Public Comments

December 5, 2014
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John Herman
Member, Ajo District Chamber of Commerce
Date 12-4-14
Re: Ajo Community Golf Course  
December 12, 2014 Public Meeting

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Date: 12-4-14
To: deseret_romero@pima.gov

I strongly support project PR96, Model Airplane Parks, for inclusion in the 2015 Pima County bond election package for the following reasons:

I have had a Winter home in Green Valley for over ten years, before that it was in Tucson. My Wife and I chose Pima County, partly because of the Winter climate but also because of the Model Flying Clubs.

I am a member of the Green Valley R/C Flyers, located in Sahuarita and before that I used to fly with The Southern Arizona Modelers in Tucson.

Unfortunately the field that we currently use is small and privately owned. As it scheduled to be developed for housing, we are not able to make any improvements to it.

A new larger field with proper facilities would allow our Club to expand and attract many new members to the worthwhile and rewarding sport of flying radio controlled models.

Respectfully,

Richard Martin

(Member, Green Valley R/C Flyers)
Thank you for allowing me to comment on PR96. When I was young, I went to a park and saw model airplanes fly. I knew that I wanted to learn to fly. After college and time as a naval officer, I took up flying lessons and obtained an instructors license. Two years later I was hired as an airline pilot and spent over 50 years in aviation. They were wonderful years and after retirement I am back flying models. I don't know if this would have happened if back when I started in aviation if there were computer games to play.

If we pass PR96 maybe some of the kids that spend all the time playing computer games will visit the model field and get hooked on aviation.

Thank you for consideration:

Frank Hite
Dear Ms. Romero

I strongly support PR96 and its proposal for a Model Airplane Park serving the area surrounding Green Valley and Sahuarita.

I am active in the Green Valley RC Flyers, a club of over 100 members (mostly retirees), which currently has temporary use of a privately owned field that is slated for future development for housing and over which we have no control and can not make any needed improvements.

I believe a publically owned Model Airplane Park, that would be operated and maintained by our club, would be of great value to the community, and in particular to the youth of the area.

I would appreciate your support in this matter.

Sincerely

Lawrence Parker
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Green Valley, AZ  85614

Email: parker697@cox.net
Tumamoc is so popular. I would like to see more development and hikers on A Mountain. It is a special place too and I would like to see it become more of a destination. I am will to pull Buffle Grass anytime and hope you have more of those events planned as well.

Thank you,

Ashlyn Dumais
To whom it may concern:

Please approve the proposals that improve the well-being of our parks in Ward 2 and throughout the county. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Cheryl J. Vasconcellos
Ward 2 resident
1079 S. Avenida Los Reyes
Tucson, AZ  85748

520 269-7822
Dear Bond Committee Members,

As the Parks and Recreation Commissioner for Tucson's Ward 4, I recommend including all of the top-rated parks and recreation projects that are before the committee.

Parks are key resources for people and often are useful habitat for wildlife. The city of Tucson and its parks have suffered greatly in the recent economic downturn. We have experienced personnel layoffs and postponement of capital improvements. Parks are an essential service and part of a larger economic development picture attracting wildlife enthusiasts, a mobile labor force and businesses that value recreation opportunities for their employees.

These projects will serve the community inside and outside of the city of Tucson. In fact, inclusion of all of these projects will make voter passage of the bonds more likely.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kendall Kroesen
3213 E Pima St
Tucson, AZ 85716
Tucson Parks and Recreation Commissioner--Ward 4
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.
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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,

[Signature]

Phone Contact: 520-733-2910

Date: 11-18-14
Pima County Administrators Office  
Attn: Nicole Fyffe  
130 West Congress, 10th Floor  
Tucson, AZ 85701

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Phone Contact

[Date]  
11/18/19
Dear Bond Advisory Committee,

I am writing this in support of PR96, Model Airplane Parks, part of your bond proposal. Model aviation clubs in the Tucson/Pima County area in general do many things for the community. They are involved in youth programs to get children interested in aviation, hold events to raise money for charity, bring in money for the area by hosting national and international events and much more. Some of these clubs are in dire need of a new facility due to encroachment while others desperately need major upgrades. These clubs maintain their own budget and are well covered by the AMA's insurance. PR96 will give these clubs the opportunity they need to continue to provide what they do for Tucson and Pima County.

Thank you,

Russ Werner
V.P.
Southern Arizona Modelers
Pima County Administrators Office  
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520-241-8408

[Date]
Re: City of Tucson Ward 2 bond plans/improvements.

I am a resident of Ward 2 and would be in favor of the below projects. I request your support in approving all of them. Especially Jessee Owens Park as kids play soccer there as well as other sports and the improvements would be for them and possibly involve them in something besides spray painting graffiti and should be considered as a part in graffiti abatement and reduction in Ward 2 and elsewhere about the city and county.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to these important projects.

Bennett R. Burch  
brbtuc@cox.net

Urban Greenways: The city is requesting $4 million for multi-use pathways, mostly along washes. The project includes sites around the city, but three of them, Atturbury, Arcadia and Alamo, are in Ward 2.

City of Tucson Sports Fields/Regional Sports Fields Lighting: Once again, a project that will benefit the entire city, but we can all think of places in Ward 2 that are in need. The total package is $16 million, with $8 million being spent within the city.

