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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: June 6, 2011

To: Diana Durazo  
Staff Assistant to the County Administrator

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator 

Re: Your June 2, 2011 Memorandum Regarding Projects Not Recommended by the County Administrator and Recommendations to the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

I have thoroughly reviewed your memorandum and analysis of Group 3 – Subcategory B, Projects. Based on the information provided, I am willing to modify my recommendation of no funding for Project HP107 and include staff's recommendation of \$500,000 for rehabilitation and salvage of historic ranch buildings at the A-7 Ranch and Montana Camp Rancho Seco.

Regarding the County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation projects, I am not inclined to recommend any of these projects with the exceptions of PR140, Ajo Detention Basin Park and PR225 El Casino Park. The Ajo Detention Basin Park builds on existing facilities and infrastructure built in several phases. Also, there are very few, if any, City of South Tucson projects included in the original recommendation. Therefore, it would be appropriate to modify my recommendation to include El Casino Park.

With respect to the Facilities Management Project, PR234 Arivaca Junction Land Acquisition for Future Civic Needs, I am not inclined to include it in any modified recommendation to the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee (BAC). I would, however, include in my recommendation to the BAC, \$1 million to facilitate further partnership with development of Native Seeds/Search at the Brandi Fenton Memorial Project. I realize this amount is less than requested; however, I believe, as in all partnerships, we should expect some cost sharing and/or revenue generation from our nonprofit partner to add to the County's \$1 million bond allocation.

Regarding City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Projects, I am not inclined to change my recommendations. While I believe the parks and recreation projects recommended by the City and County have merit, I believe the bond allocation for parks is already significant and may, upon final deliberation by the BAC, be the largest project/program category funded.

Ms. Diana Durazo

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If I were to modify these recommendations in any major way, I would add significant funding for economic development projects/programs since I believe, given the continuing recession, it is important to foster capital investments likely to preserve existing jobs and create opportunities to expand the employment base within Pima County. It would be appropriate to fund partnerships with others who share similar views regarding employment preservation and growth.

Please share these recommendations with the BAC. I would be happy to explain my position at the June 17, 2011 BAC meeting.

CHH/mjk

Attachment

c: Nicole Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator



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Date: June 2, 2011

To: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

From: Diana Durazo   
Special Staff Assistant  
County Administrator's Office

Re: **Updated Information for Future Bond Projects Group 3 – Subcategory B: Projects Not Recommended by the County Administrator**

## Background

Per the Bond Advisory Committee's (BAC) request, in October and November 2009, you provided the Committee memorandums discussing your recommendations for each project. The Committee has deliberated on all other project groups except for the 55 projects that fall under Group 3 – Subcategory B: Projects not recommended by the County Administrator. The Committee requested you review these projects again for their June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Given that the recommendations date back to 2009, and changes to the status of these was probable, we requested that department heads review this list of projects for updates and any changes or new information that may merit a change in your recommendation or provide further clarification.

## Group 3 – Subcategory B Projects

The projects discussed here are from County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation (NRPR), Community and Economic Development, Historic and Cultural Resources, Facilities Management and City of Tucson Parks and Recreation. These will be discussed under their respective Bond categories. For your information and comparison, Attachment 1 is the Group 3 – Subcategory B table showing the projects, the Subcommittees' recommendations, your November 2009 recommendations, and the comments you provided for each in the far right column (based on both your October and November 2009 memos). Projects listed in blue indicate projects that are no longer needed. These 6 projects combined total \$80.1 million.

## Open Space, Historic and Cultural Conservation Category

- HP107 Repair and Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings - Originally, the scope of HP107 included repair and rehabilitation for various structures on A-7 Ranch, Rancho Seco and King 98 Ranch. The original request was for \$3 million, and the Subcommittee subsequently recommended \$2 million. In November 2009, you did

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not recommend this project. NRPR looked at this project again and asked Linda Mayro for assistance on the urgent need for rehab on ranch buildings at A-7 and Montana Camp at Rancho Seco, which are endangered. With this amended scope, Linda is asking for \$500,000 for this project.

Parks and Recreation Category

*Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation*

In the November 2009 memorandum, your comments for not recommending particular Parks projects were due to the lack of specificity and information on the proposed improvements and projects. In the original project data sheets submitted in 2007, which were not part of the materials you received in the past, County staff had submitted informational spreadsheets for their proposed projects. Staff has now resubmitted the County Parks projects for your review and reconsideration with the specific information that had been developed. These have been updated, since several of the projects have either been completed already or are currently under construction.

Attachment 2 is the April 2011 memorandum provided by NRPR highlighting the following projects, including tables providing specific project information and projected costs for each:

- PR71 Urban Fringe Parks and Land Acquisition – This is a project you did not recommend given the overlap with the Open Space Program, and the proposed use of these lands for more active recreational purposes.
- PR83 Sports Fields and Security – In 2009, you did not recommend this project due to lack of project specificity and that some projects were merely deferred maintenance. More recently, during the discussion on programmatic projects, you stated that new lighting and replacement lighting of existing fields should be funded by the City and County from their respective General Funds. The projects proposed under PR83 are only for new lighting projects. Note that 4 of the projects listed (highlighted in orange in the tables) have already been completed. These involve Arthur Pack Park, Brandi Fenton Park and Winston Reynolds – Manzanita Park.
- PR84 Environmental Compliance – Please see tables for specific information on proposed projects and projected costs for each under PR84.
- PR87 Parks Facilities Renewal and Improvements – This project was not recommended due to proposed improvements not being specified or identified. Note that 6 of the listed projects (highlighted in orange) have already been

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completed. These involve projects at Arthur Pack Park, Lawrence, Three Points, Vesey, McDonald and Winston Reynolds – Manzanita.

