

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

TO: 2017 Parks & Recreation Community Bond Committee

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SUBJECT: 2017 PARKS & RECREATION COMMUNITY BOND COMMITTEE REQUESTED INFORMATION

This memo addresses requests for information from and summarizes the motions taken by 2017 Parks and Recreation Community Bond Committee members during the Committee meeting held on Monday, November 14.

Summary of Committee Actions & Proposed Changes – Committee Member Nicolas Rivard (District 2) made the motion to move \$2 million from Hardberger Park to McAllister Park. The motion passed with a vote of 22 in favor and 7 opposed. Following the motion, the remainder of the meeting included the Co-Chairs going around the table, district by district, for their ideas for potential changes. Attachment A provides a summary of the ideas for potential changes made by Committee Members.

Citizens to be Heard – Committee member Chuck Saxer (District 8) asked if staff could provide Committee Members with the number of people who spoke in behalf of each of the proposed Parks Projects at each of the three meetings allowing for citizen input. Attachment B provides a list of the projects and the number of citizen comments made on behalf of the proposed Parks Projects from all three meetings in which citizen provided input.

Project Impacts – Co-Chair Luisa Casso requested a summary of potential project impacts should funds be reduced from proposed Parks Projects discussed during the Committee's 4th meeting.

- **Hemisfair Civic Park** – The original amount to complete the Civic Park comprehensive plan was just over \$52M and staff recommended \$21M. Any reduction in funding will result in scaled back construction and material quality as well the reduction of up to 2 larger features (i.e. The Shallows, Source Plaza, etc.) requiring them to have to be phased or installed at a later date giving the appearance of an unfinished park. Further complications will be realized once the perimeter of the park is created and developed. It is anticipated that there will be logistical and economic challenges of working within the inner park while having functioning retail businesses, offices, apartments and a hotel.
- **Botanical Gardens** - The original amount to complete San Antonio Botanical Garden improvements was \$9M and staff recommended \$7M. The proposed funding is intended to fund the development of an Education/Events Center. The original plans were to provide for multi-function event center that could host symposiums, exhibitions, flower shows, seminars, and other rentals with the ability to seat approximately 350 theater style, 300 classroom style and 220 banquet style. Any reduction in funding will result in the project reducing up to 35-40% of available event spaces and seating areas. A significant amount of leveraged funding and incorporation of private investment has been made in the Botanical Gardens to date.

- **Zoo Parking Garage** - To be combined with funding from the Facilities Proposition. Any reduction in funding will result in a combination of value engineering and scope reduction. The current funding will provide 3 levels of parking with a total of 600 parking spaces including green screen, sidewalks, crosswalks and pedestrian walkways which may have to be reduced to be within the available project budget. Future construction and phasing that may include the addition of future parking levels is possible, however, challenging given the high volumes of traffic into Brackenridge Park and the San Antonio Zoo.
- **UIW Sports Fields at Brooks City Base** - The original amount to complete Phase 1 of the UIW Sports Fields Development of this project was \$10M and staff recommended \$2.8M. Any reduction in funding will result in additional scope reduction. The original plan of the \$10M included 12 tennis courts, bleachers, a 400 meter track, 2 soccer fields, parking and field lighting.
- **World Heritage Park & Land Acquisition** - Any reduction in funding will result in scope reduction that would include general park rehabilitation and improvements as well as any land acquisitions as part of the World Heritage program. The intended use of the funding was for enhancements and visual improvements along the most frequently traveled corridor that leads from the Alamo to Mission Espada.
- **Miller's Pond Park** - Any reduction in funding will result in scope reduction. The intended use of the funding was potentially for basketball court shading, park restroom and the development of additional parking.
- **Spicewood Park** – Any reduction in funding will result in scope reduction in general park improvements and rehabilitation.
- **O.P. Schnabel Park & Land Acquisition** – A reduction in the project funding will likely result in the inability to complete the land purchase as envisioned.
- **Phil Hardberger Park** – To be combined with funding from the Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Proposition. Further reduction in the project budget will jeopardize the viability of the project as phasing the project is not possible. If the project is reduced to a point that it is no longer viable, a significant investment via leveraged funding will be unrealized.
- **Classen-Steubing Ranch Park Development** – Any reduction in funding will result in reduction of active recreation opportunities and park amenities.
- **Perrin Homestead** – Any reduction in funding will result in the inability to rehabilitate the almost 7 acres of property for public and adaptive use.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment (A) - Summary of Ideas for Proposed Changes By Park Committee
- Attachment (B) - List of the Number of Citizen Comments On Proposed Parks Projects