Jesse Owens Park: I have personally lobbied for the inclusion of this park. The current park gets a great deal of use from not just the neighborhood, but local youth sports leagues. It has not gotten any capital improvements in decades. We are asking for $1 million, a small amount given how much is being spent on other parks, to light a baseball field, build a new multi-purpose athletic field and make some other improvements, including a walking/jogging path.

Fort Lowell Park: The city is asking for $5 million for improvements as part of the master plan that has been worked on by the City, County and neighbors for years. This would include athletic fields as well as walking paths and improvements to the Eastern end of the park. This is one of the jewels of the city park system for years and we shouldn’t pass up an opportunity to keep improving it.

Thank you.

ben  
brbtuc@cox.net
I'm a long time Tucsonan, here since 1965, and have seen the city spread into what used to be dirt roads (ours) and houses and commercial space taking over the open areas that my kids used to enjoy. So the parks have taken the place of the open desert, and need our support:
Please support the proposed Urban Greenways, the City of Tucson Sportsfield Lighting improvements, Jesse Owens Park which has increased use and needs help, and beautiful Ft. Lowell Park, now surrounded by apartment complexes.

Thank you.

Nancy Fahringer  nfahr@cox.net  (Mrs. Philip Fahringer)
8765 E. Bears Path Rd.
Tucson 85749
Members of the Pima County Bond Committee,

This 5 million dollar request will continue the significant work that has gone on implementing improvements in the Master Plan for the Fort Lowell Park, which is treasure in terms of wildlife, various sports activities, and history going back more than a thousand years. How many cities have a 19th century Army Fort?

Janet Marcus, former City Council Member, Ward 2 and long-time resident of the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Assn.
Hello,

As a resident of Far Horizons Tucson Village and a member of the village's Easy Riders Bike Club, I can attest that many residents benefit from the Ward 2 Urban Greenways and Jesse Owens Park. The density of our village is high and we enjoy the open spaces, particularly those provided by Jesse Owens Park and the Friday Farmers' Market.

We would like to encourage Pima County to continue development of the recreational facilities we all benefit from.

Keep up the good work, and please continue to fund our parks.

All the best,
Claire Rogers

Claire Rogers
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(520) 591-5176
Dear Committee Members-
Please support the bond monies for Fort Lowell Park. As a lifelong Tucson resident who practically grew up at the ball fields of Fort Lowell Park, any money for the park would be well spent. Fort Lowell is a historic landmark that many Tucson residents know nothing about, but should. Improvements to this park would be welcomed by the neighbors and the visitors alike. Improvements and upkeep to Fort Lowell Park would speak volumes to our commitment to our public lands and our appreciation for the natural beauty we have in this central oasis.
Please vote in favor of spending money on Tucson's heritage and future. Our children and environment are counting on you.
Thank you-
Kristi Freeland Dutton
This park needs work from many years of neglect. Please evaluate funding for a park used daily by neighbors and leagues. The streets are in need as is the park. Not sure one million will do what needs to be done. Please consider more funding.

Sent from my iPhone
My husband and I support our council member, Paul Cunningham, in his request for funds in our district. Charles & Margaret Barnhart, 7570 E Speedway Blvd.
Deseret Romero

From: Frank Flasch <frank.flasch@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 7:42 PM
To: bondinfo
Cc: Frank Flasch - Old Fort Lowell Estates
Subject: Fort Lowell Park $5 million for improvements to the athletic fields as well walking paths and the Eastern end of the Park

Dear Members of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee:

My name is Frank Flasch and I represent the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association. As you probably know we in the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood have been very involved over the years in supporting the completion of the Fort Lowell Preservation Project.

We understand that in your meeting on Friday November 21, 2014 you will be considering whether to support the Fort Lowell Park Improvements (zone #2 & #3). We in the OFLNA urge the Committee to strongly support this project as it will enhance the existing facilities, support the wildlife refuge that already exists and go a long way towards the future preserving of the Historical aspects of the park. All of us our excited about the potential and future of Fort Lowell Park for not only historic reasons but the functional use as well. Your support of the $5 million request for the above improvements would be greatly appreciated by all residence and members of the Fort Lowell Neighborhood and Association. This is one of the jewels of the city / county park system and it would be a shame to pass up an opportunity to improve it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards

Frank Flasch
Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association President
CP#520-909-2107
Parks give citizens a place to relax...have fun....and interact with Neighbors.....I support making them a priority in Menlo Park.

MaryLou Thompson
Resident and Real Estate Broker
Dear Pima County Supervisors, I am writing to express my support for the Pima County Pedestrian Comfort Bond that will be considered for a public referendum on January 9, 2015. I am a Pima County homeowner and taxpayer. A pedestrian infrastructure-bond will improve the quality of life in the county and likely generate investment and development, oriented precisely around the density that the city of Tucson and Pima County have already envisioned for our downtown area and for similar commercial and residential areas. It is a great idea, and the voters should be given the opportunity to vote on it. Thanks!

Thank you, Pima County, Arizona
Deseret Romero

From: notification@pima.gov
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 12:10 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-12-01 12:09 PM Submission Notification

Bond Advisory Committee Feedback 2014-12-01 12:09 PM was submitted by Guest on 12/1/2014 12:09:43 PM (GMT-07:00) US/Arizona

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  City Tucson
  State AZ
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Message Subject Support for 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition

I am writing to support the acquisition of the Marana Platform mound archaeological site by Pima County through 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition. This archaeological site is entirely unique in the Southern Arizona area and the opportunity to protect it for future generations must be seized before residential and commercial development in the Marana area threatens the important historical resources preserved there.