- PR88 Park ADA Compliance Upgrades – You indicated this was not recommended because these upgrades should be in the County operational budget and not considered a capital project. NRPR has requested funding through annual budget cycles to address improvements needed at several facilities requiring ADA upgrades. According to the Parks memorandum, there was allocated funding in the 1997 Bond Program for this purpose, but the monies were prioritized and reallocated to Facilities Management. Note that 4 of the projects listed have already been completed. These involve Arthur Pack Park, Lawrence, Vesey, McDonald and Winston Reynolds – Manzanita.
- PR99 County Ranch Improvements – This project asks for funding for the rehabilitation and repair of ranch houses at A-7 Ranch, Rancho Seco and historic buildings at Agua Caliente Park. This project is similar to HP107, whose amended scope Linda Mayro recommends, which calls for funding for buildings in critical condition at A-7 Ranch and Montano Camp House on Rancho Seco. PR 99 should be replaced by HP107.
- PR140 Ajo Detention Basin Park – This project lacked definition of enhancements. The project's bond project sheet identifies that enhancements would include lighted soccer fields, shaded playgrounds, basketball courts, ramadas and several other specific amenities. If you would like more information on these, the sheet can be provided to you.
- PR176 Reclaimed Waterline Extensions – In your November 2009 memorandum, you rescinded your October 2009 recommendation for this project. You indicated that you would not recommend this project due to uncertain location of these extensions and factors in how the extensions could be integrated into the ownership of the reclaimed water system by the City of Tucson. This project is called for as an action item in the City and County Water/Wastewater Study Action Plan. Staff continue to refine the needed components. We would recommend that this item not be heard until staff has had time to resolve all issues and have a final proposal.
- PR225 El Casino Park – **This project was submitted by South Tucson.** You did not recommend this project, and did not provide a comment. The Parks Subcommittee assigned it a Tier 2 status and recommended \$850,000.
- PR234 Arivaca Junction Land Acquisition for Future Civic Needs - You did not recommend this project, and did not provide a comment. **The project was**

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**submitted by Facilities Management.** According to their information, this project was identified through a public input process and was prioritized by community representatives. The Parks Subcommittee assigned it a Tier 1 status and recommended \$175,000.

In addition to the Parks projects above, the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park Phase II Environmental Education Center project resurfaced during this updating process. Kerry Baldwin sent me a copy of the project to see if there was support in resurrecting this project. In 2007, this project was not recommended by the Parks Subcommittee.

You subsequently sent a memorandum to Kerry in September 2008 (Attachment 3), whereby you reiterate the importance of partnerships and the need to promote projects that bring in matching funds, such as this particular project. This project is tied into the Native Seeds/SEARCH (NS/S) project, which involved development of an agricultural center at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park that reflects the historical, agricultural and farming heritage of the Binghamton area. The development of a conservation education facility would provide an opportunity to demonstrate and interpret the components of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. NS/S has invested over \$1.5 million in Phase I in this project.

In 2008, the Board approved a conceptual design for the educational center, and under Resolution 2009-218, the Board of Supervisors approved a ground lease with NS/S at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park for implementation of the master plan. Staff proposes that the project name should be revised to the River Bend Conservation Education Center at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park. The original funding request was \$5 million. Today, the request would be for \$2.5 million.

Given that this project was not recommended by the Subcommittee, it is not reflected in the Bond Advisory Committee's list of projects. Please advise if you would like us to bring the project back, given NS/S's activity and investment since the Subcommittee's action, and the Board's position on the overall project, and if so, would you like it brought back as a proposed new project now, or at a later date.

*City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Projects*

The City of Tucson recently concluded a community needs assessment. Julie Parizek, with the City of Tucson, provided us with their revisions, clarifications and updates to the Parks projects you did not recommend. Attachment 4 is a table showing the City parks projects, along with requested funding, revisions and updates in the far right column. Projects PR38 Partnership Projects, PR255 Land and Open Space Acquisition and PR256 Park Facility Revitalization and Safety Enhancements (highlighted in yellow) have additional informational sheets attached to the table listing specific parks and projects that would fall under each.

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Possible recommendations to the BAC:

- PR44 Oury Recreation Center Improvements and PR270 Ormsby Park Expansion and Trail Connectivity, list trail development as part of these projects. PR44 proposes a trail connection to the El Paso Southwestern Greenway, and PR270 calls for the development of a linear park connection between the existing Ormsby Park and the existing Santa Cruz River Park. It would seem more appropriate that any projects with proposed trail development, should instead be included as part of PR34 Urban Greenways – City of Tucson or PR281 Public Natural Park Trail Access. The BAC tentatively approved the City of Tucson’s PR34 project for \$15 million and the more regionally based PR281 for \$2 million. A possible recommendation could be that these trail development components should fall under either PR34 or PR281, whichever is more appropriate.

This recommendation would not necessarily mean that you have amended your 2009 recommendations on these two projects.

Conclusion

Updates were provided for most Group 3 – Subcategory B projects. Of the 55 projects found in this category, six are no longer needed, reducing the Subcommittees’ recommendations for this group by \$80.1 million.

- Please advise if you agree with the request to amend your recommendation for HP107.
- Please advise if you agree with any part of NRPR staff’s request to possibly amend your recommendations for the projects they resubmitted.
- Please advise if you agree with any part of the City’s request to possibly amend your recommendations for the projects they resubmitted.

