation and Capital Improvement, gave a presentation which covered the following items: rough proportionality, clarification of the Parks scope term “general improvements”, and staff recommendation regarding Capitol Park Little League and McAllister Park.

Mr. Frisbie explained the methodology behind rough proportionality. When considering rough proportionality across the City Council Districts, there are three main components which include the funds included in the 2017 Proposed Bond Program, Infrastructure Management Program, and Linear Creekway improvements. Mr. Frisbie presented a graph which allocated the entire \$850 million by category: district projects, city wide downtown projects, and city wide projects not downtown. Mr. Frisbie highlighted that within the proposed bond project, there is \$27 million for downtown parks projects, \$35 million for non-

downtown major projects, and \$54 million across the districts. The committee has \$116 million dollars to work with, and it is up to the committee to determine how to allocate the \$116 million.

Mr. Frisbie outlined the process behind development of the scope for parks projects. Last meeting the committee had asked about the term “General Park Improvements.” Mr. Frisbie explained that at this point in the process, “general park improvements” has not been entirely defined. The specific scopes are defined once the voters approve the projects, and staff works with City departments and the community to create the specific scope.

Mr. Frisbie explained Capitol Little League would present during the meeting. Capitol Little League services 500 children ages 4 to 17 and currently occupies 23 acres at Capitol Aggregates Quarry. In 2018, the league will need a new place to play that has at least 20 acres to accommodate the fields. Mr. Frisbie displayed a map highlighting Little League’s boundaries. City Staff has looked within the boundary at a dozen locations and has narrowed it down to 4 sites, and there are options other than McAllister Park. Mr. Frisbie stated that staff recommended approach was to officially separate Capitol Little League from McAllister Park and create two projects.

Co-Chair Luisa Casso thanked staff for all the work done. The Co-Chairs asked if the committee members had any questions of staff.

Richard Ramos (Council District 6) stated the committee has \$116 million that the committee can allocate to projects. Referring to Mr. Frisbie’s presentation, Mr. Ramos asked if the 21% for downtown projects could be reallocated. Mr. Frisbie responded that he was showing that of the \$850 million in bond projects, 21% of the money is for downtown projects. It is up to the individual committees to allocate their Committee’s portion of the funding.

Mr. David Walworth (Council District 9) asked if the Committee has the ability to say yes or no to the projects that are downtown. Mr. Frisbie answered that yes, the committees’ role is to say yes or no for the Parks and Recreation Projects. Co-Chair Brain Dillard added that it is the purpose of the committee review and analyze the proposed list and make recommended changes.

John Kent (Council District 9), asked if Capitol Park Little League is currently on private property. Mr. Frisbie, said yes they are on private land. Mr. Kent asked if they were to move to public land, would they be required to follow the same rules as McAllister Park Little League? Xavier Urrutia, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained that if Capitol Park Little League is on park land, they would enter into a land use agreement outlining insurance coverage and maintenance of the fields. Mr. Kent stated that public land would not be available for public use after Capitol City takes over that land. Mr. Urrutia responded that the land would be managed and operated by a private entity, but it is open to the public through that membership. He added that it would be similar to a YMCA or some of their parks programs. Mr. Kent responded stating that if some children were not a part of that group they would not be allowed to use the fields. Xavier stated that some Parks fields are not open to walk on use in order to maintain the condition of the fields. Mr. Kent asked if that is how it currently works with McAllister Little League and Xavier responded that he believes if a group wants to use the fields, they would have to reserve the fields through McAllister Little League and the group has the right to charge a fee. Co-Chair Dillard stated that they needed to get to Citizens to be heard and that the Committee will have time to ask questions at a later time.

III. Capitol Park Little League Presentation

Co-Chair Luisa explained that the Co-Chairs had asked a representative from Capitol Parks Little League to speak to the Committee.

Rob Foster, stated that Capitol Little League is 500 families and the current facility is worn and needs to be relocated due to land owner. He explained this was the only little league in San Antonio that is not on City property. The organization needs to find the kids a new home and carry on the 50 year tradition of Capitol Park Little League. He stated that Capitol Park Little League's new facility would cost \$8 million dollars; the \$2 million from the bond will be a part of that \$8 million. The remaining \$6 million will come from matching funds and private donors. They have been working on building partners over the past few years.