Response requested No

Referred Page http://www.archaeologysouthwest.org/2014/11/02/mpm/

Thank you, Pima County, Arizona
Kermit Jensen  
44725 King Arthur Ct  
Green Valley, AZ  
85622

11-26-2014

To: Larry Heckler, Chair  
Committee Members  
Pima county Bond Advisory Committee  
1030 W. Congress St.  
Tucson, AZ 85701

Subject: Support of Model Airplane Parks in Pima County (PR96)

Dear Sirs:

As a model airplane hobbyist and resident of Pima County, I ask you to support the proposed model airplane park. You may be aware that our club, Green Valley Radio Control Flyers gave up a very active and desirable field to make room for construction of the De Anza hiking Trail. The two fields that we now have are on private property and subject to the will of the owners. Neither is ideal for our needs.

Our membership continues to grow and it will benefit us all if a safe and well managed site is available. We follow carefully the safety rules and guidelines established by the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics.)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

J. Kermit Jensen
The last improvements were when Carol West was in office. She was such an inspiration. It is true that the youth use it almost every night of the week. The playgrounds for the children are great but need attended to. The periphery is very lacking especially on the West side. The Farmers market uses it every Friday and we love their participation.

We are urging the council to spend more on the park and the surrounding areas.

We would love a walking/jogging path. If it is well lit, we would feel safe using it.

Thank you for your email Paul Cunningham. How I wish our neighborhood watch had not folded. Just between you and myself, there was some questionable leadership. People will be people.

Sincerely, Caroline Miles Ward 2
Please do what you can to support our city parks.
Barbara Rebok
From: Ernest Armenta <Ernest.Armenta@westernunion.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 11:35 PM
To: Nicole Fyffe; bondinfo
Cc: Laura.Dent@tucsonaz.gov; Alvira.Gallego@tucsonaz.gov; ward1@tucsonaz.gov
Subject: Bond Committee - Murrieta Park - Western Little League

November 20, 2014

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

Dear Pima County Bond Advisory Committee,

Western Little League has been a positive influence in the community for over forty years and continues to strive towards excellence within the community. Our fields and park at Joaquin Murrieta have fallen in to severe disrepair. They have been ignored and neglected. The conditions have caused injuries to children and adults including twisted ankles and broken bones. It takes several volunteers many hours to get the fields ready for regular little league play, painting fences, filling holes etc. And still the park is viewed as blight by other leagues. This has caused many leagues to cease playing at Murrieta.

Recently a push to have the park renovated has been welcomed by the players and parents of Western Little League. A comprehensive assessment and plan to renovate and improve the park for functionality, safety, environmental sustainability, and attractiveness was complied. The “Master Plan” has included input from a multitude of parents and residents in the area. The positive future created by the renovation of Murrieta Park has improved perceptions of Western Little League and participants.

Along with perceptions, renovations due to the Master Plan will positively impact surrounding businesses. A renovated park will allow us to host Little League All-Star games. (That has not happened in 20 years.) Baseball teams will visit the park for tournaments and patronize businesses in the area.

A renovated park will provide children and families with safe place to play.
A renovated park will increase registrations helping keep children away from drugs and gangs.
A renovated park will restore pride to our community.
A renovated park will increase home values.

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee, Western Little League implores you to continue with the Master Plan which will renovate Joaquin Murrieta Park. A renovation will benefit families today and families of future generations.

Sincerely,

Ernest Armenta
Western Little League President
Western Little League Parents et al

Cc: Vice Mayor Regina Romero
    Director Fred Gray
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Ladies and Gentleman of the committee:

I am writing to urge you to support including number "16" titled "Fort Lowell Park Improvements" under item "A: City of Tucson Proposals" for the 2015 Parks & Recreation bond proposal set for discussion Friday, November 21.

Of particular interest and urgency behind my request for your support is the proposed rerouting of points of entry/exit for vehicles. Specifically, the elimination of the south entrance off of Glenn Street that divides the Championship Baseball Diamond from the playground.

- The playground equipment along that entry point is situated too close to the drive with no barrier or fence to prevent a distracted or unattended child from darting out in front of an incoming or outgoing vehicle.

- Speed of traffic near the playground is a regular hazard. In several visits to the park with my children over the years, I have witnessed cars and large delivery trucks coming in and going out at accelerating speeds far too fast near an area where children are at play.

- The speed bumps are simply ineffective and poorly positioned.

- Relocating the play area away from incoming/outgoing traffic ("Y" on proposed map) will no doubt renew interest in this historic park, allowing families to safely move through and explore areas often unseen and forgotten.

- In addition to eliminating the risk of injury near the south Glenn access point, the proposed reconfiguration would improve traffic flow off of Glenn during highly attended events and peak season schedules.

- Closing this access point would also allow for the efficient consolidation of the athletic fields utilized by various club sports programs, allowing for better field scheduling and increased participation.

The proposed improvement plan for Fort Lowell Park is more than aesthetics. It will improve safety by eliminating a long-standing risk to children, open up underutilized areas, and enhance function and use of athletic fields, all of which will lead to a more efficient and enjoyable experience for families at this popular recreation destination.

