



**PIMA COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
November 19, 2014
Pima County Housing Center
801 W. Congress
Tucson, Arizona 85714**

MINUTES

**NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (NROC)
MEMBERS**

Present: Mr. Bennett Bernal District 3 Appointee, Chair
Ms. Corey Knox-District 4 Appointee, Vice Chair (by conference call)
Ms. Elvia Lopez-District 5 Appointee

Not Present: Mr. Bryan Hague- District 1 Appointee (resigned from Committee)
Mr. Felipe Lundin-District 2 Appointee (excused, illness)

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION
DEPARTMENT STAFF**

Leslie Nixon, Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Manager
Tony Reis, Program Coordinator
Cam Juarez, Program Coordinator
Isabel Camarena, Administrative Specialist

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Bennett Bernal at 10:15 am.

ROLL CALL Quorum satisfied, Ms. Corey Knox was conferenced in via telephone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF July 23, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Lopez moved to approve the July 23, 2014, meeting minutes
Ms. Knox seconded the motion.
Minutes approved.

PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT

Ms. Nixon reviewed the current 2004 Project Status Report.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORT

Mr. Reis reported that the Toumey Park Project was completed and the dedication was held on October 3, 2014. The Five Points Coalition project is in design, with a projected completion date in FY2015/16.

Mr. Juarez reported that construction of the Cardinal and Mountain Village Estates projects will begin after the Thanksgiving holiday. He also informed the Committee that the contractors have been secured and expect to complete both projects in December 2014.

NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Ms. Nixon reported on the September 13, 2014, Neighborhood Leadership Institute skills training. 35 neighborhood representatives attended and provided written evaluations reflecting very favorable experiences at the training. Supervisor Richard Elias was the luncheon speaker. The next NLI event will be a roundtable discussion and coffee on January 31, 2015. Ms. Knox suggested designing a skills training targeting neighborhood youth.

BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Nixon reported that a preliminary survey was submitted to the Bond Advisory Committee to complete at their meeting on September 19, 2014. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program tied with one other bond project in obtaining the most favorable Committee votes, 18 out of 19 present, with no unfavorable votes. Neighborhood Reinvestment bond funding is on the Bond Committee's January 9, 2015, Agenda, for discussion and recommendation. The tentative date of the next bond election is November 2015. A final decision will be made by the Board of Supervisors in 2015.

PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT

Ms. Nixon provided a copy of proposed requirements for the Neighborhood Reinvestment bond program (Attachment A). Mr. Huckleberry requested feedback from the Committee to be submitted before the Bond Committee meeting of January 9, 2015

The Committee reviewed and discussed the recommendations and took the following action:

- a. "Participating jurisdictions designate senior staff person to facilitate intergovernmental agreement and approval."

This is current practice of NRP.

- b. "Intergovernmental agreements require project completion within two years of IGA execution."

Ms. Lopez moved to recommend the project be completed within three years of IGA execution.

Ms. Knox seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously

- c. “Jurisdictions cannot use bond funds for internal staff costs relating to NR projects.”
Ms. Lopez moved to support this recommendation.
Ms. Knox seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

- d. “NROC will continue to review and recommend project proposals to the Board of Supervisors.”

Ms. Knox moved to support this recommendation.
Mr. Bernal seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

- e. “NROC will assign a higher priority to projects which have supplemental funding from other sources.”

Ms. Lopez moved to oppose this recommendation.
Mr. Bernal seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

- f. “No participating jurisdiction will be awarded more than 50 percent of the total bond funding authorized by voters.”

Ms. Knox moved to oppose this recommendation.
Ms. Lopez seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

- g. “Individual projects are limited to a maximum of \$500,000 in bond funding, except for projects which include the development of a new stand-alone building (e.g., a community center), which would be limited to \$750,000.:

Ms. Knox moved to revise the recommendation to permit \$750,000 NR bond funding for projects involving special circumstances.
Mr. Bernal seconded the motion
Motion passed unanimously

The Committee directed Ms. Nixon to prepare a written memorandum addressed to Mr. Huckelberry and the Bond Advisory Committee summarizing NROC comments and votes on the proposed recommendations for future NR bond funding. Ms. Nixon will circulate the memorandum to Committee members for their review and approval before submitting to Mr. Huckelberry.

NEXT MEETING DATE

To be determined

CALL TO AUDIENCE-

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Lopez moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Knox seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Minutes submitted by Isabel Camarena