Margaret Kanyusik (Council District 8) asked if little league fields have to be within the boundaries of their recruiting districts. Mr. Foster confirmed that the little league fields have to be within their recruiting district. Ms. Kanyusik asked if they are open to letting other organization use the fields. Mr. Foster stated that yes; Capitol Little League currently opens fields to the Special Olympics, select baseball teams, a fitness group, and independent baseball leagues on the weekends. They are open to other entities and form partnerships with other organizations. The fees collected through registration, concessions, and field rental fees are their sole revenue.

David Walsworth (Council District 9) asked if Capitol Park charged a fee to organizations that use the fields. Mr. Foster stated they charge some organizations to use the fields. There are also agreements in place where they share field maintenance to offset field usage fees. Additionally, if a child is not able to afford a little league registration, they are still able to play regardless of financial ability.

Charles English (Council District 2) asked if Capitol Little League allows inner city kids to be a part of the Capitol Little League boundaries. Mr. Foster said yes, and added that Little League has an inner city program that they embrace. He added that 28% of their boundary is below poverty line. Mr. English added he does not understand why Capitol Little League cannot purchase their own facility if they are planning on building an \$8 million facility. Mr. Foster responded by stating Capital Park Little League is a non-profit and they are not in a position to invest. He added they are working to reach out to donors to collect funds.

IV. Citizens to be Heard

Co-Chair Brain Dillard outlined the rules for citizens to be heard. Due to 78 people signing up to speak, citizens are allotted one minute and groups will have five minutes.

Chris Mongeon (CD2) stated his support for Lockwood and Dignowity Parks. The parks are underdeveloped and have potential to attract and retain families in the urban core. Mr. Mongeon supports the proposed funding of \$3.1 million but asks that the original budget of \$5 million be approved. The full funding would allow the project to be done correctly the first time without phase and suggests the funding come from Capitol Little League.

Tony Castro (CD2) spoke on the progress of the Dignowity Park process. Mr. Castro stated he contacted Parks and Recreation asking how they could improve the playscape. Until now, there has been a lot a progress. They have surveyed and spoken to children and senior citizens. He stated they have been thoughtful, kind, and transparent in everything they have done. Dignowity Park is designed on what the citizens want: dog parks, seating, and shade.

Alfonso Deleon (D4) is a bar tender for 25 years at the Hyatt Regency and a member of the union Unite Here. Mr. Deleon had a stack of signed papers from over 700 hundred citizens saying “no” to the hotel in Hemisfair Park. He stated the people of San Antonio want a true civic park to visit with their family and friends. Mr. Deleon asked the committee to listen to their concerns and to do their research regarding the hotel in Hemisfair Park.

Danna Schenider (D1) is the organizing director for Unite Here. Ms. Schenider displayed a map with Hemisfair Park highlighting where the hotel is proposed to be constructed. She stated that she didn’t have a vote and neither did anyone else. The proposed bond project list includes \$21 million for Hemisphere Park. She asked will the bond money really go to funding a hotel being built on park land. She supports the investment in the Park; however, there is no place for hotel in urban oasis.

City Manager, Sheryl Sculley, clarified the money is not going to the hotel, it is going to the Park. The hotel is not being built on park land. It falls within the Council approved master plan, but it is on the land that was a part of the convention center. The funds being recommend in the bond program are for the Civic Park.

Hector Cardenas (CD1) spoke for San Pedro Springs Park. It would be a wise investment to complete the park in 2018. This area was critical to the founding, livelihood, and survival of the Native Americans and Mission Settlers. Completing the project on time would optimize its utility. The Park was founded in 1729 and was the first park in San Antonio and in Texas.

Uriel Rios (CD10) is a bar tender and has been in San Antonio for 4 years. Mr. Rios asked if the bond money is being used for Hotel. He believes that the bond money should go to San Antonio families and boutique Hotels are for wealthy developers. No one had a chance to vote, there has been no transparency and no democracy. He asked the Committee to look into the use of the funds and asked if the hotel is not on park land, why is HPARC overseeing the hotel being built.

