

Public Comments

November 20, 2014

Deseret Romero

From: Eric Nickerson <vprogression@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 3:34 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Flowing Wells Skateboard Park

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my support for the Flowing Wells Skate Park.

I believe this facility would be a great asset for Tucson and the surrounding area. Skateboarding continues to be a very popular sport and, as with any popular sport, it is important to provide safe places to participate. This facility would go a long way toward meeting the needs of Tucson skaters.

Thank you,
Eric Nickerson

Deseret Romero

From: Ty & Elyse Hammett <hammett3578@centurylink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 9:54 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Murietta park

Please Renovate Murrieta Park and proceed with the Master Plan. Our community and kids need it!

Thanks !!!

Deseret Romero

From: Charlotte Earley <charlyearley@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 10:55 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: In support of the Flowing Wells skatepark project

Hello,

I am writing in support of the Flowing Wells skatepark! I am a mom, and my son & I both skateboard. My family would love to see more skatepark options in Tucson. Thank you for your consideration,

Charlotte Earley

Deseret Romero

From: Jesus Leyva <jesus@borderlandstrading.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 7:41 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: MURRIETA PARK

PLEASE WE NEED Renovate Murrieta Park and proceed with the Master Plan

JESUS A LEYVA
Borderlands Trading Company

Deseret Romero

From: Carbone, Carolyn A. <Carolyn.Carbone@alcoa.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 8:59 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Improvements to Fort Lowell Park

I am in support of improvements to the park which hopefully include the tennis courts. I live next to the park in Orchard River for the past 16 years. This park is used quite a bit for soccer, softball/baseball, football and other events. I am a tennis player and would like to see them repaired since they are city courts. It would be nice to walk to the courts instead of having to drive the Reffkin Tennis Center.

Carolyn Carbone

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 8:10 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: FW: Renovate Murrieta Park

From: Mary Espinosa [mailto:murya29@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 7:45 AM
To: Nicole Fyffe
Subject: Renovate Murrieta Park

Please Renovate Murrieta Park and proceed with the Master Plan!

M. Espinosa

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 8:51 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Fwd: Joaquin murrieta park

For comments

-Nicole

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christa Salica <christasalica@gmail.com>
Date: November 19, 2014 at 5:33:01 PM MST
To: <nicole.fyffe@pima.gov>
Subject: Joaquin murrieta park

Renovate murrieta park and continue with the master plan

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 8:52 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Fwd: Please finish Murrieta Park

-Nicole

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tracy Iturralde <atiturralde@yahoo.com>
Date: November 19, 2014 at 8:45:39 PM MST
To: "nicole.fyffe@pima.gov" <nicole.fyffe@pima.gov>
Subject: **Please finish Murrieta Park**

I know you have a long list to work accomplish, but please finish Murrieta park! It is in such bad shape and this renovation is so over due! It is a very popular park and with so many kids in this area it deserves to be addressed immediately. Especially before spring ball begins. Please don't wait and finish our park our youth deserves it!!!

Thank you!!

Pima County Administrators Office
Attn: Nicole Fyffe
130 West Congress, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Bond Advisory Committee Members,

I am proud to provide this letter of support for the Buffalo Soldier Memorial Project. As you know at this present time there are no monuments or memorials in Tucson representative of contributions African Americans made in settling Southern Arizona and the West. In addition to this, I feel this memorial is needed for some of the following reasons:

- The memorial would be of benefit in the areas of education, quality of life and recreation activities.
- The location of the memorial will increase the use of the Quincie Douglas Library and its facilities.
- This memorial can be a fitting tourist attraction and a great addition to other military attractions such as the Pima Air and Space Museum and Museum of the Horse Soldier.
- From a historical perspective it would compliment Arizona Historical Society - Downtown History Museum and their efforts to recognize the Buffalo Soldiers.
- The memorial honors the past and currently servicing members of our military.

Recently Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild proclaimed July 28, 2014 Buffalo Soldier Resolution Day. The proclamation recognized the achievements of the Buffalo Soldiers and their "fierce bravery and fighting spirit" that helped settle this region and allowed Arizona to achieve statehood status.

