



**PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
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**PIMA COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, September 26, 2008, 8:30am
Kino Veteran's Memorial Recreation Center
2805 E Ajo Way
Room 1103
Tucson, Arizona**

MINUTES

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

Present Mr. Al Skorupski-District 1 Appointee, Chair
 Mr. Shel Coudray-District 3 Appointee
 Mr. Felipe Lundin-District 2 Appointee
 Ms. Corey Knox-District 4 Appointee, Vice Chair
 Ms. Elvia Lopez-District 5 Appointee

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION
DEPARTMENT STAFF**

Leslie Nixon-Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Manager
Allen Kulwin-CDBG Program Manager
Bennett Bernal- Program Coordinator
Lori Aldecoa-Program Coordinator
Tony Reis-Program Coordinator
Camiliano Juarez-Program Coordinator
David Longoria-Program Coordinator
Ana Durazo- Administrative Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrea Altamirano, Special Assistant to Supervisor Richard Elias
Jennifer Eckstrom, Executive Assistant to Supervisor Ramon Valadez
Andrea Ibanez, City of Tucson
Kevin McElheny, City of Tucson Parks
Roger Carrillo, Council Office Ward VI
Jane Duarte, City of Tucson Parks
Joe O'Neill, City of Tucson Parks
Elvira Neighborhood Association
Kroeger Lane Neighborhood Association
Cardinal Neighborhood Association

CALL TO ORDER by NROC Chair Al Skorupski at 8:30am.

ROLL CALL

All members in attendance. Quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR June 27, 2008 MEETING

Mr. Lundin moved to approve the minutes from June 27, 2008. Ms. Lopez seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Nixon advised the Committee of the following:

- Review of Agenda
- Project Status Report
Ms. Nixon announced that \$3 million of the original \$20 million 2004 NR funds remain to be allocated.
- 2008 Annual Report
Ms. Nixon informed the Committee that the Annual Report was completed and that the County Administrator has distributed it to the 2004 Bond Advisory Committee. Ms. Nixon acknowledged Ms. Kish and staff for their team effort in producing this report.
- Expiration of Committee Member Terms
Ms. Nixon announced that in December 2008, the Committee members' terms would expire. She informed the members that they should contact their appointing Supervisor if they wished to continue serving on NROC.
- Tour of 2004 Projects
Ms. Nixon asked the Committee if they wanted to do a tour of the 2004 completed projects. Staff would select different ones from different districts. The Committee agreed to send Ms. Nixon dates they would be available for this tour.
- Announcements:
 - Mr. Reis announced that the 1997 Pueblo Gardens Project would be completed soon.
 - Mr. Longoria announced that the Kino Coalition Project broke ground and is expected to be completed by next September.
 - Mr. Bernal announced that the Flowing Wells Health Clinic and the Rillito-Tucson Projects were completed. There is a dedication scheduled for November 7th for the Rillito-Tucson project.
 - Ms. Aldecoa announced that the A Mountain and Highland Vista Projects were completed. On August 23, 2008 there was a celebration for Highland Vista which had excellent attendance and was featured on the local news.
 - Ms. Nixon announced that Ms. Kish was attending the Bond Advisory Committee meeting this morning.

**ROUND XXI NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROPOSALS
(Presentation, Site Visit Subcommittee Appointment)**

- **CARDINAL NEIGHBORHOOD**

Mr. Juarez addressed the Committee and explained that the Cardinal Neighborhood was seeking NR funds for the amount of \$11, 000 for traffic mitigation and 10 speed bumps.

Members of the Cardinal Neighborhood Association addressed the Committee, described their work in the consensus process and highlighted the stress factors in their neighborhood.

Mr. Coudray moved to waive the site visit for this project. Mr. Lundin seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Coudray moved to approve the project as presented. Ms. Lopez seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

- **ELVIRA NEIGHBORHOOD**

Mr. Longoria addressed the Committee and explained that the Elvira Neighborhood was seeking NR funds for the amount of \$448,140 for 47 street lights.

Members of the Elvira Neighborhood Association addressed the Committee and described the stress factors of their neighborhood and the necessity of the street lights for their dark streets.

Mr. Coudray commented that this was a good proposal and complimented Mr. McGovern for his thorough job on the cost estimate.

Ms. Knox and Mr. Coudray volunteered to attend the site visit.

**SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE REQUEST FOR 1997 BARRIOS UNIDOS/KROEGER
LANE PROJECT**

(Presentation, Discussion, Recommendation)

Ms. Aldecoa explained that the Kroeger Lane Neighborhood was seeking approval for a substantial change in scope of the project, which was previously awarded \$150,000 in 1997 NR funds.

Ms. Aldecoa explained that the \$150,000 was originally allocated for a Rio Nuevo related project, with additional funding from the City of Tucson and from Rio Nuevo funding. However, the supplemental funding has not been forthcoming and the neighborhood wishes to reallocate the funds to park improvements and traffic mitigation.

Ms. Aldecoa described how the neighborhood had been working on consensus for a year and a half.

Members of the Kroeger Lane Neighborhood Association addressed the Committee and explained that this scope change request had been considered and developed over several

years. They highlighted the stress factors in their neighborhood and addressed the necessity for the traffic mitigation and park improvements.

The Committee discussed the neighborhood's request and consensus process. The Committee also sought clarification that the funds were coming from 1997 Bond funds.

Ms. Knox made a motion to waive the site visit for this project. Mr. Coudray seconded. **Motion passed unanimously**

Mr. Lundin made a motion to recommend the substantial change request as presented with the original \$150,000 funding and name change and to inform the Board of Supervisors of the time delay of this project. Ms. Lopez seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE REQUEST FOR 1997 SANTA RITA PROJECT (Presentation, Discussion, Recommendation)

Mr. Reis explained that the 1997 Santa Rita Project was seeking additional 1997 bond funds in the amount of \$47,000 to complete the skate park project.

Mr. Reis explained that this project lost funding after the project collaborator (Camp Fire) withdrew. Mr. Reis went on to explain that even though the City and County have allocated additional funding, due to the increase in construction costs the project is short \$47,000 for completion.

Ms. Eckstrom addressed the Committee concerning District Two's support for this request.

Mr. Coudray made a motion to postpone the recommendation for this project and requested that additional information be provided. **Motion died for lack of a second.**

The Committee discussed the project and the increase in construction costs. Mr. Lundin sought clarification that the additional funds being requested were coming from the funds remaining from completed 1997 projects.

Mr. Lundin made a motion to approve the additional funding as requested. Ms. Knox seconded. **Motion passed, 4/1.**

SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE REQUEST FOR 2004 BARRIO VIEJO PROJECT (Presentation, Discussion, Recommendation)

Mr. Reis explained that Barrio Viejo was requesting additional funding from 2004 NR funds of \$43,516 to complete the project.

Mr. Reis explained that the project has been delayed to due to increased archeology excavation and survey costs.

Members from the neighborhood addressed the Committee and explained the excavation process and findings. They clarified that the additional excavation fees were not foreseen because the findings were discovered after the construction began.

Ms. Knox made a motion to approve the substantial change request as presented.
Mr. Lundin seconded. **Motion passed, 4/1.**

COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

No Committee feedback.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Ms. Josefina Contreras, resident of Kroeger Lane, addressed the Committee about the history of the Rancho Chuk-Son Project and reasons for the delay in construction.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lundin moved to adjourn, and Mr. Coudray seconded. **Motion was approved unanimously.** Meeting adjourned by Chair Al Skorupski at 10:30 am.

Minutes submitted by Ana Durazo

Next meeting scheduled on Friday, October 24, 2008