Peggy Sue Wilson (CD 10) had a PowerPoint presentation asking for paved trails at Friesenhahn Park.

Liz Franklin (CD2) spoke about every Park and every proposed park project in D2. The parks cannot afford to not be funded. Ms. Franklin added that there is a lot of momentum in Lockwood and Dignowity Parks. The Parks started a lot time ago, but have not been finished.

Rachel Brehm (CD10) is a transplant to San Antonio. She did not grow up attending the Parks in San Antonio, but she has a four year old daughter who can visit the parks. She is working with her husband to create memories for their child and she believed Hemisfair has the same vision for her children. It is a great place to make memories, and now is the time to make the investment.

John Bryd (CD10) state that the City has seen a lot of growth in downtown but San Antonio has lacked an urban park. Mr. Bryd stated the first phase was a great start, but downtown needs to be a place for everyone and this project needs to happen now. Mr. Bryd supports the full project as proposed.

Michelle Herree (D2) stated that chronic disease, low income, and lack of access are words that describe the area surrounding Dignowity and Lockwood Parks. The CDC says 78% of adults are unhealthy, and in the zip code 78202, 73% of adults fall into the unhealthy category. Activity in parks increases activity and decreases obesity. To improve public health, improvements at Lockwood and Dignwity Parks are

essential. A good park can promote a safer neighborhood.

Frank Fonseca (D7), in a group along with Former Mayor Ed Garza and Harold Oliver, is a member of Maverick Neighborhood Association supported the Old Spanish Trail. It is not a park but rather a flood control basin that can be used as a park when it does not rain. They are in full support of the project. Mr. Oliver is the head of the Soccer Leadership Academy. He stated that the management of the flood control land was awarded to the Urban Soccer Leadership Academy. USLA served 500 families last year and 250 are in season right now. They are asking to Committee to consider their request for \$4.9 million for the improvement of the fields. They have five large fields with lighting for evening practices. One hundred percent of the students they serve are on scholarship, 40% live in poverty, 40-80% are underserved. USLA is using soccer to develop the future leaders, each player has to complete a community service project each season. They look forward to growing the organization and predict 14,000 kids would play soccer if it was affordable, and they are currently only serving 500 kids. Chris Martinez, a part of the organization for 8 or 9 years and it has been interesting to see how the organization has grown. They would be honored if they had their own fields.

Eddie Romero (CD1) supports Hemisfair, San Pedro Creek and the Broadway Corridor projects. His kids love coming downtown because that is where the festivals are held. He and his wife like coming downtown because that is where the free festivals are held. Mr. Romero is asking the Committee to review the economic impact study and consider these projects.

Pet Peterson, speaking on behalf of Bill Altman, said there are over 80 public facilities focusing on youth baseball and softball projects. There is only one for Senior Citizens Softball, and that is at Normoyle Park. Mr. Peterson added that their organization is the only organization here that will recoup City's money. Their study shows that the \$2.5-\$3 million they are asking for will be returned to the City in four years with hotel and restaurant sales.

Gary Weaver (D9) supports the Tricentennial Land Bridge at Phil Hardburger Park. He walks with a group of people at sunrise, splitting time between Hardberger and McAllister Parks and they enjoy the wildlife. Hardberger is unique and every night the animals risk death transferring from one side to another.

George Longoria- (CD4) wants to prevent the privatization of McAllister Park land for Capitol Park Little League. He applauded Committee Member Mr. Kent for the questions he was asking earlier in the evening. Mr. Longoria is opposed to the proposed project and would rather see the money being used for the development of the park itself for instance water fountains and restrooms.

Laura Matthews thanked the staff for recommending that Capitol Little League be relocated outside McAllister Park. She wanted to point out the size of the relocation is going down but the price is remaining the same.

Michael Weil (D2) lives in Dignowity Hills and supported the full funding of Lockwood and Dignowity Parks as proposed. The parks are fantastic and have great potential for activation. It would benefit the community and could host from people all over the city.