Just as Ms. Quincie Douglas made great contributions to the city of Tucson, the Buffalo Soldiers made important contributions in settling Southern Arizona and the Western United States. The Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center would be a very fitting site for the memorial.

In this spirit, I strongly support the Buffalo Soldier Memorial project and urge its approval to the full Board of County Supervisors. I am very interested in supporting this project to its completion and would like to thank committee members for their interest and hard work on this important bond issue.

Respectfully Yours,

Robert Woodfin
Signature

Date 19 November 2014

520 742 1557
Phone Contact

Deseret Romero

From: Ron & Elaine Brown <ron.elaine.brown@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 11:43 AM
To: bondinfo; Sheila Bowden
Subject: Fort Lowell Park project supported by Friends of Fort Lowell Park

Thanks for allowing Friends of Fort Lowell Park to comment on this proposal.

It certainly looks like the agenda includes over 60 county parks projects. We do not plan to attend the November 21 meeting but we much appreciate including us in this email with the extensive list of proposed projects to these wonderful Pima County assets.

Obviously, we are knowledgeable of what has been proposed in the Fort Lowell master plan from our meetings over several years since Friends of Fort Lowell Park was founded in 2010 by Sheila Bowden. And we are aware of the progress on the historic buildings that is currently taking place under what must be a different zone of the master plan.

Our group Friends of Fort Lowell Park supports the proposed \$5,000,000 project to continue moving this dynamic and much used park forward. We support including the project in the next bond proposal. The improvements in zones 2 and 3 will be a great step in updating and combining the much used sports facilities Fort Lowell Park offers.

We know the master plan is a guide and we recall suggesting that the new road connecting the two main parking lots be located near the path of the current rock road rather than by the passive area. There will be more meetings as all involved get to specifics when the project funding is approved, we are sure. We enjoy and appreciate being allowed to work with Tucson Parks and Recreation on all the ways we can continue to help make Fort Lowell Park a wonderful oasis in Tucson for people with such a variety of interests.

Please voice Friends of Fort Lowell Park's enthusiastic support of this Fort Lowell Park project at the meeting on November 21. We look forward to helping get a new bond issue passed!

Thanks,
Elaine Brown
Friends of Fort Lowell Park Steering Committee

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Signature

520 760 8501
Phone Contact

11-16-2014
Date

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Attn: Nicole Fyffe
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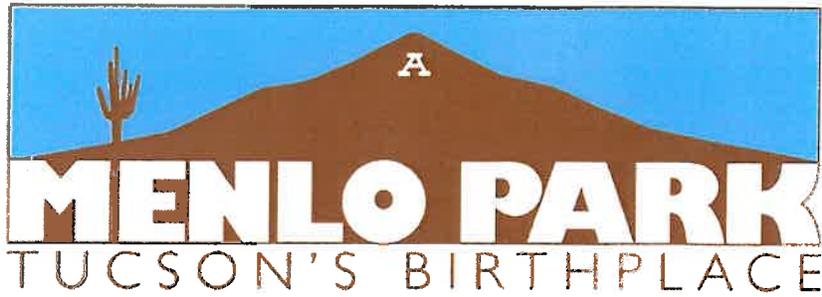
Jon Covington

20 Nov 14

Signature

Date

Phone Contact



212 South Avenida del Sembrador – Tucson, Arizona 85745 – 520.327.4749

November 20, 2014

TO: Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
RE: Sentinel Peak Park Improvements

Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee members,

The Menlo Park Neighborhood Association wishes to register our strong support for Sentinel Peak Park. Sentinel Peak, 'A' Mountain, is a Tucson icon that deserves special attention. The park is a must see for visitors from all over the world. It is not only a vantage point to view our magnificent valley, but it also demonstrates how Tucson and the region values and cares for the amenities it provides.

We appreciate the ongoing encouragement of Sentinel Peak Park improvements provided by the Board of Supervisors, the County Administrator and the Pima County Bond Advisory committee.

