

**Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Meeting**

**The Manning House
450 W. Paseo Redondo
Friday November 20, 2009
8:00 a.m.**

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Larry Hecker, Chair
Carolyn Campbell, Vice Chair
Pat Benchik
Gary Davidson
Pete Delgado
Brian Flagg
Rene Gastelum
Byron Howard
Terri Hutts
David Lyons
Rebecca Manoleas
A.C. Marriotti
Wade McLean
Ted Prezelski
Patty Richardson
Chris Sheafe
Thomas Six
Dan Sullivan
Tom Warne
Greg Wexler
Harry George

Committee Members Absent

Peter Backus
Jesus Gomez
Kelly Gomez

1. Welcome

Meeting began at 8:10 a.m. with a quorum.

2. Call to the Audience

There were 19 speakers in support of full funding for CD2 Neighborhood Reinvestment. Speakers were from various neighborhoods, including Flowing Wells, Armory Park, N. Dodge, 5 Points area, Western Hills, Julia King, Santa Rita Park, Feldman's, Cardinal Heights and Dodge Flower. Residents mentioned that this would be the only source of monies available since the City cut the Back to Basics program.

There were 16 speakers in support of FM108 Southeast Government/Community Center.

There were 6 speakers in support of HP109 Vail Area Historic Sites.

There were 5 speakers in support of full funding for CD1 Affordable Housing.

There were 5 speakers in support of full funding for OS2 Habitat Protection Priorities and OS3 Community Open Space.

Terri Hutts asked one of the speakers, Pamela Ridgewell, who spoke in support of full funding for both OS2 and OS3, if the Tucson Mountain Association would be donating the property currently listed for sale given their commitment to conservation. Ms. Ridgewell responded that the association is considering all options, including donation, but no final decision has been made. The property is currently listed for sale.

There were 3 speakers in support of PR103 Rillito Racetrack Conversion and projects that promote soccer fields.

There were 2 speakers in support of PR181 Sahuarita Pool and Recreation Complex/YMCA, including the Mayor Lynne Skelton from Sahuarita.

There were 2 speakers in support of PR278 River Park Acquisitions.

John Williams spoke in support of PR231 Arizona Velodrome Center and introduced well known cyclists Jamie Carti, Curtis Gunn, Steve Hay and Greg LeMond.

David Valenzuela spoke in support of PR44 and PR201, which are for Oury park and pool improvements.

E.J. Cosby spoke in support of more baseball fields and said that if more soccer fields are built, then multi-use fields should be converted to baseball fields. They are hurting for fields since the City of Tucson stopped their lighting systems.

Dr. Michael Cummins spoke in support of PR96 Model Airplane Parks and thanked the Subcommittee and County Administrator for their support of diverse recreational uses.

Maggie Gehring, with Southpark Neighborhood Association spoke in support of PR42 Quincie Douglas Expansion. There were three other neighbors in the audience in support as well.

Evelia Martinez and Pete Chalupsky, with the Tucson Metropolitan Housing Commission spoke in support of CD3 Pima County Comprehensive Housing Center, as well as CD1 And CD2, indicating the programs need full funding.

Dev Sethi, President of the Tucson Children's Museum, spoke in support of FM107 Tucson Children's Museum. Mentioned the museum will be partnering with Child Protective Services for a pilot program to help children.

Corky Poster, with the City of Tucson Housing Commission spoke in support of CD1, CD2, CD3, and supports cultural resources projects like Steam Pump Ranch, Ft. Lowell Park Master Plan, Canoa Ranch Master Plan and Vail Historic Sites. Also supports improvements to Oury Park and Quincie Douglas Center.

Sylvia Amparano, spoke on behalf of the City Manager's Office, reading a letter submitted to the Bond Advisory Committee by the City Manager. The City requested that a presentation by the Committee be given to the City Mayor and Council for consideration at their December 15 Study Session.

Terri Hutts asked Ms. Amparano about projects that were on the fringe and the City would undoubtedly use, but not considered as part of their list. Ms. Hutts asked if it is possible to show projects jurisdictionally as well as show benefits derived. The County Administrator responded that information would be put together with maps.

Trevor Hare, with Sky Island Alliance spoke in support of PR262 Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project and full funding for OS2 and OS3.

Marge Hearst spoke in support of PR220 Adaptive Recreation Center and service it provides to adults and children with disabilities.