If further information is warranted, please let me know.

DD/dr

Attachments

c: Nanette Slusser, Assistant County Administrator for Policy - Public Works  
Nicole Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator

## Attachment 1

**GROUP 3 - SUBCATEGORY B**  
**Projects not recommended by County Administrator**  
**PROJECTS CONTINUED FROM 3/4/11 MEETING**

Dept ID	Question 1 - Open Space, Historic & Cultural Conservation	Subcommittee Recommendations	County Admin November 2009	County Administrator's comments
HP 101	Ajo Historic District Churches Façade/Roof Repairs	\$300,000	-	Not willing to dedicate cons. easement to Cnty
HP 102	Anza National Historic Trail	2,000,000	-	Favored more utilized urban trails
HP 104	Canoa Ranch Master Plan Rehabilitation (partially funded in PR80)	5,000,000	-	Partially funded in PR80
HP 105	Empirita Upper Ranch Buildings Rehabilitation	2,000,000	-	Concentrate on well-known sites
HP 106	Historic Pima County School Houses	300,000	-	Concentrate on well-known sites
HP 107	OS Repair and Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings	2,000,000	-	Concentrate on well-known sites
HP 112	Marana Church Rehabilitation	350,000	-	Not willing to dedicate cons. easement to Cnty
HP 122	University Indian Ruin/House Rehabilitation	1,000,000	-	Completed by a grant to University of Arizona
HP 123	Palo Alto Ranch House & School Rehabilitation	500,000	-	Not willing to dedicate cons. easement to Cnty
HP 127	Other COT Recommended Projects (sub com. recomm. lump sum)	11,400,000	-	Recommended HP126 and HP128
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,850,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

Dept ID	Question 2 - Public Health, Libraries & Community Facilities	Subcommittee Recommendations	County Admin November 2009	County Administrator's comments
FM 6	Las Artes Dust Control and Fire Suppression System	\$500,000	-	
FM 39	North Marana Library & Multi-Generational Community Center	29,400,000	-	Not a Library priority
FM 62	New Facility for Fleet Services Department	8,660,000	-	Will be constructed with other funding
FM 72	New Pima County Nursing Home and Add Adult Day Care	68,800,000	-	County will no longer operate facility
FM 73	Pima Motorsports Park	280,000	-	Did not recommend to reduce overall cost to
FM 74	Southern Arizona Kart Club	600,000	-	Bond program
FM 86	Kino Sports Complex North Side Maintenance Facility	550,000	-	
FM 102	Picture Rocks Community Center Expansion	1,600,000	-	Did not recom to reduce bond prog cost
CD 4	Affordable Housing (Marana Request)	1,250,000	-	Programs more appropriately funded on a regional basis countywide as has occurred in the past, and not as specific jurisdictional requests (Projects CD4, CD5, CD7, CD8 and CD9)
CD 5	Neighborhood Housing Stock Retention Fund (Marana Request)	750,000	-	
CD 7	Affordable Housing Land Acquisition (S. Tucson)	5,000,000	-	
CD 8	Targeted Neighborhood Reinvestment (S. Tucson)	1,000,000	-	
CD 9	Targeted Neighborhood Reinvestment (Marana Request)	750,000	-	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$119,140,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

Dept ID	Question 3 - Public Safety & Justice	Subcommittee Recommendations	County Admin November 2009	County Administrator's comments
FM 53	Northwest Regional Justice Center	\$20,700,000	-	Other higher priorities (ie Joint Municipal Crts)
FM 99	Drexel Heights Sheriff's Sub-Station	1,775,000	-	No comment
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,475,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

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**Projects not recommended by County Administrator**  
**PROJECTS CONTINUED FROM 3/4/11 MEETING**

		<b>Question 4 - Flood Control &amp; Water Conservation</b>		
Dept	ID	Subcommittee Recommendations	County Admin November 2009	County Administrator's comments
FC	14	South Tucson: S 7th Ave (28th to 29th St)	\$2,500,000	- Use FEMA funding
FC	17	Pascua Yaqui Stormwater Improvements	6,000,000	- Protects vacant land; not effective use of funds
FC	42	Green Valley Drainageways #3, 6, 9, 13, and 17	3,000,000	- Use FEMA funding
FC	53	Chalk Wash in Oro Valley	1,000,000	- Use FEMA funding
FC	56	Neighborhood Drainage and Access Improvements	10,000,000	- minor nuisance flooding projects
PR	176	Reclaimed Waterline Extensions	9,000,000	- uncertain location and integration of extensions
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

