Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

Meeting

Manning House
450 West Paseo Redondo
Friday September 23, 2005
8:00 a.m.

MOTIONS

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DIRECTION TO STAFF

Request for a presentation on the Kino Public Health Center Campus Master Plan at the next Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY OF MEETING

The following is a summary of the September 23, 2005 meeting. Audiotapes of the meeting are available upon request.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. with a quorum.

**Committee Members Present**

Larry Hecker, Chair  
Carolyn Campbell, Vice Chair  
Peter Backus  
Rene Gastelum  
Tom Warne  
Kelley Gomez  
Wade McLean  
John Neis  
A.C. Mariotti  
Albert Elias

**Committee Members Absent**

Chris Sheafe  
Debby Hecht  
David Lyons  
Jesus Gomez  
Dan Sullivan  
Patty Richardson  
Paul Diaz  
Karen Thoreson – Alternate

County Bond Advisory Committee
1. Welcome

Committee Members and County Staff introduced themselves.

2. Meeting Summary

The March 4, 2005 meeting summary was approved 10-0.

3. Amendments to the 1997 and 2004 Bond Programs

The Committee received a written report and recommendations on the proposed amendments prior to the meeting.

County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry presented the recommended amendments to the 1997 and 2004 Bond Programs. Mr. Huckelberry described what types of modifications required amendments, pursuant to the Truth in Bonding Ordinance. Three amendments requested by the Green Valley Community Coordinating Council to the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) Bond Program, regarding the termination of DOT-36 Camino del Sol/West parkway, Continental Road to Duval Mine Road, and DOT-34 Camino del Sol, Continental Road to Ocotillo Wash, and the transfer of remaining funds from those projects to DOT-37 Interstate 19 Northbound Frontage Road, Canoa T1 to Continental T1, were described in detail.

Mr. Huckelberry also recommended three additional amendments that came to his attention after the Committee mailing. The first was a recommendation to amend the scope of SC-8 Superior Court New Court Rooms (1997 GO Bond Program), to clarify the specific sub-projects completed to date. The second was a request from Oro Valley to terminate 4.43 Naranja Town Site Park project (2004 GO Bond Program), and move the remaining funds of almost $3 million to 4.6 Steam Pump Ranch (2004 GO). The Naranja Town Site Park project involved the acquisition of an additional 28 acres to the existing 212 acre Park. The rapid increase in land values has precluded this acquisition. Additional funds are needed to acquire and restore the Steam Pump Ranch. The third was a recommendation to amend the scope of 4.26 Rillito Race Track to allow for the
acquisition of land adjacent to the Race Track, in the event that the City of Tucson decides to locate the Northside Community Park on adjacent land.

Mr. Huckelberry went through each recommended amendment for the 2004 Bond Program: 2.1 Kino Public Health Center, 4.10 Coyote Mountain Sites Acquisition, 4.20 Sports Fields Lighting of Existing Fields, and 5.10 Canada del Oro River Park, Thornydale to Magee. The Committee discussed the master plan for the Kino Public Health Center campus, including the recent letter outlining the need for a psychiatric urgent care center. Albert Elias, City of Tucson, requested a presentation on the master plan at the next Committee meeting. Chairman Larry Hecker, Peter Backus, and Bob Davis volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to consider the request for a psychiatric urgent care center.

John Neis asked what this Committee's role is with regards to the 1997 bond programs. Mr. Huckelberry and Chairman Hecker stated that this Committee is tasked with overseeing the 1997 bond programs even though the Committee is probably more familiar with the 2004 programs, and that the Committee should continue to ask questions about the 1997 bond programs and voice any concerns about the programs to the Board of Supervisors.

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4. End of Year Report for 1997 and 2004 Bond Programs

The Committee received an End of Year Status Report on the 1997 and 2004 Bond Programs prior to the meeting.

Nicole Fyffe presented a brief overview of the End of Year Status Report. Mr. Huckelberry clarified that 2004 Sewer Revenue Bonds have not yet been sold because the County was still completing the 1997 program and needed Board approval to increase rates to support these revenues bonds. The County should be able to move forward with sale of the 2004 sewer authorization within the next year.

Ben Changkakoti reported on the Davis-Monthan Open Space Committee. The Committee has identified two groups of parcels, those that are eligible for purchase with the bond funds, and those that are not. This list will be further prioritized in future meetings. Albert Elias praised the DM Committee for analyzing a lot of technical data in a short amount of time. Mr. Elias also noted that the Military Installation Fund might provide an alternative source of funding for parcels not eligible for purchase with bond funds.

Captain Paul Wilson of the Sheriff's Office provided an update on the Regional Public Safety Communications System. A scope of work for a request for proposals for consultant services to build a business plan, among other tasks, was to be completed the week after the Committee meeting. Mr. Wilson also stated that the County was not
awarded funding for a recent application to the Department of Justice. However the Tohono O’Odham Nation is to be awarded $558,000 from the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.

Albert Elias (City of Tucson), David Anderson (Oro Valley), Leonard Fontes (City of South Tucson), Mike Reuwsaat (Town of Marana), and Kelley Gomez (Pascua Yaqui Tribe) reported on their respective jurisdiction’s progress on County bond funded projects. Written reports were also submitted to be included in the status report to the Board of Supervisors.

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5. **Other Business, Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates**

The Committee received a letter from the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona stating the need for a psychiatric urgent care center in Tucson. Two individuals spoke in support of this effort: Judy Johnson representing the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona, and Joseph Brusenski.

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A subcommittee on this issue will meet before this date.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 17, 2006.

6. **Call to the Public**

No members of the public spoke at this time.

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.