On the issue of aesthetics and forgotten resources, this park can be so much more. Over the last year, the daily commute to and from my children's school has allowed us to watch from beginning to end the restoration of the Officer's Quarters. This project, now complete, hints at the untapped potential of the worn-out and tired grounds just across the street. The proposed reconfiguration of Fort Lowell Park would provide a fully integrated and revitalized recreation area for neighbors and local residents. The plan also embraces the opportunity for it to become an invaluable extension for community-based learning for school children, notably those who attend Whitmore Elementary, The Gregory School and BASIS Charter School. By creating mock historical dig sites,
providing space for a community garden, as well as refreshing existing areas and exhibits, teachers can move hands-on/project-based learning to outdoor spaces located just walking distance of school grounds; bringing the textures of history within reach of students.

History, sports, leisure, and community building rarely meet at the same time in one place. This is what makes Fort Lowell Park a unique treasure. Our community’s collective commitment to the improvement and preservation of this historical space will allow it to remain that way for generations to come. The proposed plan for Fort Lowell Park strikes the balance between form and function, ensuring a solid and strategic investment of tax payer funds. Please support including item "16: Fort Lowell Park Improvements" for the proposed 2015 Parks & Recreation bond.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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520-327-7692
Deseret Romero

From: BacThrocky@aol.com
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 2:12 AM
To: bondinfo; Nicole Fyffe
Subject: Joaquin Murrieta Park

To Whom it may concern:

I highly encourage you to vote in favor of renovations to Joaquin Murrieta Park on the west side of Tucson. This park is absolutely vital to this community, and is badly in need of renovations. This park is packed every night and every weekend, and during the summer when school is out, it's busy all the time! We need this park to help our families and keep our kids headed in the right direction. Please help us out with a nicer, safer park.

Thank you,

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I would like to lend my support for some of the park projects that are up for consideration by the bond committee.

1) Urban Greenways - These are nice additions to our community. They are great for everyone to enjoy. I have seen these paths along our washes and they are a safe way to walk or bicycle around the city.

2) Jesse Owens Park - I have used this park many times to walk my dog and it would be great to improve the park. I would love to have a walking path in the park. It's become a little run down over the years and can use some work. It's a major east-side park and deserves support to maintain it.

Thanks,

Guy Smith
I am writing to express my strong support for making improvements to Jesse Owens Park. This is a much loved and much used neighborhood park that seems to be overlooked much of the time when it comes to parks improvements. I know there are many people in the neighborhood who would like to see the swimming pool in this park put back into use and I am one of those people. Thank you for your consideration.

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"Renovate Murrieta Park, go forward with The Master Plan"

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A 1 million dollar improvement would just be a band aide to the problems with this park. It has been neglected for years and is in need of an extensive renovation. The parking lots are in extreme need of repair/replacement, the landscaping is in extremely poor condition, the rest rooms are almost unusable, the concession buildings smell and the swimming pool needed to be repaired over 10 years ago. The lighting of the park is temporary and sub par with some not working at all (this is the lights that are for the walk paths and park area not the play field lights).

This park needs:
Trees and landscaping
Paved walkway
Asphalt paving in the street and parking areas
Curbs
Lighting
Signs
Trash cans
New rest rooms
Picnic tables
Ramada's
A working and open swimming pool with sun shade

This park is in need of at least a $4.5 million dollar repair and upgrade

There are many evenings that this park is very busy and it is a shame that the city refuses to acknowledge their responsibility in the parks upkeep.

Sincerely,

Michael Van Vleet
I would love to see some improvements over at the Jesse Owens Park. We have lived nearby off of Sarnoff for the past 15 years and that park would be a great place for improvements. I am also a native Tucsonan and grew up using that park for softball as a kid and I don't think anything has been done there in all the years since. We need to have areas that the community wants to use and can take pride in. A walking path would be nice or a dog-walking area...

Please put some of our money towards this park.

Thank you.

Regina Spaeth
We support master plan development designed for Juaquin Murrieta. Our kids deserve this type of facility. There are other facilities that we play at that make ours look really bad. Hopefully with your help we can make a great improvement to our community.

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone
---Original Message---
From: Frank Valencia [mailto:pancho915@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 9:33 AM
To: Nicole Fyffe
Subject: Murrieta

We support all improvements to be made to our park.

Sent from my iPhone
Deseret Romero

From: Nicole Fyffe
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 2:16 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: FW: "Renovate Murrieta Park, go forward with The Master Plan"

From: Jesus Rendon [mailto:JesusR@elrio.org]
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 8:35 AM
To: Nicole Fyffe
Subject: "Renovate Murrieta Park, go forward with The Master Plan"

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From: Lety Figueroa [mailto:letyfigueroa@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 8:18 AM
To: Nicole Fyffe
Subject: Murrietta

Please help Murrietta park! My family has been using this park for 30 plus years! and will continue to do so with my kids for years t come.
The west side needs a nice, safe place for kids and families to spend time.
Lety Figueroa
520-404-0821
Comments submitted to the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee  
November 21, 2014

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

As a resident of Tucson, and Ward 1, I support the Murietta Park Improvements. My grandchildren love to go to the park, and my little granddaughter particularly loves the swings! Interestingly, many parks no longer have swings, but Murietta Park does, and I think that’s great. I believe that an investment in public parks pays great dividends over the long term, providing children, young adults, and families many opportunities for active, outdoor exercise, which public health research data shows will improve their long term positive health outcomes, and thus reduce health care costs for their whole lives. Every hour they play in the park is an hour they won’t be tempted to sit inside and play on-line video games, or engage in other, potentially riskier, activities. Public parks foster community, which benefits everyone, of all ages. So, I encourage investment through this bond so Tucson's citizens can reap the benefits for generations to come. Thank you.
November 20, 2014

Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Deseret Romero
Pima County Administrator's Office, 10th Floor
130 West Congress,
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: 2015 Bond No. HP-103: Marana Mound Site Acquisition

Bond Advisory Committee,

Not only am I a Pima County employee but I'm also a Site Steward assigned the task of protecting and preserving archaeological sites and other cultural resources in the State of Arizona. It is in this capacity that I come to you with the request to purchase the Marana Mound Complex to protect this invaluable and irreplaceable part of our history. This ancient village housing site is amazingly unscathed, a rarity, but as time goes on this land is becoming more desirable and if not protected will potentially be destroyed. Please help all of us today and our descendants in the future by protecting and securing the past!

Thank you.

Denise Waldo
Mr. Larry Heckler, Chair
Committee Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W Congress St.
Tucson, AZ 85701

11/20/2014

Sir,
I am writing in support of the Model Airplane Parks bond proposal. I have been designing, building, and flying model airplanes for over 50 years, and am currently a member of the Green Valley Radio Control Flyers (GVRCF).

With the introduction of radio control we have been able to fly our airplanes in a designated area instead of chasing our “free flight” planes across farmer’s fields.

I have been a member of Model Airplane Clubs in Illinois, California, and Arizona. Almost all of those clubs have had both paved runways and restroom facilities. GVRCF currently has a flying area that has a dirt landing area and no restroom facility, however we do have a great friendly and helpful group of flyers. Flying off of a dirt field is not good for our engines, motors and radio equipment.

A County Model Airplane Park in Sahuarita would be a welcome addition to the Pima County Park System and to the citizens of Green Valley and Sahuarita.

Sincerely,

Harvey P Mickelsen
2263 S Via Pompilo
Green Valley, AZ 85614
In support of PR 96, I would like to send you the attached letters from prominent Americans that illustrate some of the benefits of participation in Model Aviation.

Howard M. Brown
August 12, 1997

Mr. Jay Mealy
Flying Site/Marketing Center
Academy of Model Aeronautics
5151 East Memorial Drive
Muncie, Indiana 47302

Dear Mr. Mealy:

I would like to add my voice to the hundreds of thousands of people who support the hobby of model aviation. In my own case, building model airplanes started me on a long career in aviation and space. Some of the fondest memories of my youth are those of my Dad and I building and flying Zippers, Playboys, etc in the late thirties and early forties.

The thrill of witnessing the takeoff, flight and successful return of a personally constructed model is second only to the actual experience of flying. It is no wonder, therefore, that almost all aviators actually begin their career with the interest sparked from the hobby of model aviation. It is an interest that once pursued, intensifies and always remains.

I urge the community governments and particularly the park department to preserve and develop recreational sites and land areas suitable for model aircraft activity. This is certainly of the finest commitments we can make toward installing the challenges of youth—and ensuring the leisure enjoyment of many old times like myself.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Frank Borman

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

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Respectfully Yours,

Constance B. Brier

Signature

520 792-4165

Phone Contact

Date 11/3/14
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[Signature]  

Phone Contact  

520-429-4025  

[Phone number]

Date  

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[Signature]
(303) 694-1984  
Nov 17, 2014
I am a member of the Green Valley r/c flyers club and support the model airport parks inclusion in the 2015 Pima county bond election pkg. Ronald aklestad, Sahuarita

Sent from my iPad
I am the Secretary and Pilot Instructor of the Green Valley R/C Flyers club.

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Respectfully,
Gerald E. Case
Secretary, Green Valley R/C Flyers
To: deseret.romero@pima.gov

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Regards
Dave Risdon
RC Pilot
From: Murray Sagsveen <mgsagsveen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 8:23 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Election Project PR96 (Model Airplane Parks)

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Murray G. Sagsveen
Bismarck, North Dakota
Tubac, Arizona
Deseret Romero

From: Ament, Gary <gary@ament.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 6:53 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: Bond Election Project PR96 (Model Airplane Parks)

Deseret,

I've been a member of the Green Valley R/C Flyers club for two years and it's one of the most enjoyable and rewarding clubs I've ever been associated with.

We recently purchased a home in Sahuarita. A deciding factor in making our decision to purchase a home in this community was obviously the weather ......... but the availability of an active aero modeling club sealed the deal for me.

Our current flying site is a small dirt field on private land. A new flying field on Pima County land would make our hobby even more enjoyable and allow us grow our club membership.

I strongly support PR96, Model Airplane Parks, for inclusion in the 2015 Pima County bond election.

Respectfully,
Gary Ament
Member, Green Valley R/C Flyers
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Respectfully,
John R. Stott
Member, Green Valley R/C Flyers
Deseret Romero

From: richard marshall <rmar@rockisland.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 4:57 PM
To: Deseret Romero
Subject: PR96

Please accept this as my support for PR96 model airplane parks for inclusion in the 2015 Pima county bond election package. As a snowbird from Canada where the closest R C club is 4 hr away, I look forward to wintering in Green Valley and R C flying.

Thank you
R Marshall
Ms Romero, please accept this e-mail in support of PR96. Amateur aviation is a positive force in building communities of like minded individuals and families. Beyond the flying of model airplanes and helicopters are the benefits of social intercourse, education and introduction to flying to young members, public information, and community service.