		<b>Question 6 - Parks and Recreation</b>		
Dept	ID	Subcommittee Recommendations	County Admin November 2009	County Administrator's comments
PR	11	Clements Senior Center Expansion (Tier 3)	\$2,500,000	- extensive funding already in 2004 bond
PR	37	Amphi Middle School Community Park Development (Tier 2)	870,000	- falls under PR280
PR	38	Partnership Projects (Tier 3)	5,950,000	- generic desc.; no partners identified
PR	42	Quincie Douglas Center Expansion (Tier 1)	1,000,000	- funded in 2004 bond; purpose unclear
PR	44	Oury Recreation Center Improvements (Tier 2)	900,000	- improvements & expansions undefined
PR	46	Kennedy Park Improvements and Expansion (Tier 1)	800,000	- improvements & expansions undefined
PR	51	McCormick Park Improvements (Tier 2)	500,000	- improvements & expansions undefined
PR	52	La Madera Park Improvements (Tier 2)	500,000	- improvements & expansions undefined
PR	71	Urban Fringe Parks and Land Acquisition (Tier 2)	8,000,000	- lack of project specificity
PR	83	Sports Fields & Security (Tier 2)	5,473,000	- not specific; some only deferred maintenance
PR	84	Environmental Compliance (Tier 2)	5,000,000	- improvements not specified or identified
PR	87	Park Facilities Renewal and Improvements (Tier 2)	4,000,000	- improvements not specified or identified
PR	88	Park ADA Compliance Upgrades (Tier 2)	4,000,000	- should be in operational budget not capital
PR	99	County Ranch Improvements (Tier 2)	620,000	- Should be replaced with HP107
PR	140	Ajo Detention Basin Park (Tier 1)	2,200,000	- lack of definition of enhancements
PR	196	Hohokam Middle School (Tier 1)	1,750,000	- falls under PR280
PR	225	El Casino Park (Tier 2)	\$850,000	- No comment
PR	234	Arivaca Junction Land Acquisition for Future Civic Needs (Tier 1)	175,000	- No comment
PR	255	Land and Open Space Acquisition (Tier 3)	6,000,000	- generic description; no specificity
PR	256	Park Facility Revitalization & Safety Enhancements (COT) (Tier 2)	6,975,000	- should be funded by CoT
PR	259	Tortolita Middle School (Tier 2)	2,850,000	- falls under PR280
PR	268	Sonoran Desert Park (Tier 1)	17,000,000	- proposal is vague and very costly
PR	270	Ormsby Park Expansion and Trail Connectivity (Tier 2)	3,500,000	- No comment
FC	7	Canoa Ranch Ecosystem Restoration/Groundwater Replenishment (Tier 2)	1,000,000	- No comment
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$82,413,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Attachment 2



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# MEMORANDUM

## Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation

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TO: Diana Durazo, Special Staff Assistant, County Administrator's Office  
FROM: Carlo DiPilato, NRPR Development Manager  
DATE: April 27, 2011  
SUBJECT: Non-recommended Bond Projects – NRPR Update Review Response

In review of the Future Bond Program projects listed under Natural Resources Parks & Recreation Department, the following is NRPR's response to your request for an update to the County Administrator's comments. The list in reference is from Group 3 – Subcategory B, Projects not Recommended by the County Administrator, Projects Continued from the 3/4/11 Bond Advisory Meeting.

The following projects are those initially submitted by the City of Tucson. Per our phone conversation it is my understanding that the City of Tucson will be submitting their separate response to the County Administrator's comments. PR11-Clements Senior Center Expansion, PR38-Partnership Projects, PR42-Quince Douglas Center Expansion, PR44-Oury Recreation Center Improvements, PR46-Kennedy Park Improvements and Expansion, PR51-McCormick Park Improvements, PR52-La Madera Park Improvements, PR255-Land and Open Space Acquisitions, PR256-Park Facility Revitalization & Safety Enhancements, PR268-Sonoran Desert Park, PR270-Ormsby Park Expansion and Trail Connectivity.

Those projects submitted by Pima County Natural Resources Parks & Recreation Department are listed below with comments responding to your request for additional project specificity, clarification or justification.

### **PR71-Urban Fringe Parks & Land Acquisition**

County Administrators Comment: Lack of project specificity.

NRPR Response: Ten parcels were identified for acquisition on the submitted bond project data sheet. These parcels are noted as located within the southeast, west, far southeast and northwest sectors of eastern Pima County. The parcels were identified as key properties needed for buffering the Conservation Land Systems biological core and important riparian areas and providing for needed recreational opportunities. These parcels are located in areas of projected high population growth, which will require recreational amenities. Recreational facilitation is expected to include sports fields, community centers, swimming pools, basketball courts, splash pads, free-play turf areas, walking trails, restrooms, parking, fencing, volleyball courts, off-leash dog parks, ramadas, landscaping, security lighting and picnic facilities. The extent and type of recreational facilitation will be determined through the project planning and development process.

### **PR83-Sports Fields & Security**

County Administrators Comment: Not specific; some only deferred maintenance.

NRPR Response: The initial bond project data sheet was submitted with a spreadsheet identifying the specific parks projects, sites and amenities to be considered within this program. Please reference the Excel spreadsheet which has been updated for reconsideration. The spreadsheet is attached to the NRPR response email dated April 26, 2011. The amended projects provide ONLY new lighting projects and NOT projects which could be considered as deferred maintenance. The amended list omits projects that have already been completed. Throughout the annual budget cycle NRPR has requested funding to address the need for upgrades to our antiquated security and sports field lighting systems.

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**PR84-Environmental Compliance**  
**PR87-Park Facilities Renewal and Improvements**

County Administrators Comment: Improvements not specified or identified.

NRPR Response: The initial bond project data sheet was submitted with a spreadsheet identifying the specific parks projects, sites and amenities to be considered within this program. Please reference the Excel spreadsheet which has been updated for reconsideration. The spreadsheet is attached to the NRPR response email dated April 27, 2011. The list has been amended to omit projects which have been completed or are included in other bond project submittals.

**PR88-Park ADA Compliance Upgrades**

County Administrators Comment: Should be in operational budget not capital.