ATTACHMENT A

2017 Bond Program
November 14, 2016 Meeting
Parks Committee Proposed Ideas for Potential Changes

Proposed By	Project		Decreases	Increases
CD1	Hemisfair	CW,1	\$ (3,000,000)	
CD1	Old Spanish Trail	CD1		\$ 3,000,000
			\$ (3,000,000)	\$ 3,000,000
CD2	Hardberger Park	CW,8,9	\$ (1,950,000)	
CD2	Dawson	CD 2		\$ 750,000
CD2	MLK Plaza	CW,2		\$ 650,000
CD2	Pittman-Sullivan	CD 2		\$ 550,000
			\$ (1,950,000)	\$ 1,950,000
CD3	World Heritage	CW,3	\$ (400,000)	
CD3	UIW	CW,3	\$ (800,000)	
CD3	Villa Coronado	CD3		\$ 600,000
CD3	Jupe	CD3		\$ 200,000
CD3	Five Diamonds	CD3		\$ 400,000
			\$ (1,200,000)	\$ 1,200,000
CD4	Millers Pond	CD4	\$ (100,000)	
CD4	Spicewood	CD4	\$ (30,000)	
CD4	Stablewood	CD4		\$ 130,000
			\$ (130,000)	\$ 130,000
CD5	Hemisfair	CW,1	\$ (2,000,000)	
CD5	Zoo Garage	CW,2	\$ (1,000,000)	
CD5	CD5 Parks Package	CD5		\$ 2,000,000
CD5	Normoyle Sr. League	CD5		\$ 1,000,000
			\$ (3,000,000)	\$ 3,000,000
CD6	Hemisfair	CW,1	\$ (3,000,000)	
CD6	Skate Park	CD6		\$ 3,000,000
			\$ (3,000,000)	\$ 3,000,000
CD7	Botanical Gardens	CW,2	\$ (1,350,000)	
CD7	Steubing Ranch	CD9	\$ (2,000,000)	
CD7	Crystal Hills	CD7		\$ 500,000
CD7	CD7 Parks Package	CD7		\$ 500,000
CD7	Monticello	CD7		\$ 350,000
CD7	Old Spanish Trail	CD1		\$ 2,000,000
			\$ (3,350,000)	\$ 3,350,000
CD9	OP Schnabel	CD7	\$ (2,000,000)	
CD9	Steubing Ranch	CD9		\$ 2,000,000
			\$ (2,000,000)	\$ 2,000,000
CD10	Perrin Homestead	CD10	\$ (1,500,000)	
CD10	Beitel Creek Park	CD10		\$ 1,500,000
			\$ (1,500,000)	\$ 1,500,000

ATTACHMENT B

Parks Committee Citizen Comments

Project Names	Support	Oppose	Total
Brackenridge Park	11	0	11
Capitol Park Little League Baseball Fields @ McAllister Park	2	21	23
Crystal Hills Park	3	0	3
Cuellar Park	1	0	1
Davis Scott Field Lighting	1	0	1
Dawson Park	2	0	2
Dawson Park - Hays Street Bridge	1	0	1
District 5 Parks Package (Benavides, Collins Gardens, Kennedy and Vidaurri Parks)	2	0	2
District 7 Parks Package (Gilbert Garza and Jane Dubel Parks)	2	0	2
Downtown Park Package (Columbus, Maverick, Milam and Travis Parks)	1	0	1
Elmendorf Lake Park	1	0	1
Friesenhahn Park	1	0	1
Gated Skate Park in District 6	6	0	6
General Park Comment	5	1	6
Hardberger Park (Parks)	11	2	13
Hemisfair Civic Park	14	6	20
John James Park Roadway	2	0	2
Lackland Terrace Park	1	0	1
Lockwood & Dignowity Parks	13	0	13
Martin Luther King Plaza	2	0	2
Maverick Dog Park	5	0	5
McAllister Park	2	0	2
Mission YMCA	4	0	4
Monticello Park	1	0	1
Mud Creek Park	1	0	1
Native American Culture of the Tuhaum Band of Mission Indians	1	0	1
Normoyle Park - Additional Scope	3	0	3
Old Spanish Trail Soccer Complex	1	0	1
Palo Alto Park	1	0	1
Piper Meadow's Park	4	0	4
Pitman Sullivan	1	0	1
Potranco Library	1	0	1
Public Art (Parks)	1	0	1
Rainbow Hills Park	1	0	1
River East	1	0	1
San Antonio Botanical Gardens	1	0	1
San Pedro Creek (Parks)	1	0	1
San Pedro Springs Park	1	0	1
Stablewood Farms Park	1	0	1
Stinson Park 5 Diamonds Little League	5	0	5
Villa Coronado Park	1	0	1
Wheatley Heights Community Center	2	0	2
World Heritage Park & Land Acquisition	1	0	1
Zoo Parking Garage (Parks)	2	0	2
Total	125	30	155