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Bond Committees approve project recommendations

The Community Bond Committees for the City of San Antonio's proposed 2012-2017 Bond Program each held five public meetings, culminating with the community groups approving project recommendations for City Council's consideration in January.

The proposed \$596 million Bond Program is allocated in four categories: Streets/Bridges/Sidewalks, Drainage, Parks, and Facilities/Community Initiatives. The election is planned for May 2012.

Four Bond Committees, based on the proposed categories, approved 135 projects. While the committees did make some changes to City staff-recommended projects, the Streets/Bridges/Sidewalks and Drainage committees unanimously approved the recommended projects.

In the category of Streets/Bridges/Sidewalks, the approved recommendations total \$340 million, including the completion of the U.S. 281/Loop 1604 interchange and Hausman Road from Loop 1604 to Interstate 10. Both of these areas are congested with vehicular traffic.

The Streets Committee also approved the recommended

Downtown Street Reconstruction. This proposal does not include funding VIA's streetcar project.

The Mayor and City Council appointed 128 community members to serve on four Bond Committees. The Mayor appointed Lila Cockrell, Tessa Martinez Pollack and Carri Baker Wells as tri-chairs for the proposed 2012-2017 Bond Program.

The Committee format consisted of co-chairs for each committee appointed by the Mayor and 30 members per committee with each City Council Member appointing three of the members for each committee. The committees had 20 public meetings between October and December, including a bus tour for each committee on December 3.

"It was fun and interesting to participate in and watch the democratic process," said Jackie Gorman, who served on the Facilities/Community Initiatives Committee. "This process helps us understand the scope of needs we have across the City. It was eye-opening for me."

Luis Marotta, a member of Streets /Bridges / Sidewalks, said serving on the committee for two

months was a learning experience.

"This was very beneficial," he said. "I learned a lot about the issues in my district. Our committee was able to make some changes to what staff recommended and put the money to good use."

Walter Ague, who serves on the Citizens Bond Oversight Commission, said he was familiar with all the projects being discussed by Drainage.

"The process was very well done," Ague said. "The briefings were very complete and left us no questions."

Paul Jimenez said he was honored to serve on the Parks Committee.

"As a committee, we came together and had great, yet sometimes difficult discussions and decisions to make based on the fact that the needs far outweighed our available resources," Jimenez said. "In the end, a strong slate of projects will be sent to City Council for consideration."

The committees will present their recommendations to City Council in January. City Council will discuss the recommendations before approving the final project list and calling for the election.

From the Director's Chair

By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer

Here we are - 2012 - the year in which the 2007 Bond Program will be substantially complete and the start of the proposed 2012-2017 Bond Program.

The proposed program is planned for \$596 million with no City property tax rate increase. The infrastructure categories and fund allocations are Streets/Bridges/Sidewalks, \$340 million; Drainage, \$130 million; Parks, \$65 million; and Facilities/Community Initiatives, \$61 million.

This month, the Community Bond Committees for



the proposed 2012 Bond will present their project recommendations to City Council for consideration. We anticipate City Council calling for the election in February, with election day in May 2012.

The last couple of months of 2011 were action-packed in preparation for the proposed 2012 Bond. The four committees had a total of 20 public meetings, including four bus tours on a Saturday morning to visit some of the proposed projects.

The public-input process was transparent, with more than 800 residents in attendance at the meetings, and 165 resident comments. A web site - www.sanantonio.gov/2012Bond - has much more information.

Meanwhile, all other aspects of CIMS are moving full steam ahead and I know that 2012 will be a great year!

Grand openings

Photo courtesy of SAFD Photographer Stephen Trifiletti



Photo courtesy of SAFD Lt. Jonathan Doran



TOP PHOTO: The new Fire Station #50 opened at 15000 Applewhite Road. MIDDLE PHOTO: The new Fire Station #51 is at 5040 Beckwith Blvd. BOTTOM PHOTO: District 6 City Councilman Ray Lopez joins CIMS, Parks & Recreation, and Animal Care Services in celebrating improvements and new amenities at Tom Slick Park.

Happy birthday in January

CIMS wishes our employees a happy birthday in January:

Courtney McClure, Labor Compliance (4th); **Jenny Martinez**, Labor Compliance (5th); **Tamara Langwell**, Public Art San Antonio (9th); **Pete Rodriguez**, Horizontal (13th); **Richard Casiano**, Horizontal (14th); **Arthur Rossman**, Vertical (14th); **Manuel Vidal**, Technical Services (14th); **Imelda Molina**, Vertical (18th); **Charles Bradshaw**, Technical Services (20th); **Angelica Mata**, Contract Services (20th); **Victor Vasquez**, Technical Services (20th); **Jose Hernandez**, Technical Services (23rd); **Martha Almeria**, Real Estate (24th); **David Lopez**, Horizontal (24th); **Bill Hensley**, Vertical (28th); **Lisa Alvarado**, Fiscal Services (28th); **Alma Nuñez**, Vertical (29th); **Manuel Martinez**, Technical Services (30th).

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- Valuing our diversity & history
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