NRPR Response: The initial bond project data sheet was submitted with a spreadsheet identifying the specific parks projects, sites and amenities to be considered within this program. Please reference the Excel spreadsheet which has been updated for reconsideration. The spreadsheet is attached to the NRPR response email dated April 26, 2011. The amended list omits projects that have already been completed. Throughout the annual budget cycle NRPR has requested funding to address the need for improvements to several facilities requiring ADA upgrades. In the 1997 Bond Program, funding was identified for this purpose but was prioritized and reallocated to Facilities Management thus NRPR was not able to address its specific needs at that time.

**PR176-Reclaimed Waterline Extensions (Noted under RFCD & water Conservation)**

County Administrators Comment: None

NRPR Comments: The initial bond project data sheet was submitted with a spreadsheet identifying the specific projects and reclaimed waterline extensions to be considered within this program. Please reference the Excel spreadsheet which has been updated for reconsideration. The spreadsheet is attached to the NRPR response email dated April 27, 2011. The spreadsheet has been amended to include projects that have more recently received notice involving this program.

**PR99-County Ranch Improvements**

County Administrators Comment: None

NRPR Comments: The projects initially identified on the bond data sheet for this program are, A-7 Ranch – The Youtcy and Bar LY ranch houses, Rancho Seco – (The Montano Camp House) and Agua Caliente Regional Park historic buildings. The bond project data sheet provided detailed scope elements for each of these projects. NRPR recommends reconsideration of this program within the future bond project list in support of the growing emphasis to preserve our historic heritage for the education, appreciation and guidance of future generations.

**PR140-Ajo Detention Basin Park**

County Administrators Comment: Lack of definition of enhancements

NRPR Response: The initial bond project data sheet was submitted identifying the specific park/recreational elements to be considered within this project. Those identified amenities are, lighted soccer fields, shaded playgrounds, basketball courts, ramadas, picnic areas, restrooms, pedestrian paths, parking, volleyball courts, landscaping, security lighting and fencing. The project will undergo a planning and development process which will better define the actual type and number of facilities to be developed within the allocated budget.

SUBJECT: Non-recommended Bond Projects – NRPR Update Review Response

DATE: April 27, 2011

**PR225-El Casino Park** (Submitted by the City of South Tucson)

**PR234-Arivaca Junction Land Acquisition for Future Civic Needs** (Submitted by PC Facilities Management)

County Administrators Comment: None

NRPR Comments: These projects were indentified through a public input process and were prioritized by community representatives who expressed their needs to the NRPR Bond Sub-committee as well as the Bond Advisory Committee.

Project #	Project Name	Bond Funding	Priority	District	Comments
<b>PR83</b>	<b>SPORTS FIELDS &amp; SECURITY LIGHTING</b>	<b>\$2,865,000.00</b>		A	
	Arthur Pack:Lighting - install lights on ball fields 8-10	\$750,000.00		1	
	Richardson:Lighting - Security and pathway lighting	\$50,000.00		1	
	Dan Felix Park - add security and parking lot lighting	\$100,000.00		1	
	Wildwood Park - add security lighting to pathway	\$50,000.00		1	
	NW/MCA Park - Install lights on 2 softball fields and soccer field along with security lights	\$500,000.00		1	
	Littletown/Thomas Jay:Lighting - add ball field lights to senior field #3 and parking and security lights	\$300,000.00		2	
	E. S. "Bud" Walker:Lighting - add security and parking lot lights	\$80,000.00		3	
	E. S. "Bud" Walker:Lighting - install ball field lights on field # 3	\$250,000.00		3	
	Lawrence:Lighting - add additional security and parking lot lights	\$60,000.00		3	
	Mike Jacob Sports Park - add parking lot and security lighting	\$300,000.00		3	
	Picture Rocks Park - Light 2 ball fields and add security and parking lot lighting	\$300,000.00		3	
	Ebonee Marie Moody (Cardinal):Lighting - add security, pathway and parking lot lighting	\$75,000.00		5	
	Winston Reynolds-Manzanita:Lighting - add security and parking lot lighting	\$50,000.00		5	
	Arthur Pack:Lighting - install central lighting controls on ball fields 1-7			1	Completed FY 10/11
	Arthur Pack: Lighting - re place ball field lights and poles on field 3 & 4			1	Completed FY 10/11
	Brandi Fenton - sports lighting for soccer fields and lights for night-time activities			1	Completed FY 10/11
	Winston Reynolds-Manzanita:Lighting - replace ball field lights and poles on softball field #1			5	Completed FY 10/11
<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Bond Funding</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>PR84</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE - DUST ABATEMENT AND PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>\$3,337,494.00</b>	A	All	
	Arthur Pack:Parking lot - install permeable parking lot on Hardy Rd for ball fields 8-10 with landscaping	\$350,000.00	1	1	
	Arthur Pack:Parking lot -Crack seal, seal coat, stripe, landscaping, irrigation, security lights	\$558,400.00	1	1	
	Campbell Trailhead:Parking lot - crack seal, seal coat, and stripe	\$6,912.00	2	1	
	Casas Adobes:Parking lot - pave	\$30,000.00	1	1	
	Catalina:Parking Lot - Crack seal and seal parking lots	\$20,000.00	3	1	
	Dan Felix:Parking lot - pave	\$239,500.00	1	1	
	Denny Dunn:Parking lot - seal coat & stripe	\$15,840.00	2	1	
	Finger Rock Trail head:Parking lot - crack seal, seal coat, and stripe	\$32,400.00	1	1	
	George Mehl Family Foothills:Parking lot - crack seal, seal coat, and stripe	\$45,120.00	1	1	
	Linda Vista Trailhead:Parking lot - seal coat and stripe	\$4,800.00	1	1	
	Linda Vista:Parking lot - pave area between cable and road	\$140,000.00	1	1	
	Meadowbrook:Parking Lot - seal coat & stripe	\$5,000.00	2	1	
	NW/YMCA:Parking lot - crack sealed, seal coated & stripe	\$232,000.00	3	1	
	Pima Canyon Trailhead:Parking lots - crack seal, seal coat, and stripe	\$33,336.00	1	1	
	Rillito River,N Swan:Parking lot- DG dust abatement	\$1,140.00	1	1	
	Rillito River,S Swan:Parking lot- DG dust abatement	\$2,292.00	1	1	
	Sunset Pointe:Parking lot - pave	\$32,400.00	1	1	
	Augie Acuna/Los Ninos:Parking lot & entry road - crack seal, seal coat, and strip	\$88,938.00	1	2	
	Littletown/Thomas Jay:Parking lot - crack seal, seal coat, and stripe	\$73,850.00	2	2	
	Summit-Old Nogales(Dan Eckstrom):Parking lot - crack seal, seal coat, and stripe	\$32,909.00	3	2	
	E. S. "Bud" Walker:Parking lot - crack seal, seal coat, and stripe	\$51,120.00	1	3	
	Lawrence:Parking lot - crack seal, seal coat, and stripe	\$60,720.00	1	3	
	Rillito Vista:Parking lot - seal coat & stripe	\$4,080.00	2	3	
	Three Points:Decomposed granite for soft trails and dust control	\$32,410.00	1	3	
	Three Points:Parking lot & entrance road - paved & striping & landscaping, irrigation, lighting	\$734,516.00	1	3	
	Three Points:Parking lots - crack seal, seal coat, and stripe	\$22,410.00	3	3	
	Vesey:Decomposed granite for soft trails and dust control	\$2,218.00	1	3	
	Continental Community Center:Parking lot - pave	\$32,750.00	1	4	
	McDonald:Parking lot - crack seal, seal coat, and stripe	\$152,603.00	1	4	