Gabriel Durrand- Hollis (CD10) represented the San Antonio Botanical Society. The Garden belongs to the City and the Society is a non-profit that manages the land. Phase one of the master plan was well underway and is expected to open soon. Phase 2 would be funded by the proposed bond program and includes an education center and event center. The improvements would allow the Garden to generate

income to sustain itself.

Bob Ratliff (CD9) is a member of the San Antonio Roadrunners. The organization serves 1200 members over the year. He thanks the Committee for considering the relocation of Capitol Park Little League. The organization uses a lot of different parks and believes that McAllister Park is unique and would lose that uniqueness if the fields were put in there.

Fran Strawnhun (CD6) is a member of Pipers Meadow Neighborhood Association and they want a park. He reference his handout which showed where they are located and where they want the park. They have been wanting a park close to Ingram Mall and a VIA transit center. The park would create community and k green space.

Delany Tholen (CD2) supported all four parks in D2 and hopes the Committee will consider the full funding. The Parks, back in the day, used to be a hub for the neighborhoods. Based on Census data, 50% of the children living in the area are living in poverty, and 17% are living in extreme poverty. Providing children with an outdoor space can have great impact on the quality of life.

Maria Victoria Alonso Arroyo (CD6) is a freshman at UTSA. She recognized the people in the community supporting the City's first gated skate park and asked them to rise. Their Mission and vision came from Houston- one of the largest gated, supervised skateboard park. She skate park in District 6.

Alexander Savelieve (CD6) is a sophomore at UTSA. He is here to support the skate park because he believes the park will have a positive impact on reducing drug use and crime. There is only one skate park serving District 6, and the reason that was built is because the community was complaining that skaters were roaming the streets. The small park that was created did not meet that goal but a well-constructed and gated park would lower crime and drug use on the street.

Roberto Anguiano (CD3) represented the Mission San Jose neighborhood. Mr. Anguiano asked for \$4.5 million to complete a YMCA project. They received \$2.5 million in 2012 bond and that allowed them to leverage an additional \$2.5 million. The YMCA should be open by April 2017 and \$4.5 million is needed to finish the project.

Maria Alviso (D6) is freshmen at UTSA and recommends building a gated skate park in Council District 6. There are 1.49 Million residents in San Antonio, and the MSA is 2 million people but the City only has 13 skate parks for over 100,000 skaters. A gated stake park would give a safe and healthy area to the community.

Theresa Ybane (CD3) is President of Mission San Jose neighborhood and requested \$4.5 million for swimming pools and park play field as a part of phase 2 of YMCA master plan.

Chloe Castillon (CD6) encouraged the creation of a gated skate park. Skating is affordable to any family with the cost per board ranging from \$10 to \$200. A clean and safe park will attract local skaters and skaters from across the City.

Roxanne Chung (CD6) is attending to promote the gated skateboard project. Skating promotes creativity, fitness and creative mode of transportation. The lack of security and community involvement gives skating a negative reputation. The price of their investment, in relation to other skate parks, is very minimal. Ms. Chung added skating is the 3rd most popular recreational activity.

Co-Chair Luisa asked the Committee if they would find it beneficial to find out from staff if the projects talked about are in or out of the recommend list. Mr. Frisbie asked if they can just give a simple yes or no if the project is on the bond list.

Grace Rose Gonzales (CD7): Clarified that the Committee can add or remove a project from the list.

Mike Frisbie stated that Old Spanish Trail, Normoyal senior softball fields, District 6 Park, and the District 6 skate park are not currently in the program.

Maryanne Field (CD4) is a teacher, citizen, runner, and biker and thanked the Committee for listening to McAllister Parks concerns. Ms. Field continues to ask the committee to move Capitol Little League and spend some of the bond money to improve the McAllister Park including signs, water fountains and restroom.

Leim Harper (CD2) with Jefferson Heights Neighborhood Association spoke about two parks: Dawson Park and Martin Luther King Plaza. Dawson Park was rebuilt in 1890 and remained after the first African American Armor Air Cadet Pilot. He requests \$750,000 for underground and overhead lighting, security lights, gazebos, wifi, and other projects. Mr. Frisbie added these two projects are not in the bond project.