Model aviation is a hobby, often engaged in over the course of years and generations. It is a way for families and friends to interact in a positive and upbuilding manner. Model aviation is well regulated and self monitored at both local and national levels and involves no local funding for ongoing maintenance or operations.

I believe passage of PR96 would allow for the expansion and growth of model aviation in Pima County, thereby providing increased recreational opportunities to residents of Pima County.

Angel Martinez
Deseret Romero:

I am writing to you in support of Bond Election Project PR96. As a member of The Green Valley R/C Fliers I am voicing my support for a flying field. We fly now because of the kindness of others on a borrowed field that we could lose. Our club is open to all and we are always looking for new members. We now have just over 100 members, male and female, young and other. We have people that can help the new pilot get into the hobby. We would like to see the hobby grow and it would help a great deal if we had a proper flying field.

Please give your support to our cause.

Thank you,
Bob Korbas
Green Valley
AMA 144899
I am a member of Green Valley Flyers, PR96 is of much concern I want to keep flying RC aircraft for many year. Please help us.

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Wesley K. Kidder
1551 S San Ray
Green Valley AZ 85614  11-28-2014
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Sincerely Ron Simonds, Vice President of Green Valley Flyers RC club
November 26, 2014

Subject: Bond Election Project PR96 (Model Airplane Parks)

To: deseret.romero@pima.gov

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Jesus A. Castro
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Retired Military Active Flying enthusiasts

Russell C, Morgan
The following are the answers to the questions in your letter of 10 April:

1. I flew in model aircraft competitions during the years of 1946-1950

2. I was a member of the U.S. Navy team at the 1949 Nationals (control-line, speed), but was not a winner.

3. I was an AMA member for a number of years in the '40s, but do not have the dates.

4. My model building and flying activities significantly contributed to my interest in aeronautics and was a primary force in directing my education toward aeronautical engineering.

I was honorary control director at the 1964 Nationals at Dallas and also 3 or 4 years earlier at the Glenview while I was in the X-15 program.

I look forward to seeing you at the Collier event.

Best Wishes,

[Signature]

Neil A. Armstrong
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center
2101 NASA Road 1
Houston, Texas 77058-3696

Reply to Attn of AP2-99-041

Mr. Joe Beshar
Flying Sites Coordinator
Past AMA Vice President District 2
198 Merritt Drive
Oradell, NJ 07649

Dear Mr. Beshar:

This is in response to your letter of December 31, 1998, regarding the value and importance of model aviation. I can tell you love aviation and that flying has been in your blood from an early age. I can indentify with the feeling. At a very young age, I too was smitten with the flying bug and model aviation. I have been fortunate in that I have been able to follow this dream throughout my career, logging over 5,000 hour as a Navy pilot before becoming a NASA astronaut.

I share your enthusiasm for model aviation and wholeheartedly recommend it for all ages. It is a very exciting sport, as well as an educational and inspirational one. It is an ideal pastime in which to involve today's youth. The sport can continue, however, only as long as flying sites are available to local chapters around the country. As sites are lost to residential and industrial expansion, new ones must be located. I would encourage all organizations to assess their facilities as potential flying sites to share with these model aviation chapters.

Good luck in your quest for additional flying sites. Indeed, they are crucial in maintaining the sport for future generations.

Sincerely,

J D Wetherbee

James D. Wetherbee, Captain USN
Deputy Director
Mr. Geoffrey Styles
Academy of Model Aeronautics
1810 Samuel Morse Drive
Reston, VA 22090

Dear Geoffrey:

When I landed the Space Shuttle "Columbia" in the pre-dawn darkness at Edwards Air Force Base on January 18th this year, I was performing a piloting task similar to one I first learned many years ago with smaller model airplanes. I've built and flown model airplanes all my life, starting with gliders, free-flight, U-control and up through radio control. It's taught me problem solving, aerodynamics, stability and control, structures, and many other things that have served me very well in engineering, in aviation, and in my career as an astronaut. I'm still active as a modeler (when I'm not orbiting) and continue to enjoy the camaraderie, the satisfaction, and the continuing education that aircraft modeling provides. I'd recommend it for any aspiring aviator or future astronaut!

Sincerely,

Robert "Hoot" Gibson
Commander, U.S. Navy
Pilot, Shuttle Mission 41-B
Commander, Shuttle Mission 61-C
Soccer: So much more than kicking a ball around.

A group of refugees of all ages, and from a variety of countries – Iraq, Bhutanese-Nepalese from Nepal, Eritrea, and the Sudan – had been working hard for many months getting help with their homework in an after school classroom run by some volunteer tutors.

A favorite, Ms Steffie, was asked one day if she would teach them soccer. She laughed at this, in her mind, ludicrous idea until she realized that her son Michael, a onetime player and coach himself, might be interested.

So this group of enthusiastic youth began to practice in a small neighborhood park. At first all chaos reigned, but Michael patiently taught them basic skills while Ms. Steffie focused on some goals: teach basic skills and encourage youth to apply to play on school teams if they had the ability. She further hoped to apply for funds for equipment and registration to some kind of youth soccer organization. That year 4 youth played on a very successful Amphitheater Middle School team. The idea of having youth on AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) became a cherished dream, but the reality of no funds to pay for fees was always of concern and thought to be an insurmountable barrier.

