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**Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Meeting**

**Manning House
450 West Paseo Redondo
Friday March 16, 2007
8:00 a.m.**

MOTIONS

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MOTION: Mr. Sheafe moved, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve amendments to the two 1997 park projects, P-1 Miscellaneous Park System Renovations and P-43 Roadrunner School/Community Park, as recommended by staff. Motion approved 17-0 with Ms. Campbell abstaining.

MOTION: Ms. Campbell moved, seconded by Mr. Warne, to approve the amendments to the 1997 Open Space Bond Program as recommended by staff. Motion approved 18-0.

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MOTION: Ms. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve an amendment to the Eastside Sports Complex, as recommended by City of Tucson staff, contingent on Mayor and Council approval at a public meeting on April 3, 2007. Motion approved 18-0.

SUMMARY OF MEETING

The following is a summary of the March 16, 2007 meeting. Audiotapes of the meeting are available upon request.

Committee Members Present

Larry Hecker, Chair
Carolyn Campbell, Vice Chair
Peter Backus
Gary Davidson
Paul Diaz
Anne Doris

Committee Members Absent

Robert Davis
Jesus Gomez
Terri Hutts
Wade McLean
John Neis

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Rene Gastelum
Kelly Gomez
Byron Howard
David Lyons
A.C. Marriotti
Rick Myers
Ted Prezelski
Patty Richardson
Chris Sheafe
Thomas Six
Dan Sullivan
Tom Warne
Greg Wexler

1. Welcome

Meeting began at 8:05 a.m. with a quorum.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary

MOTION: Mr. Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. Wexler, to approve the meeting summary from the February 16, 2007 meeting. Motion approved 18-0.

3. Semi-annual Status Report, 1997, 2004, and 2006 Bond Programs

Per the County's Truth in Bonding Code, Chapter 3.06, the committee members received via mail a pamphlet and a CD containing the mid-year status report for the 1997, 2004, and 2006 bond programs. Don Spiece, Capital Improvement Program Manager provided a summary presentation to the committee. Mr. Prezelski questioned why a few 1997 bond projects were still not complete so long after the election. The response was that the 1997 bond program is a 10-year bond program, so there are some projects that aren't scheduled to be complete until the end of that time period. Two of the projects involve the acquisition of State Trust Land. But until some form of State Trust land reform occurs, these projects cannot be completed. In response to questions from Mr. Howard, it was stated that these bond status update reports would be placed on the County's bond web site www.bonds.pima.gov. Mr. Spiece stated that each of the major projects constructed with bond funds during the last six months came in at or under the dollar amount approved by the voters. In response to a question from Mr. Warne, it was confirmed that bond dollar amounts remaining after a project is completed can be used on other projects that may need additional funding, as long as the projects are within the same question. Depending on the dollar amount, a bond ordinance amendment may be necessary for such a transfer.

Written status reports were received from the following jurisdictions: Marana, Oro Valley, Pascua Yaqui, Sahuarita, South Tucson, and City of Tucson. Verbal reports to

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the committee were given by the A.C Marriotti (Sahuarita), T. Van Hook (Marana), Annsley Reeder (Oro Valley), and Kelly Gomez (Pascua Yaqui).

Captain Paul Wilson with the Pima County Sheriff's office provided an update of the PCWIN Regional Communication System 2004 bond project. There was some unfounded criticism of the project in a recent Arizona Daily Star guest opinion piece. It was suggested that the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Committee send a letter to the Star in response, and that the letter state that the project is on track, is planned to now provide 2,000 more radio units than originally planned for, and a backup communication system also not originally planned for, at a cost of only \$5,000 over the original cost estimate of \$105 million. The project is dependent on 32 jurisdictions working together.

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4. Amendments to the 1997 and 2004 Bond Programs

Committee members were provided with a written report prior to the meeting regarding proposed amendments to the 1997 and 2004 bond programs. Nicole Fyffe summarized the report. Amendments were proposed to two 1997 Park projects, the majority of projects in the 1997 open space bond program, and the following 2004 projects: Mt. Lemmon Community Center, PCWIN Regional Communications Network, Wilmot Branch Library, and the Eastside Sports Complex.