Alfonso Gutierrez (CD10) is a registered cardiovascular invasive specialist. He has been with Capitol Park playing baseball since they moved here. He wished to see the separation of the Capitol Park and McAllister projects. McAllister park is already busy and the league would overwhelm the park.

Scott Albert (CD2) is in support of Lockwood and Dignowity Parks. Mr. Albert has been in San Antonio for four months now and in that time he was witnessed people walking daily, kickball leagues, farmers markets, beer fests and knows of upcoming events in the Parks. The parks are not under used, people are there already visiting. It is not a matter of build it and they will come, the people are there and need the Committee's help to make it better.

Gordon Benjamin (CD2) with Denver Heights Neighborhood Association asked for the inclusion of the Davis Scott field lighting and Charles B Shannon Fields. Landscaping is needed in the field due to flooding and the YMCA would benefit flood lights for safety.

Jorge Vega (CD10) stated that he loves little league and is not against the little league but McAllister park is limited resource. Mr. Vega asks the committee to listen to staff and locate outside McAllister Park.

Don Losole (CD10) is in support of maintaining McAllister Park and he started a petition after the 1st meeting. They have received 6000 signatures online and 1000 additional from walking the park. He was assured by Council that it would be taken off the table. Mr. Losole's asked if Capitol Little League at McAllister Park was off the table. Mike Frisbie stated that it would be up to the Committee later in the evening.

Tony Cantu (CD1) is a fourteen year veteran of the San Antonio Roofer improvement project. Mr. Cantu is attending to support the completion of Brackenridge Park.

Cynthia Bren (CD8) is here to talk about Hardberger Park. It is a legacy project costing \$25 million, \$15 million from the City and \$10 million from other funding. The bridge is going to be huge- 52 feet wide by

200 feet long which equates to \$2,500 per square foot and her research shows that most bridges run between \$500 and \$2,000 per square foot. Ms. Bren recommends building a cat walk if the sides really need to be connected. The cat walk would be 10 feet wide and save the tax payers \$24 million.

Cliff Herberg (CD1) is attending on behalf of the Alamo Area Council of Governments along with Dr. Gail Siller and Julie Noak from Fort Sam Houston ISD Safety Partnership. The Partnership asked for funds for a road that runs through John James Park. The sole access to the school is through Wynans Road. Any attack on the installation, fire or overturned railroad would cause a blockage of the road. They are asking for \$2 million to build a road. Fort Sam Houston ISD is able to pay the \$150,000 for the design matching fee. They have support from General Cringle who is also asking for the road.

David Adelman (CD1) is speaking on behalf of Maverick Dog Park. The grass roots effort has raised \$150,000 of private money and is asking for \$250,000 for Maverick Dog Park. The park will be an amazing space for the residents in the area. They are expecting over 5,000 residents coming to the neighborhood in the future.

Richard McKinney (CD7) wants to thank the committee for the \$500,000 included in the recommended project list for District 7. Mr. McKinney is asking the committee to allow the Chrystal Hill Parks to be fully funded and completed according to the master plan. The area is under served and is asking for additional funding.

Denise Aguirre (CD1) the founding Partner of Dignowity Meets on E. Houston Street asked that the Committee fully invest and fund Dignowity and Lockwood Parks.

Rod Crowley (CD9) represented San Antonio Fire, a day-hab facility that works with Special Olympics. The organization supports Capitol Little League. They have had a 5 year agreement with Capitol Little League. He is asking the Committee to support full allocations of the funds.

Frederich Magee (CD4) stated the facility in which the bond meetings are being held is not adequate. The input meetings are limited and do not go out into each district. The projects listed are not suitable and leads to discrimination. Mr. Magee does not support the land bridge; the city could build the bridge for less money.

Omar Gonzalez (CD1) is the Director of Real Estate at Hemisphere. The Hemisphere project plans on tripling the available parkland up to 19 acres. The expansion of the convention center has cleared 14 acres of land, and over 9 acres will be used as designated park land. The green space will have an urban edge, and a lawn for up to 10,000 people for a concert. There will be a plaza, and an acre with a water feature in the center. The Park is designed to be a Signature Urban Park, and they are doing so at the cheapest cost per acre; \$6 million an acre and the national average is \$13 million an acre. It is predicted that 3700 full time jobs will be completed when finished.