The completed Phase I improvements are a wonderful, long-needed enhancement of this popular regional attraction and we look forward to \$2.5 million in new improvements to make this recreational resource the best it can possibly be.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gene Einfrank', written in a cursive style.

Gene Einfrank, president
Menlo Park Neighborhood Association

Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 11:30 AM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Fwd: PLEASE renovate Joaquin Murrieta
Attachments: Parks and Rec projects in County Bond 4-25-14.docx; ATT00001.htm

-Nicole

Begin forwarded message:

From: Lillian Robles <lrobles@ppep.org>
Date: November 20, 2014 at 11:22:38 AM MST
To: "nicole.fyffe@pima.gov" <nicole.fyffe@pima.gov>
Subject: PLEASE renovate Joaquin Murrieta

Ms. Nicole Fyffe

We desperately need new ball fields or at the very least repaired, my 7 year old son has been hit in the face by a bad bounce and went to urgent care, at every game he has participated in their has been at least one injury to a child which I believe is one to many these horrible fields are causing these children to fear playing baseball and I have seen some never return or in my son's case go from a super ball player to flinching every time he hears the crack of a bat. Western Little League has been the best advocate and voice for the families of Joaquin Murrieta Park. I grew up playing softball at this park my family is from the Westside for many generations since before the El Rio Neighborhood Movement. My son considers this park his own, he is named after Joaquin Murrieta and is very proud of his name sake and of being a part of this league and park. I ask you please renovate our park.

Thank you,

Lillian Robles

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MailGate made the following annotations

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Deseret Romero

From: Steve Franks <bahamasfranks@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 1:54 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: support Tucson Urban Greenways

Regards!

I'm writing you as a resident of east Tucson and Pima County to urge your full support of the urban greenways projects up for consideration.

I am an avid user of the loop pathway and all our other bike infrastructure. I have travelled the city (mostly to/from work) exclusively by bicycle for over 10 years now, and our bicycle infrastructure is one of the things keeping me in Tucson long term! I couldn't imagine living anywhere else, actually (Portland is much too cold, haha). I am a strong advocate for further improvements, such as the proposed greenway projects, especially Alamo wash.

Best,
Steve

Steve Franks
Ward 2 @ home; Ward 6 @ work.

Deseret Romero

From: Dorothy <dots2@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 2:21 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Jesse Owen park

This park has not had improvement in many years. The walking path would be such an improvement as would more picnic benches. We have lived in the Desert Steppes area since 1962 and the park has been a place for our three children and grandchild.

Thank you, the Sloanes

Sent from my iPad

Deseret Romero

From: Barbara361@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 1:37 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Upcoming park projects

I live in Ward 2 and would just like to comment that I hope you consider improvements to both Jesse Owens Park and Fort Lowell Park when you consider which projects to support. While I have no children or grandchildren I think parks are a great place for kids, especially if they have good sports fields. I also love the idea of walking paths at both parks as I love to walk and use the path at Udall Park often.

Thank you,

Barbara Beach

Deseret Romero

From: Diana Rhoades <dianarhoades@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 1:38 PM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Support for City Parks

Dear Bond Committee,
I urge you to support our city parks and trails.

Thank you for putting Sentinel Peak Park on your consent agenda. It is the largest natural resource park in Tucson and a source of pride for the University of Arizona. It's adjacent to our national landmark, Tumamoc Hill, and is a tourist attraction. It can be so much better! Now accessible by the Streetcar AND the Loop Trail - the \$2.5 million will make a huge difference for connectivity and to restore it to its natural splendor.

I also urge your support for urban trails funding, lighting for sports fields and investment in Joaquin Murrieta park.

Parks and trails attract visitors and increase our quality of life. Thanks for your support.

Diana Rhoades
520.982.4178

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Tucson AZ 85701

Deseret Romero

From: valiant Baker <vbbaker35@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 10:42 AM
To: bondinfo
Subject: Parks and Recreation Bond Proposed Projects comments

11/19/14

To the Bond Advisory Committee for meeting 11/21/14

Parks and Recreation Bond Proposed Projects

Sentinel Peak "A" Mt Park Project is Seriously overpriced.