A chance meeting in the summer of 2012 with a lead staff of AYSO 350, Mike Burke, led to a conversation about this enthusiastic group of talented youth soccer players and their desire to be able to play on AYSO teams at Rillito Park fields given its proximity to their homes. AYSO 350 did indeed have this as their home field park. There was an encouraging word and a suggestion that youth submit their applications. The initial 8 applications were duly submitted and through an incredible act of generosity by AYSO 350, all 8 were granted full scholarships. Through the generosity of some AYSO 350 parents yet another 3 were added, again with full scholarships. Basic equipment of cleats, shin guards, and clothing came through a variety of generous donations from players who had outgrown their equipment. Jack Furrier stores supplied a ball to each player. These are much coveted by the players. And thus began the Fall 2012 season.

The season saw 5 youth on an Under 17 team, and 2 each on an Under 14, Under 12 and Under 10 team. The Under 17 team earned its place on the play-offs through an impressive accumulation of points for sportsmanship...in truth they lost many matches by a single goal margin. In the play-offs they came from behind and made it to the final where they lost by a respectable 0-1 margin. Coaches and parents all commented on how much fun it has been to have the refugee youth on their teams, and in turn the refugee youth enjoyed making friends with American youth and learning from them. Some players went on to participate in All-Stars, teams comprised of the more skilled players who play in tournaments and sometimes get to travel out of the Tucson area.

Another story of generosity was woven into all of the above. One of IRC’s Youth Ambassadors, MacKenzie, volunteered to help tutor in the classroom, and upon hearing of the transportation challenges presented by having 11 youth spread across 4 teams, invited her parents to get involved. Her mother, Jodee, took responsibility for transporting the U17 boys to and from most of their matches, including a late evening match in Nogales, and has become a motherly voice of wisdom for them. Car rides often lead to profoundly deep conversations about the experiences and challenges these young
people have as refugees, and Jodee offers an empathetic ear, and some kindly support and counsel. Other parents of players and the coaches have all provided invaluable support to ensure all 11 youth can fully participate in the program.

A comment heard from all age groups is how playing soccer is the one time they forget their worries. Too many are burdened with responsibilities to help their parents with reading and understanding mail and bills, interpretation, taking them to appointments, taking care of housing needs, and providing childcare for younger siblings, all while the youth themselves are struggling to complete their academic studies to their sense of satisfaction, often a very high self imposed standard.

(The above was written Spring 2013)

November 6, 2013 update:

As we find ourselves towards the end of the fall 2013 soccer season, it is time to reflect on what transpired over the past few months.

The four U17 refugee boys who were freshman at Amphitheater, played on the Amphitheater HS Junior Varsity game. The U14 boys played for Amphitheater Middle School.

During the summer many more refugee boys expressed their eagerness to play AYSO this fall. Several were successful in getting accepted into the Pima County Summer Youth Program where they earned some money which they then used to pay for their own and their siblings soccer fees.

As of today, there are now 22 refugee youth, from Afghanistan, Russia, Bhutan/Nepal, Iraq, Sudan, Congo, and Eritrea, playing with AYSO 350. The hardest part was saying “sorry, no” to so many other youth who wanted to play.

With 11 youth at the U17 team age, they were disbursed across two teams, creating a fun “rivalry” and more intense scrimmage sessions. Their first match up was a well played and intense game. This was also the first time that there was a good turnout of parents and after seeing how much fun it is to watch their children, attendance has continued. One of these teams had outstanding end of play-off 7-0 and 3-0 wins and proceeded to win the Championship game. (Youtube AYSO Area 12A U17 first and second halves of the championship game.)

A similar friendly “rivalry” is happening on the U12 teams where two boys each are on two different teams. Four of them are now going on to All-Stars to enter tournaments and possibly travel out of town.

Funding for this year’s scholarships has been a challenge, along with a never ending need for cleats as youth outgrow their shoes. As always many benevolent individuals have helped these youth realize their dreams of playing.

KVOA 4 news channel interviewed Nitesh, Rajesh and Yousef in order to tell the story of AYSO 350’s and the Tucson community’s support of refugee youth. Their first step to stardom! (Please check out KVOA4.com/refugee soccer)
Although we have continued to cherish a dream of soccer for the girls, nothing formal has yet materialized, other than some individual girls self-identifying as wanting to play next year, possibly on co-ed teams.

Meanwhile John and Shelby, tennis players themselves, have been convening the “Hummingbird tennis academy” at Amphitheater High School tennis courts on Saturday mornings. They have had as many as 25 children show up at 7:00 a.m. to include several girls and a father. The Tucson Community Tennis Program www.TCTPforKIDS.org generously donated 25 tennis racquets. We continue to explore a potential future partnership.

Mackenzie, who did so much for the children in and out of the classroom last year, this year obtained grant funding from DoSomething.org. She and her mother Jodee take children who regularly attend the classroom on educational and fun field trips to various locations throughout Tucson including the Children’s Museum, the UA Village farm and the Flandrau Science Center. On a recent evening in the Navajo classroom, a 2nd grader from Sudan exclaimed, “Mackenzie is helping me get a library card next week!”

www.dosomething.org/project/educational-and-social-enrichment-refugee-youth

We are indebted to AYSO 350 for having the vision and commitment to helping these young people. We are indebted to all those volunteers who helped support the vision and have extended it to so much more than soccer.