Fred Gray, Director for the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department provided a report on the Eastside Sports Complex amendment since this is a City of Tucson managed bond project. The amendment would reallocated the funding for a new Eastside complex to instead develop additional playing fields at Lincoln Park and Udall Park. Mr. Howard added that Councilwoman Scott and West are in support of this amendment, as well as several neighborhood groups in the service area. Mr. Gray clarified that this amendment may reduce the 2008 bond program request for additional funds for Udall and Lincoln parks.

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5. 2008 Bond Election Planning Process

The sub-committees of the Bond Advisory Committee reported on the meetings they've held to date.

Gary Davidson, Parks and Recreation sub-committee: At the last meeting the sub committee approved criteria and heard an overview of proposed projects in District 2 (45 projects totaling \$130 million). Next meeting will be on District 1 projects.

Dan Sullivan, Justice, and Law Enforcement sub-committee: One meeting has been held so far. Next meeting will be on projects proposed by the Sheriff's Department.

Chris Sheaf, Public Works sub committee: Mr. Sheafe summarized the presentation sewer revenue bond projects. Over \$500 million is being proposed in sewer revenue bonds for 2008, the majority of which are to increase de-nitrification efforts, which is mandated. If these de-nitrification improvements are not funded, Pima County could face steep fines. Sewer revenue bonds are repaid via sewer user and connection fees, the rates of which are set by the Board of Supervisors. Even if voters approved \$500 million in sewer revenue bonds, the bonds could not be sold unless the Board adequately raised sewer rates to repay the bonds. There was discussion regarding a May election for authorization of some or all of the proposed sewer revenue bonds. There was also discussion regarding whether the City of Tucson would be holding a revenue bond election for water infrastructure in May of 2008 or 2009, and whether it would be advantageous to hold a county-wide sewer revenue bond election at same time. It was concluded that City staff would be invited to attend a future Public Works sub committee meeting to discuss their intent to hold a bond election.

Peter Backus, Public Facilities sub committee: At the last meeting the sub committee heard presentations on health projects. The sub committee is aiming to conclude their deliberations by end of May.

Representatives reported from the four other standing committees tasked with oversight of implementation of portions of the 1997 and 2004 bond programs, and tasked with developing recommendations for portions of the 2008 bond program.

Bill Roe, Conservation Acquisition Commission: It has been estimated that it would cost about \$3 Billion to acquire all of the lands eligible for acquisition in the 2004 bond ordinance. It was stated in the bond ordinance that only a portion of the eligible lands would be able to be purchased with the allocation of \$164.3 million. Therefore, for the 2008 bond election, this list of eligible properties is mostly the same, minus the lands that have been acquired so far (25,000 acres) and minus the lands that have already been developed. The commission will complete finalize it's proposal to the Bond Advisory Committee mid-summer.

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Al Skorupski, Neighborhood Reinvestment Committee: Committee has met regularly over the past 2½ years to oversee implementation of the 1997 and 2004 neighborhood reinvestment bond programs. Next Friday the committee will talk about process for the 2008 bond election. In April the committee will review the two proposals, City and County, for the 2008 bond election.

Frank Thompson, Housing Commission: All of the 1997 bond funds for affordable housing have been allocated to projects, and the majority of the 2004 bond funds will be allocated before a 2008 bond election. The commission is preparing to consider affordable housing proposals for a 2008 bond election. There needs to be increased support for making more housing affordable.

Hank Atha, Davis-Monthan Airforce Base Acquisition Committee: Acquisition efforts for expenditure of the \$10 million authorized in 2004 bond funds have been focused on protecting the flight corridors, specifically the SE paddle, also known as approach and departure corridors 2 and 3. Efforts have been further concentrated on vacant, contiguous parcels closest to the runway. The Committee has authorized \$7 million for acquisition, and about \$5 million has been expended to acquire about 150 acres. The committee will be proposing additional funds be included in a 2008 election.

6. Future meeting dates, other business

Next meeting is May 18, 2007.

It was requested that an updated contact information sheet for the committee members be provided to all the members. A copy of the County's Truth in Bonding Code will also be provided to all the members.

7. Call to the Audience

Margot Hurst spoke in support of the Adaptive Recreation Center 2008 proposal.

8. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 am.