MEMORANDUM

Date: May 9, 2017

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
     Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
      County Administrator

Re: Neighborhood Reinvestment Bond Projects Quarterly Update

Pima County’s Neighborhood Reinvestment Program promotes stability and revitalization in stressed communities through the funding of small capital improvement projects selected through a community consensus process.

Attached is a report of activity for the period January 1 through March 30, 2017 related to the Neighborhood Reinvestment projects made possible by voter-approved bond initiatives in 1997 and 2004. The report provides information about projects constructed by Pima County (three projects), the City of Tucson Department of Parks and Recreation (three projects), and the City of Tucson Department of Transportation (four projects).

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Attachment

c: Jan Lesher, Chief Deputy County Administrator
    Margaret Kish, Director, Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation
    Marcos Ysmael, Program Manager, Affordable Housing
    Martha Martin, Community Development and Housing Planner
Memorandum

Date: May 8, 2017

To: Ms. Jan Lesher
Chief Deputy County Administrator

From: Ms. Margaret M. Kish
Director, Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation

Mr. Marcos Ysmael
Program Manager, Affordable Housing

Ms. Martha Martin

Re: Neighborhood Reinvestment Bond Projects March 2017 Quarterly Update

1. NR projects constructed by PIMA COUNTY: St. John’s; Naylor/Changemaker; and South Tucson

   St. John’s Restroom Installation $159,250 (1997 bonds)
   Arthur Gibbs, OPM

   • Working toward approval of plans and issuance of permits.
   • Once approved & permitted, construction should be completed within 30 days.

   Naylor/Changemaker Pedestrian Bridge/Sidewalk $229,000 (2004 bonds)
   Nancy Cole, OPM

   • Working with neighborhood to gain acceptance for a revised project scope based on input from flood and transportation engineers.
   • Construction (excavation; curing of the concrete bridge) should start in June.
   • City of Tucson Maintenance Agreement underway to cover additional related work from another grant (plants, water harvesting)

   South Tucson Land Acquisition/Pedestrian Crossing Lights $200,000 (2004 bonds)
   Nancy Cole, OPM

   • Environmental assessment complete – no negative findings.
   • Two out of three parcels were determined by County Real Property to be acceptable for purchase. There are significant encroachment issues with the third parcel.
   • County submitted purchase offer Chevron, the owner.
   • Crossing lights project will begin after land acquisition.
2. NR projects constructed by CITY OF TUCSON Department of PARKS AND RECREATION: Sunnyside; Barrio Santa Rosa/Viejo; and Menlo Park

**Sunnyside** Airport Wash Walking Path $113,500 (1997 bonds)
Robert Just, Project Manager

- Costs exceed estimate provided with initial neighborhood proposal.
- City staff will meet with neighborhood association to review options.
- Options include: Continue design work and apply for permits, then choose one section of the path for construction; or stop design and reconsider project.

**Barrio Santa Rosa/Viejo** $87,431 (1997 bonds)
Joe O’Neill, Project Manager

- Basketball Court Resurfacing completed.
- City and County Staff will attend neighborhood meetings.
- San Cosme Park Shade Structure design work underway.
- San Rosa Park project will begin upon complete installation of San Cosme Park Canopy.

**Menlo Park** $54,599 (1997 bonds)
Howard Dutt, Project Manager

- Project design completed. Construction bid process underway. Expect to start work late May and complete in August 2017.

3. NR projects constructed by CITY OF TUCSON Department of TRANSPORTATION: Country Glenn Treat Avenue; Santa Cruz SW; Elvira; Midvale; and Five Points

- Unexpectedly, Jesse Soto, Project Manager, received direction from DOT staff to order a flood study on two projects - **Country Glenn** Treat Avenue Improvements and **Santa Cruz SW** Cottonwood Lane and Park Improvements. Stantec will complete the studies as quickly as possible, but this will delay both projects for several months. Mr. Soto maintains frequent communication on project updates with both neighborhood associations.

- For three projects, Mr. Soto will place an order to buy solar lights that will be installed in the neighborhoods of **Elvira**, Santa Cruz SW, and Country Glenn. Shipment is expected to arrive around mid-July. Construction and installation will begin shortly afterwards. The **Midvale** lights (non-solar) will be ordered separately.

- Regarding the **Five Points Project**, Mr. Soto and City DOT staff met with Ward V Councilor Fimbres to discuss the lack of response from the artist, Luis Mena who is under contract with the City of Tucson for this project. Mr. Fimbres plans to meet with the artist when he will demand cooperation and direct the artist to respond to City’s request for information. Mr. Soto has been in communication with the Five Points Business Coalition.