**May 2014 update**

Several of the older boys played for their varsity and junior varsity high school soccer teams. Many have branched out into other sports especially track.

The four U-12 boys did indeed play on an All Star team Spring 2014, playing a series of tournament weekends. The highlights were a tournament win, and a trip to Phoenix. Friendships deepened and skill level improved impressively.

We are already preparing for the fall 2014 season, which is now to have a U 19 section thereby allowing all of last year’s older players to play “one more year” at the AYSO level.

Several younger boys are eager to join the ranks, and we hope that two girls will join the U 16 co-ed team. Both girls have played on school teams and have sought out the opportunity to play with AYSO 350.

A total of 30 refugee youth participated in a Saturday paid education program, many being also soccer players so again prepared to pay their own fees if need be. We hope for an even more significant number of youth being accepted into the paid summer employment program.
November 15, 2014 update

As anticipated AYSO 350 initiated a U 19 component to the 2014 fall season, and almost all of last year's older players participated, often dashing to and from jobs, job training programs, and other high school sports such as track. Some would run in a competitive event in the morning and then play all out in an afternoon game. Some would play and rush off to a full work shift.

They had a formidable opponent in one particular team and played them in the final championship game in a narrow 0-1 loss. Many of these youth are committed to playing for their high school teams, and may go on to form an adult team to play on a city league.

As hoped, 2 girls joined, on a co-ed U16 team, and are also going on to high school teams.

In total 32 refugee youth played with AYSO 350 this fall, generously supported by Refugee Focus School Impact Grant funds. The challenge of outfitting 32 pairs of feet in cleats, socks and shin guards was partly met through the generous donation of gently used equipment donated by Tucson Soccer Academy and Tanque Verde Soccer players and parents.

Although not directly able to participate in AYSO leagues, several refugee girls have taken the initiative to try out for school soccer and tennis teams, and we have been able to provide some support in terms of getting them bright, shiny and colorful cleats!

A point of reflection at this juncture, is the way all these youth have escaped the ESL bubble, and have found ways to fully integrate into their schools and the extracurricular activities available.
November 15, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a retired teacher with a B.A. in English and an MED in Curriculum and instruction from Arizona State University and an emphasis on English. In addition to my teaching career, I also spent nine years as the Maryvale Varsity Boys Soccer Coach at Maryvale High School in the Phoenix Union High School District. I also coached my own daughters from 1982 to 1989 as well as two other girls' teams from 1990 to 2002. During many of those years and up to the present, I have also served on numerous Boards of Directors for clubs, leagues and at the Arizona Youth Soccer Association.

All cities need fields for young people to participate in their chosen sport. Because of the demographics of the school at which I taught and still guest teach, soccer was the sport of choice but field space is always an issue. Tucson has always been a hotbed of soccer in Arizona and has a soccer playing population that based on percentages, exceeds that of Phoenix.

As a parent and a grandparent of soccer players, I ask that you support the field application. As a coach and a teacher, I ask that you support the field application. As a member of the Boards of Directors of South Bank Soccer Club, Futbolito Bimbo Soccer League and the Arizona Youth Soccer Association, I ask that you support the field application.

Very truly yours,

Linda K. Corbett
Director, Community Relations
Arizona Youth Soccer Association
To Whom it may concern,

I am a Pima County resident, business owner, homeowner and Voter. I plan to support the Pima County Bond proposal and in particular PR96.

Thank you.

Howard M. Brown
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I am a member of the Green Valley Radio Controlled Flyers. Our club has 100 members, nearly all retirees. In searching for a retirement home, many have chosen County because of the presence of aero modeling. Our flying site is on private land, used with permission of the owner. We fly from a dirt field and are not able to improve the amenities and safety features that are desirable. The sport and hobby of building and flying model aircraft is a desirable activity for seniors and can be an other attraction for relocating to Pima County. I request that the Board consider favorably the proposal to include aircraft modeling activities in the Park system.

Kenneth Fleshman
657 Park Centre, #134, Green Valley, AZ 85614
Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you in support of fully funding the Pedestrian Safety & Comfort Bond Proposal put forth by Living Streets Alliance and look forward to voting YES for it in 2015.

I am a Pima County resident and I am a pedestrian. I want a walkable town. Living Streets Alliance has worked to create a walkable town for years. I am writing to you in support of fully funding the Pedestrian Safety & Comfort Bond Proposal.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Pima County
Living Streets Alliance
Dear Committee Members,

I am a Pima County resident and I am a pedestrian. I want a walkable region.

One - Walking creates a healthy community.

Two - You meet your neighbors and create community.

Three - Safety is critical to community.

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Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the community as a member of the Bond Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

Chris Goldsmith
2139 E. 9th Street
Tucson, AZ 85719

Pima County
Bond Advisory Committee
c/o Pima County Administrator
130 W Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701
Dear Committee Members,

I am a Pima County resident and I support the Pedestrian Safety & Comfort Bond Proposal put forth by Living Streets Alliance and I look forward to voting "YES" for it in 2015.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the community as a member of the Bond Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

Ann Blackledge
126 E. Blackledge
Tucson, AZ 85719
Dear Committee Members,

I am a Pima County resident and am a pedestrian. I want a walkable region where walking space encourages healthy activity. Safe walking space is needed once I can us use my bike

Sincerely,

Allyson Buehler
(name)
Tucson, AZ 85741

[Signature]

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
130 W Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the community as a member of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee.

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