



**PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND  
NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**

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**PIMA COUNTY  
NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING  
Friday, October 23, 2009 8:30am  
Kino Community Recreation Center  
2805 East Ajo Way  
Tucson, Arizona 85713**

**MINUTES**

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

Present        Mr. Tony Bruno District 3 Appointee  
                  Mr. Al Skorupski-District 1 Appointee, Chair  
                  Mr. Felipe Lundin-District 2 Appointee  
                  Ms. Elvia Lopez-District 5 Appointee, Vice Chair  
Absent:        Ms. Corey Knox-District 4 Appointee

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION  
DEPARTMENT STAFF**

Leslie Nixon-Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Manager  
Tony Reis-Program Coordinator  
Lori Aldecoa-Program Coordinator  
Bennett Bernal-Program Coordinator  
David Longoria-Program Coordinator  
Camiliano Juarez-Program Coordinator  
Paula Jansmann-Administrative Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Representatives of South Tucson Youth  
Vickie Mesinor and Pat Richter representing 29<sup>th</sup> Street Coalition Weed and Seed

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

**ROLL CALL**

Quorum satisfied.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2009 MEETING**

Mr. Bruno moved to approve the minutes from September 25, 2009.  
Mr. Lundin seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

## **PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Nixon advised the Committee of the following:

### **a. Project Status Report**

- Reviewed the Project Status Report, indicating that of the forty-one 1997 Bond Projects there is only one, Kroeger Lane, that has not yet been completed.
- Fifty projects from the 2004 Bond Election have been approved by the Board of Supervisors. Of these, twenty two have been completed, ten are currently under construction, nine are in design and nine are in various stages of development.
- Over \$19 million has been allocated of the original \$20 million 2004 Neighborhood Reinvestment bond authorization. \$6.9 million has been spent on completed projects with savings of \$904,000 in the construction of those projects. That amount has been added to the unallocated portion resulting in \$1.5 million which the Committee has available for future project allocations. As approved projects are completed, additional cost savings are expected, and that amount will increase.
- Mr. Skorupski indicated that the Catalina project is scheduled to start construction next week and be completed by May 2010.

### **b. Announcements**

- Ms. Nixon indicated that the Bond Advisory Committee meets next on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Subcommittee recommended \$31,750,000 in new NR funding while the County Administrator recommended \$10 million. Neighborhoods have expressed their strong support of funding for the program.
- Mr. Reis announced that the Santa Rita Skate Park would be renamed the Albert M. Gallegos Skate Park in a ceremony scheduled for November 25, 2009 at 4:00PM.
- Mr. Bernal announced that three projects were scheduled for completion by the end of October:
  - The Amphi Neighborhood project consisting of 21 street lights and 1500 sq. ft. of sidewalks. Five additional street lights were added with funding saved from the original bond allocation.
  - The North Dodge project consisting of 3200 sq. ft. of sidewalks and 10 street lights. An additional 1500 sq. ft. of sidewalks was added with money saved from the original grant.
  - The Continental Pediatric Health Clinic, a 3500 sq. ft. building, is scheduled for dedication on November 5, 2009.
- Mr. Bernal indicated that construction was set to begin the first week of November for the Picture Rocks skate park and should be completed by Christmas.
- Ms. Aldecoa announced that the Barrio Anita project broke ground on October 19 in preparation for the new basketball court and cover.
- Mr. Juarez announced that the Rose pedestrian bridge is at 95% completion by Pima County Transportation. After completion of the bridge, the City of Tucson will reposition street lights and complete water and electrical connections.

**ROUND XXV NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROPOSAL  
(Site Visit Subcommittee Report, Discussion, Recommendation to Board of Supervisors)**

**a. South Tucson Youth Proposal**

The site visit subcommittee reported on their site visit, and staff and neighborhood representatives answered questions from the Committee. Mr. Lundin moved to recommend the project's approval to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Lopez seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**ROUND XXVI NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROPOSAL  
(Presentation, Discussion, Appointment of Site Visit Subcommittee)**

**a. 29<sup>th</sup> Street Coalition Weed and Seed**

Mr. Longoria and representatives of the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Coalition Weed and Seed presented the proposal, which requests \$500,000 for upgrades to Freedom Park including a 3600 linear foot long asphalt walkway with water fountains, lighting, fitness stations and playground shade structure.

The Coalition representatives answered Committee questions concerning the location of the walking path and whether the Coalition would apply for additional funding for future improvements at the site.

Mr. Bruno and Ms. Lopez will perform the site visit.

**COMMITTEE FEEDBACK**

None

**CALL TO AUDIENCE**

A member of the audience thanked the Committee for their approval of the South Tucson Youth proposal.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Lundin moved to adjourn, and Mr. Bruno seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting Adjourned by Chair Al Skorupski at 8:55 am.

Minutes submitted by Paula Jansmann