The Committee asked that a list be provided to the Committee of people who submitted speaker cards in support of projects, but did not wish to speak. 18 speaker cards were received from members of the public who did not wish to speak. (Please see attachment for copies of these speaker cards for your review).

Additionally, two petitions were submitted. One petition was in support of a public library to be located in Vail with 240 signatures. The second petition was in support of Vail projects FM108, HP109, PR239, and PR246 with 1,123 signatures.

3. Approval of Meeting Summary of the October 16, 2009 Meeting

The meeting summary for the October 16, 2009 meeting was approved 21-0.

4. 2010 Bond Election Planning Process

A. Discussion of Projects that Fall in Group 2: Projects where the County Administrator and Subcommittees' recommendations are the same, but differ in funding allocations

The County Administrator briefly commented on the memorandum he provided to the Committee itemizing his recommendations and reasoning behind his decisions. Mr. Huckelberry reiterated that his recommendations are just one person's opinion. It is up to the Committee to decide. Mr. Huckelberry added that a memorandum was sent to the Board of Supervisors dispelling myths regarding County debt management.

Dan Sullivan mentioned that he believed some Subcommittees had different procedures in which meetings were scheduled to solely focus on public input and others were scheduled for Subcommittee deliberation. Mr. Sullivan asked staff to provide information on past practices that allowed more time for deliberation. Mr. Sullivan further stated that he would need more time to read through the County Administrator's memorandum itemizing his recommendations and take time to formulate a sense of general priorities and suggested postponing the remainder of the agenda.

Gary Davidson requested that the tables be organized by each subcategory as opposed to overall groups.

Larry Hecker indicated that town halls and regional meeting would be scheduled once a bond package is approved.

Carolyn Campbell pointed out that there are currently 2 call to the audiences and that public input so far has largely been about Subcommittee recommendations versus the County Administrator's recommendations. Ms. Campbell noted that in order for the Committee to have adequate time to deliberate, the Committee should consider going back to one call to the audience at the end of the meeting, given that final decisions would not be made in the foreseeable meetings.

Ms. Campbell asked the County Administrator about the difference between his recommendations and County staff's initial recommendations. Chuck Huckelberry responded that information changes depending on the circumstances, as reflected in his revised recommendations. If the secondary net assessed value was increasing, recommendations would be very different. However, given the current economic reality, he still feels an authorization around \$600 million is viable. If the Committee moves to a higher amount, the County would just have to extend out the program and only be able to issue about \$40 million a year for the first 6 years. It can change depending on the interest rate and economy.

Chris Sheafe stated that the Committee needs to know the overall ceiling they need to work with and noted that assessed values will decrease for commercial as well.

Thomas Six pointed out that the Committee did agree on a range of \$600 to \$800 million.

MOTION: Dan Sullivan moved, seconded by Greg Wexler to continue the remaining agenda items to the next scheduled meeting to give the Committee time to review the County Administrator's memorandum. Motion approved 21-0.

Carolyn Campbell asked Gary Davidson about the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee's use of time for the large number of speakers they experienced. Mr. Davidson responded that the Subcommittee only had one call to the audience at the end of the meeting and limited speakers to one minute. It worked great for everyone and afforded the Subcommittee time to conduct their business.

5. Other Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting

Larry Hecker stated that the public outreach process would include a series of open houses and regional meetings and requested that possible dates for these meetings be provided at the next meeting.

The Committee further discussed the issue of time, and the Committee's need for adequate time to conduct business.

MOTION: Carolyn Campbell moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan to go back to one call to the audience at the end of the meeting for foreseeable meetings and reduce speakers' time limit to one minute to allow time for deliberation. Motion approved 21-0.

Pat Benchik suggested that a target number for an authorization amount should be the first item for discussion at the December 18th meeting.

The Committee asked that the County Administrator briefly go over recent bonding information again at the next meeting.

6. Call to the Audience

Bill Cosby asked the Committee to schedule a future meeting in the late afternoon for people who work and cannot come during the day.

Paul Mackey said he was not as concerned with the bond cost, as he is with recurring costs, and asked if and when the County identifies recurring projects costs that should be accounted for.

Chuck Huckelberry responded that these costs are identified during the development of the Bond Implementation Plan and taken into account.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.