The original 2.5M asked was when the city planned to do major re-construction of "A" Mt road. That is no longer in the plan.

The possible expansion of park is mostly of lands already is owned by the city or state. So that is an unnecessary item to the project. And if the owner of the historical site(s) plans use these funds to have the city buy them out, then this is graft by one of the people that railroaded in this plan over objections of long time residents.

Also some of the project has already been accomplished. And the rest are not worth 2.5M to get done. Many of the plans are opportunities for community service through volunteering involving the neighbors in gaining pride and stewardship of "A" Mt.

This project is an example of overpriced fluff that only a few citizens in the area approved of in the first place.

This project should be removed from the proposed bonds as it is an example of lies to the public.

The knowledge of about how this project came about brings into question how many other projects on the proposed bonds are over priced fluff.

There appears to be a number of such projects in the proposed bonds. With the cash strapped city and county and the poor economy of the community any bonds approved should be for long term survival of the community such as open space, native habitat, flood control, tourist attractions, historical cultural features. Examples are Canoa Ranch, Alter Valley, Rillito Race Track (which the current proposal wants to tear down and should not), 36th/Kino Open space.

Although am against flood control that limits sheet flow and makes drainage areas that encourage down cutting of washes such as the Barnett Linear Park and Flood Control Channel project appears to be what will happen. So would question the need for this project for the environmental health of the region.

Expanding any soccer fields (and there are a number of such projects in this section) should be limited due to the physical and mental harm it can cause youth through concussions that can cause future mental and physical disorders. Those exclusions that should be dropped from the bonds should include Kennedy Park

(some of the proposed changes Kennedy already have in place), North Santa Cruz Park (both of which should be paid for by the cities they are in and if those cities want to accept the liability of harm to the youth through soccer), eliminate Ft Lowell Park planned soccer as well as eliminating plans to tear down and construct soccer fields at the Rillito Race Track. This whole soccer field thing has gotten out of hand. And then there are the water cost to maintain them. What happened to putting the soccer fields by the waste water plant to use the re-purposed water?

Also with many of these plans it is intended to create more lighting which increases the cost of electricity, carbon footprint, and effecting the night star watching. Those projects should be eliminated.

Many of these projects are not future thinking in terms of energy and water cost. Both of which are coming crisis.

Silverlake Park Expansion has already had its share of monies when it was constructed. Its proposal should be eliminated or cut down drastically.

River Bend Conservation Education Center at Brandi Fenton Memorial Park, NW part of town. As a member of the people that originally created this concept for Emperita Ranch, SE part of town, and later reminded people of the concept when Canoa Ranch, S of GV, was bought am disturbed that this center seems to be being made for the NS/S, a private organization (coached as a partnership), while the two Ranches still have not been developed as destination places as intended. Do understand it is home to the offices for the County's Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Environmental Education program and relatively close to town so in that sense it is a good fit. But what about the two Ranches and the promises made about them? (The plan for Canoa Ranch appears to be very self limiting.)

A good project that reviewed that see value in funding in these Park and Rec projects is the Atterbury Wash.

Did not review all projects but suspect each one could have fluff taken from them or eliminated as not necessary in order to cut down on the bond money amounts. This is one of areas of the bonds that suggest some study be done as to what is necessary versus wants versus what is really needed. Many of these over all bond projects appear to be of use to few people, or benefit private enterprises, or spear headed by a few people looking to get free money from the tax payers for wanted but often unnecessary projects. Or they are projects put on to get the most votes for the bond package when there are many projects that don't belong on the bond package. Just as happened with the RTA and unwanted projects forced down peoples throats because they "were voted for by the voters" as part of a package deal with no recourse by the people effected by them.

More research should be done with these Parks and Recreation proposals before the final decisions on what to spend monies on.

Beryl Baker, environmental and community activist

Deseret Romero

From: Dave Ogilvy <dave.ogilvy@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 1:35 PM
To: bondinfo

More money for pathways, if those along Kolb/Grant are any example, would be a horrible waste of limited resources. Money should be used for streets.

Sent from my iPhone