## Attachment 3



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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: September 15, 2008

To: Kerry Baldwin, Natural Resources Manager  
Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator *CHH*

Re: Native Seeds/SEARCH Bond Funding for November of 2009

There are a number of public/private partnership bond projects and programs that have been discussed. In some cases these public/private partnerships have been heard by the Bond Advisory Parks Subcommittee but placed in priority tiers that would make funding improbable. Once Bond Committee deliberations and project selection have been completed, I will review the amount of funding provided to public/private partnerships such as Native Seeds/SEARCH and may make additional recommendations to the Bond Advisory Committee.

It is my belief that such partnerships, particularly when the partner brings matching funds to leverage public bond funding, should be given some priority. Hence, I would provide priority public/private partnership funding for Native Seeds/SEARCH in the amount of \$1.5 million based on their ability to match this funding with the funds that have already been raised plus future fund-raising efforts.

CHH/jj

Attachment

c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator - Public Works  
Rafael Payan, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Director  
Nicole Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator



# Board of Supervisors Memorandum

January 16, 2007

## Direction Regarding a Non-Profit Land Lease with Native Seeds/SEARCH Within the Master Plan for the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park

### Background

The previously approved master plan for the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park includes an agricultural center (Attachment A). The designation of this center reflects the historical, agricultural and farming heritage of the Binghampton area located in the same general area as the park. The revised master plan design, Attachment B, also includes this conservation education component in order to: A) honor the historic heritage of this area, as well as, B) underscore the importance of agriculture in the historic development of Tucson and Southern Arizona. The site location in the master plan is to demonstrate historic and/or traditional agricultural practices within Pima County.

The development of a conservation education facility at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park offers a unique opportunity to demonstrate and interpret the fundamental conservation components of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan while interpreting the historic and cultural history of the site. Through partnerships with local organizations the County can further provide the public with background on the status of implementation of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan and practical demonstrations of conservation programs in action.

In partnering with Native Seeds/SEARCH at the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park, the County now has the opportunity to help prevent the extinction of native crops and preserve cultural traditions linked to our southwestern foods, thereby demonstrating historic agricultural conservation as well as facilitating traditional agricultural practices of indigenous native people.

### Implementation of Demonstration Conservation Elements

The Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan sets forth a number of conservation elements. Many of these elements have been demonstrated through actual program or project implementation.

For example, large landscape ecosystem conservation through open space acquisition and subsequent long-term management agreements with private property owners (ranchers) has been able to demonstrate the viability of the ranch conservation element where traditional economic activities are being retained, while at the same time working landscapes are conserved in perpetuity.

Water conservation and large-scale water harvesting have been demonstrated through the Kino Environmental Restoration Project. The benefits of such have recently been communicated to the Board in a report and memorandum.

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Cultural and historic conservation are being demonstrated daily in the activities of Pima County in the recovery and documentation of human remains recovery operations associated with the excavation of historic downtown cemeteries.

Riparian conservation continues with the purchase of valuable riparian habitats as well as through riparian restoration projects now being actively constructed along the Rillito River.

Native Seeds/SEARCH

Native Seeds/SEARCH is a non-profit conservation organization working to conserve the genetically diverse agricultural crop seeds of the American southwest and northwest Mexico. Through seed conservation and community education, Native Seeds/SEARCH helps to protect crop biodiversity and to promote continuing cultural diversity. The organization was founded at the request of Tohono O'odham elders who could no longer locate seeds to grow traditional crops, and now provides safekeeping of seeds for approximately 2,000 different accessions of traditional crops utilized by the Apache, Chemehuevi, Cocopah, Gila River Pima, Guarijio, Havasupai, Hopi, Maricopa, Mayo, Mojave, Mountain Pima, Navajo, Paiute, Puebloan, Tarahumara, Tohono O'odham and Yaqui cultures. You can read more about internationally recognized Native Seeds/SEARCH and the importance of their work in the attached brochure.