Emmanuel De La Cruz (CD6) is in support of building a Skate Park in District 6. Mr. De La Cruz wanted to highlight the health aspect of the parks. He added there are 159 parks in the city and 13 skate parks here. The park would allow children to have a goal and meet goals by getting new tricks.

John Linkhart (CD9) appreciates City staff and the Committee for balancing all the requests. Mr. Linkhart supports the land bridge at Hardberger Park. While the park is in two districts, over half the visitors come from other districts. There are records of people at the park from 30 states, 14 countries, and 6 continents.

Shanea Allen (CD4) is with Palo Alto College. Ms. Allen grew up learning how to swim at Palo Alto and now is the Interim Director. Palo Alto is jointly run by the City and partners with many different teams across the City. An estimated 31,000 people attended annually from all ten districts. They are asking for facility improvements. Mr. Frisbie clarified that improvements to Palo Alto are in the bond under the facilities committee.

Lynn Bobbitt (CD1) supported Brackenridge Park. Ms. Bobbitt wants to address the deferred maintenance and infrastructure project. There are deteriorating river walls, old pump house foundation and 1776 Spanish Colonial Dam.

Elanie Ortiz (CD3) spoke on behalf of 5 Diamonds Little League located in Stinson Park. The league is located deep on the Southside and served 1,800 little leaguers in the past year. The Little League has added shade canopies, added and replaced score boards, added bleachers and batting cages, and have built fields. Ms. Ortiz is asking for bond money for 5 Diamonds Little League.

Tim Blonkvist (CD1) is excited about all of the projects and supports all of them. Mr. Blonkvist highlighted issues at Brackenridge Park including deterioration of the walls and issues at the pump house.

Joe Alderete (CD1) spoke on behalf of Maverick Dog Park. He asked for \$250,000 from D6 Package. The project meets guiding principles 1-10 of the staff provided list. He also supports Lockwood and Dignowity.

Bonnie Conner (CD8) thanked the Committee for allowing her to speak. Ms. Conner supports Hardberger land bridge in order to have it ready for Tricentennial. They are committed to raising \$10 million for the park.

Anne Krause (CD1) thanked the staff for the recommendation at Hemisfair and thanked the Committee for their consideration. Ms. Krause thanked everyone who has been a part of the philanthropic effort for the Park.

Brian Gordon (CD2) wanted to ensure that all parks on the eastside that have only been ignored by the City are supported.

Jeff Moore (CD1) with Take Social Ride which represents all 10 Districts stated that the group is not against the Capitol Little League but wants to support the park. Mr. More gave a breakdown of the group to give an indication that their group is representative of the city.

Noah Almanza (CD1) represented the San Antonio Parks Foundation and thanked the Committee for their work. Generally we are for all parks projects, but today he is supporting Maverick Dog Park. They have done their work and are a great partner.

Patsy Light (CD10) is a historian and her husband works in Breckenridge Park. Mira Flores is a part of Brackenridge Park and wants the artwork to be restored.

Simon Nabejar (CD10) supported Brackenridge Park. He grew up in San Antonio and has many memories of the park. He knows the park costs a lot to maintain but it is beneficial to the Park and the City.

Debra Hernandez (CD4) spoke on behalf of the Southsiders. The kids on the Southside play at baseball parks like 5 Diamonds. The kids sit on dirt floor dugouts and parents drive on dirt roads. Ms. Hernandez wants to see the kids have something nicer like the North Side. She challenged the committee to think outside the box, land is cheap.

Henrietta Burrs (CD10) is a Parent for Capitol Parks Little League. The organization does not want to lose their parks. There is no baseball without Capitol Park in these areas.

End of Citizens to be Heard.

V. Bond Committee Discussion and Potential Action

Co-Chair Brian Dillard suggested a round robin for discussion before making a motion regarding Capitol Little League. Co-Chair Luisa Casso thanked the public for their engagement. The round robin is designed to ensure everyone can be heard and asks questions. The Committee can ask one question per district. Before the round robin, there will be a 10 minute break and resume at 8:35.