Native Seeds/SEARCH currently has a farm in Patagonia, Arizona, where hundreds of varieties of seeds are grown, and a popular gift shop and distribution center on Fourth Avenue. In addition to these facilities, seeds are stored in freezers at the Conservation Center Seed Bank in a small house on north Alvernon Way. Seeds are also cleaned, prepared for storage or distribution, and tested for viability at this facility. Due to the success of this organization, Native Seeds/SEARCH has outgrown their present location and is in need of a larger and more secure facility. They have entered into a fund-raising effort to fund construction of a new facility and have raised more than \$400,000 of a \$750,000 goal.

Native Seeds/SEARCH proposes to locate and expand their operations on a portion of the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park designated as agricultural demonstration to expand native seed bank capacity, expand their operations, and develop, in close cooperation with Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation, an appropriate public education and volunteer experience using native seeds and crops important to sustaining traditional Native American diets and cultural traditions. In addition, Native Seeds/SEARCH also proposes to locate another gift shop and distribution center at the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park. Locating these activities at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park is a good match with the diverse public goals of the Park, and will likely provide increased visitorship and increased opportunities to educate visitors on the agricultural and conservation history of southern Arizona, as well as public health.

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Recommendation

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the concept of locating Native Seeds/SEARCH at the Brandi Fenton Memorial Park;
2. Direct staff to develop a long-term, non-profit real property lease between Pima County and Native Seeds/SEARCH with the understanding that the headquarters and gift shop will be constructed on the leased property within a reasonable time.

Respectfully submitted,



C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

**Attachments**

CHH/jj (January 10, 2007)

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 218

RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING A GROUND LEASE WITH NATIVE SEEDS/SEARCH AT BRANDI FENTON MEMORIAL PARK

WHEREAS, Native Seeds/SEARCH is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation, distribution and documentation of the adapted and diverse varieties of agricultural seeds, their wild relatives and the role these seeds play in the cultures of the American Southwest and northern Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Native Seeds/SEARCH has outgrown its current conservation center and successfully conducted a Capitol Campaign that will allow them to construct an initial Phase of a new facility; and

WHEREAS, the original Master Plan for Brandi Fenton Memorial Park included an agricultural education center; and

WHEREAS, the educational and community outreach plans of Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department for Brandi Fenton Memorial Park would be enhanced by locating the Native Seeds/SEARCH facility on the Park; and

WHEREAS, by leasing a site to Native Seeds/Search at the Park, the County has the opportunity to help prevent the extinction of native crops and preserve cultural traditions linked to our southwest foods and provide a conservation education facility that provides the public with diverse programs about the importance of southwestern native foods, the role of prehistoric and historic agriculture in the Tucson basin and the historic and cultural history of the site;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the ground Lease between Native Seed/SEARCH and Pima County; and
2. The Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Chairman of the Board to execute the Ground Lease and any legal documents necessary to make the lease effective.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 1 day of Sept. 2009.

PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

  
Chairman

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ATTEST:

  
Clerk Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Deputy County Attorney

APPROVED AS T CONTENT:

  
Director, NRPR

## Attachment 4

**City of Tucson Updates to Bond Projects in Category 3 Group B**

<b>Dept</b>	<b>Id</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>requested funding</b>	<b>revisions/updates</b>
PR	11	Clements Senior Center Expansion (Tier 3)	\$4,000,000	\$1.5 million in additional funding is needed to complete the Senior Center at Clements, the next planned phase in a multi-phase project, for a project total of \$4.0 million. PC BAC Parks subcommittee recommended \$2.5 million in tier 3. 2004 bonds included funds for a project called the Eastside Sports Complex and Senior Center. Because land for the sports complex could not be found, a bond amendment was approved to split the funding between sports field development at Udall and Lincoln Park. Udall is complete and Lincoln is in construction.
PR	38	Partnership Projects (Tier 3)	\$5,950,000	See attached tab named PR38 for a detailed list of partnership projects.
PR	42	Quincie Douglas Center Expansion (Tier 1)	\$1,000,000	Project scope has been revised. The project is the design and construction of a new basketball court with cover. It is part of a phased development based on the neighborhood and mayor/council approved master plan. Neighborhood support for this project is strong.
PR	44	Oury Recreation Center Improvements (Tier 2)	\$900,000	Project includes planning, land acquisition, design and construction. Park expansion through land acquisition and r.o.w. abandonment. Conversion of acquired land to green space through development of passive recreation amenities, including a trail connection to the El Paso Southwestern Greenway and parking areas. The project title should be changed to Oury Park improvements to more accurately reflect the project description.
PR	46	Kennedy Park Improvements and Expansion (Tier 1)	\$800,000	Project scope revision: design and construct a ramada and picnic facilities, convert existing lakeside marina building to a waterfront ramada, up grade soccer fields, expand irrigation system.
PR	51	McCormick Park Improvements (Tier 2)	\$500,000	no revision
PR	52	La Madera Park Improvements (Tier 2)	\$500,000	no revision
PR	255	Land and Open Space Acquisition (Tier 3)	\$6,000,000	See attached tab named PR255 for a detailed list of projects.
PR	256	Park Facility Revitalization & Safety Enhancements (COT)	\$6,975,000	See attached tab named PR256 for a detailed list of projects.
PR	268	Sonoran Desert Park (Tier 1)	\$5,000,000	Phase 1 of a multi-phase project to develop a natural resource park with interpretive walking paths, passive recreation and natural resource restoration. Phase 1 is the design and construction of a parking lot, restroom, interpretive areas and drainage improvements. The Ormsby Park Expansion project is a multi-phase project. Currently, a planning and analysis phase is being completed using C.O.T. impact fees. This County bond funded project would support 1) the development of a linear park connection between the existing Ormsby Park and the existing Santa Cruz River Park and 2) an equestrian staging area. The project includes land acquisition, design and construction. Much of the land between Ormsby Park and the Santa Cruz River Park is City owned.
PR	270	Ormsby Park Expansion and Trail Connectivity (Tier 2)	\$3,500,000	