Co-Chair Luisa Casso stated that the process for the Capitol Little League would proceed as follows: a motion, a second, discussion - round robin per district, and vote. The Committee agreed to follow the procedure.

Mark Whyte (Council District 10) made a motion to separate the improvements as related to the relocation of Capitol Park Little League from McAllister Park. There would actually be two separate projects for consideration. The first would be Capitol Park Little League relocation to an alternate location and then separately funds for McAllister Park Improvement.

Charles English (Council District 2) seconds the motion.

Council District 5 has no question.

Council District 4 asked how many other organizations are asking for bond money, even if they are 501c3's.

Mr. Frisbie stated 37 programs across all bond categories are in partnership with other entities. Xavier Urrutia stated that in the 2012 Bond Program, there were 3 projects related to parks that were partnerships with outside agencies. In 2007, there were 5 different partnerships. In 2003, there were 2 projects including McAllister Little League.

Council District 3 has no question and is in agreement with the motion.

Council District 2- Charles English stated his question to Capitol Park Little League was never answered. Mr. English stated they should have had someone better represent Capitol Little League. Mr. English stated he was concerned about giving public land for private ownership.

Co-Chair Brain compared Capitol Park Little League to a Wheatley Heights sports projects. Xavier explained Wheatley Heights does operate and maintain the land in the same type of model proposed by Capitol Little League.

Council District 2 -Nicholas Rivard asked if the motion is to split the \$2 million between Capitol Park

Little League and McAllister Park or finding additional funding capacity.

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Mr. Frisbie clarified that staff's recommendation was to just separate the two and then deal with the dollars later.

Council District 1- Marco Barros stated they are committed to find some type of funding for the McAllister Park. It was added that McAllister needs new bathrooms.

Council District 1- Shawn Price asked if there has there been a proposed re-location place and asked if staff could provide the information or will they get it in the future. Mr. Frisbie stated they would likely not settle on one piece of land during the Committee process.

Council District 10- Stated they find Capitol Little League is a very worthy cause, but cannot deny funding for McAllister Park. McAllister Park is a regional park and is worthy of money.

Council District 9- David Walsworth asked if the 4 potential locations are within the little league boundaries. Mr. Frisbie confirmed they are within the boundaries. Mr. Walsworth stated the City has a long standing practice of partnering with organizations, like the Y, where the organization charges the public. If it is public land, everyone should be able to use them. Councilmen Gallagher has stated they are looking at alternate sites.

Council District 8 would like to move forward on the vote to separate so they can talk about other projects.

Council District 7 asked if the motion designated the \$2 million for either/ or projects. Co-Chair Casso stated they are not specially talking about the money, just separating the projects.

Mr. Frisbie stated that currently Capitol Little League at McAllister Park is the project included in the list. The motion was in agreement with staff to separate the two projects. There was a request to read the motion again. Mr. Whyte re-read the motion.

The question was asked when is the soonest staff could provide a project scope for McAllister Park. Mr. Frisbie stated there is a long list of things to consider what could be done at McAllister park.

Council District 6 commented that earlier a comment was made stating Capitol Park Little League is the only little league that is not played on park land. They questioned if we buy land, would Capitol Park enter into an agreement. Mr. Urrutia answered that that not all little leagues games are played on public parks land. If we bought land, they would then enter an agreement.

Co-Chair Lusía Casso asked how many people does capitol little league service. The Committee responded with 500 families. Ms. Casso asked if they expected to grow. Mr. Frisbie answered Capitol Little League currently has 8 fields and this project would be 8 fields. Capitol Little League would be leveraging \$6 million of their own funds.

Council District 5- asked if other Little Leagues offer more public access or are they membership driven. Mr. Urrutia did not know of any. A follow up question was asked how we take care of the fields compared to the city fields. Mr. Urrutia responded that in general little league fields are kept at a higher standard. There was a suggestion stating if Capitol Little League is going to be on public land- maybe there should be a stipulation for an open play day. Mr. Urrutia stated that is a possibility.

Mr. Whyte re-read the motion.

The Committee was in full agreement and the motion passed.

Council District 8- Doug McMurry asked if there are any projects on this list that are related to the Tricentennial. Mr. Frisbie responded, yes, every project is expected to be a part of the Tricentennial celebration.

Council District 6 -Richard Ramos asked if staff can generate some information on the projects that were talked about during this meeting. Co-Chair Casso requested the Committee make a list of the projects they are interested in receiving more information. She added they will be surveying the Committee to see what projects they want to tour. Mr. Frisbie stated there are 9 new projects for a total of \$14 million that were requested at the meeting.

Council District 7-Melanie Tawil requested a list of bond projects by district that includes a sub-total dollar amount.

Council District 8- Chuck Saxer asked why a road project was on the parks list, and added it would be better placed on the street project list. Mr. Frisbie stated the project was being considered by the Street Committee but did not make that streets list and it is not on the Parks list.

Council District 5- Jovanna Lopez stated that the pool at Elmondorf Park has been filled in and asked if there were plans to build a new pool. Mr. Urrutia stated the staff recommendation does include a new pool and improvements at the park.

Council District 3-Ron Hayes referring to the request by 5 diamonds to pave parking lot asked if the committee considered using World Heritage Funds. Mr. Urrutia did not know if the project would meet the requirements

Council District 2-Rosa Wilson asked if the skate board project can be considered. Mr. Frisbie stated they could consider the projects. Co-Chair Casso asked for information detailing what a project like the skate park might cost.

Council District 2- Charles English thanked the City Manager for clarifying that there is not a proposal to use bond money to build a Hotel at Hemisfair. Mr. English stated he did not like the procedure for how materials from residents were being passed to the committee.

Mr. Frisbie explained staff collects the information and put it in the packet. In the future will staff indicated who had information.

Council District 1-Jeannette Honermann asked for clarification of the terms "facilities" listed. Mr. Urrutia said that it mostly means plazas.

Council District 5-Phoebe Gonzales asked how staff arrived at the recommended dollar figure. Mr. Frisbie stated that sometimes it is very specific due to contracts and other times it is a little less specific due to the

scale of the improvements needed at that location. Mr. Urrutia said staff can give them an idea of the cost of certain structure. Ms. Gonzales wants more details so they can whittle it down to fund other parks. She emphasized that staff got the number somehow and wants to know how the costs was derived.

Council District 6-Myrl Britten wants a copy of the handouts for each Committee member.
Co-Chair Casso said we will do our best to inform them there are 30 members.

Council District 4-Kathy Luna suggested having two sign in sheets for speakers- one for those speakers whose project is on the list and one for the projects that are not on the list.

Council District 5-Valeria Hernandez asked if money would go with the Capitol Little League or where the money went. Mr. Frisbie said that is the Committee's decision.

Council District 7- Melanie Tawil requested a list of projects that have raised matching funds. Staff said that list would be provided.

Council District 6- Richard Ramos asked for the scope of the requested projects. Mr. Urrutia stated staff will provide what is available.

Council District 7- Grace Rose Gonzales suggested receiving a narrative of the scope. Ms. Gonzales also asked if everything have been spent on the past bond.

Council District 6- Myrl Britten stated the Facilities Committee Co-Chairs stated the speakers' name, district and the project. Mr. Britten asked if the Co-Chairs could announce the project that is being discussed by the resident.

Council District 2- Charles English asked if the Committee will receive a list of projects that were talked discussed that are not included in the recommended list.

Council District 1- Shawn Price stated United Here came and put a lot of effort and time into their efforts. Mr. Price wanted to make sure their concerns are answered.

VI. Next Steps for Community Bond Committee Process

The Co-Chairs stated the next meeting is on October 31st. It was decided to have the next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2nd at 6pm. The November 2nd meeting will be the last meeting for public comment.

Co-Chair Cossa explained the Committee will take a tour, but it is not possible to see all 59 location. The Committee will receive an email with a survey asking what projects they would like to see.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Co-Chair Brian Dillard adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.