## PR 38 Partnership Projects, tier 3, \$5.95 million

Park Project Description		Estimated Cost
Sunnyside Park	<p>A partnership with Sunnyside School District. New park amenities in the existing Sunnyside Park to include area lighting, a perimeter walking path, lights for the existing basketball court, new play equipment, lights on existing ramadas, up graded lights on existing tennis courts, new restroom, new irrigation system and landscaping.</p>	\$1,350,000
new park in Elvira Neighborhood	<p>6.5 acre park and trail development in the Elvira Neighborhood. This is a partnership between Pima County, City of Tucson, Sunnyside School District and the Drachman Institute. Parcels are owned by Sunnyside School District and Pima County. Site is within Tucson city limits. Environmental clearance is complete. Neighbors have worked with Drachman Institute to develop a neighborhood plan for trails and park areas.</p>	\$800,000
new park in Coronado Heights Neighborhood	<p>A new linear park with passive recreation nodes within the Coronado Heights Neighborhood near Oracle Road and Glenn. Coronado Heights is a high stress area with many needs. Streetside, landscaped trails are planned to connect to existing vacant lots that are transformed into mini-parks for a neighborhood based 'emerald necklace'. Non-profit partners, including ProNeighborhoods, Drachman Institute, Ironwood Tree Experience and Watershed Management Group, will contribute neighborhood planning workshops, youth development programs to maintain this park and neighborhood involvement throughout the development. Project includes land acquisition, planning, design and construction.</p>	\$3,000,000
Catalina High School Park	<p>New lights on existing tennis courts, roller hockey rink improvements and fencing.</p>	\$800,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,950,000</b>

**PR 255, Land and Open Space Acquisition (Tier 3), \$6 million**

<b>Park</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Estevan	Land acquisition for expansion of Estevan Park	\$500,000
Valencia/Alvernon Park	Land acquisition for the planned, future park at Valencia and Alvernon; Impact fees are available for planning, design and a phase 1 of construction; state land acquisition required.	\$2,500,000
Valencia Corridor Parks and Trails	A long range plan for parks and trails in the south and southeast side of Tucson was approved by Mayor and Council in 2010 after strategic, GIS analysis and public input. Parcels identified for acquisition to support future park and trail development would be acquired based on priority, availability and significance of natural resource areas.	\$3,000,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,000,000</b>

**PR 256, Park Facility Revitalization & Safety Enhancements (Tier 2), \$6.975 million**

<b>Park</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Cherry Avenue	Design and construction of a new ramada with lights, new lights for the existing walking path and a paved parking lot.	\$200,000
Desert Shadows	Design and construction of new lights on the existing walking path.	\$40,000
Freedom	New water slide at existing pool.	\$200,000
Lakeside	New ramada and electrical system.	\$150,000
Mission Manor	New ramada, expansion of reclaimed irrigation system, shade structure over existing play equipment.	\$270,000
Murrieta	New ramadas, shade structure over existing play equipment and walking path.	\$225,000
Pueblo Gardens	Shade structure on existing play equipment.	\$60,000
Rudy Garcia	New irrigation infrastructure with connection to central irrigation control system.	\$285,000
Himmel	New playground equipment with shade structure, benches, landscaping, irrigation and retaining wall at tennis courts.	\$1,000,000
Tahoe	New playground equipment with shade structure.	\$200,000
Silverlake	Shade structure on existing play equipment and new ramada.	\$150,000
Mirasol	Shade structure on existing play equipment, irrigation improvements to increase water efficiency.	\$100,000
Columbus	New ramada and interpretive seating area.	\$200,000
Reid Park	Two new restrooms, new play area, benches, interpretive nodes on multi-use path, drinking fountains and parking lot expansion.	\$900,000
Gollob	New play equipment with shade.	\$200,000
Jesse Owens	New shade structure over existing play equipment, water efficiency improvements to reclaimed irrigation system.	\$800,000
Purple Heart	New play equipment and shade structure.	\$250,000
Lincoln	New play equipment and shade structure.	\$250,000
Riverview	Conversion to reclaimed water.	\$200,000
Terra del Sol	New irrigation system for water efficiency increase and central control.	\$200,000
Mesa Village	New irrigation system for water efficiency increase and central control.	\$200,000
Desert Aire	New irrigation system for water efficiency increase and central control.	\$200,000
Escalante	New irrigation system for water efficiency increase and central control.	\$200,000
Catalina	New restroom.	\$250,000
Palo Verde	New ramada and related picnic facilities.	\$165,000
Grijalva	New lights on existing basketball court and electrical cabinet upgrades.	\$80,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,975,000</b>