



**PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND  
NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**

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**PIMA COUNTY  
NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING  
Friday, December 3, 2010 8:30am  
Kino Community Recreation Center  
2805 East Ajo Way, Rooms 102-103  
Tucson, Arizona 85713**

**MINUTES**

**NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (NROC)  
MEMBERS**

Present	Mr. Al Skorupski-District 1 Appointee, Chair Mr. Felipe Lundin-District 2 Appointee Mr. Tony Bruno District 3 Appointee
Absent	Ms. Elvia Lopez-District 5 Appointee, Vice Chair Ms. Corey Knox-District 4 Appointee

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION  
DEPARTMENT STAFF**

Leslie Nixon-Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Manager  
Bennett Bernal- Program Coordinator  
Tony Reis – Program Coordinator  
Lori Aldecoa-Program Coordinator  
Camiliano Juarez-Program Coordinator  
Paula Jansmann- Administrative Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Enrique Sema – Manager, City of South Tucson  
Adriana Cohen – Neighborhood Representative  
Brian Flagg – Director Casa Maria, Neighborhood Resident  
Cesar Gonzales - Neighborhood Resident  
David Longoria

**CALL TO ORDER** by NROC Chair Al Skorupski at 8:30am.

**ROLL CALL**

Quorum satisfied.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 22, 2010 MEETING**

Mr. Lundin moved to approve the minutes from Oct. 22, 2010.

Mr. Bruno seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Nixon advised the Committee of the following:

- a. Project Status Report
  - Thirty-nine 2004 projects are now completed. Fifteen pending projects will be constructed over the next several years.
  - The Committee and the Board of Supervisors have allocated all \$20 million 2004 Neighborhood Reinvestment bond funds. Cost savings available for allocation is now \$329,828.
- b. Pima County Bond Advisory Committee Report
  - The Pima County Bond Advisory Committee has recommended to the Board of Supervisors that there be no bond election in 2011 because economic conditions do not favor a bond election at this time. The Bond Committee will continue to meet to consider proposed bond projects and an election date. The Committee has tentatively approved the \$30 million request for Neighborhood Reinvestment bond funding as part of the next bond package.
- c. Announcements
  - Ms. Aldecoa informed the Committee that a dedication ceremony for the Jefferson Park project was held November 20, 2010, and was well attended. A dedication for the Midtown/Garden District sidewalk project is scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Martha Cooper Library.
  - Mr. Bernal informed the Committee that the Robles Junction soccer field and playground project has been completed with a dedication to follow in January or February 2011.
  - Ms. Nixon informed the Committee that David Longoria, who worked as a Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Coordinator for nine years, has taken another position with Pima County. He will continue to coordinate development, design, and construction of five NR projects.

### **ROUND XXVIII NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROPOSAL**

**(Neighborhood Presentation, Discussion, Appointment of Site Visit Subcommittee)**

#### **a. South Tucson Community Garden and Market**

Mr. Bruno informed the Board that the Community Food Bank is mentioned in this proposal as a partner and due to recent policy changes at Community Food Bank he recused himself from discussion and vote on the proposed project.

Mr. Reis and South Tucson community representatives presented the proposal, which requests \$220,500.00 for the purchase of a vacant building and land located at 2205 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue for the proposed community garden and market. Petitions with signatures of neighborhood residents supporting the project were submitted to the Committee.

Mr. Skorupski stated this was a unique project and asked if it met the requirements for Committee recommendation.

Ms. Nixon responded that the project satisfies all requirements for Neighborhood Reinvestment funding. The proposal would involve Pima County purchase of the property for the purpose of developing a community garden and market. Another entity is seeking to buy the land, and South Tucson City staff has concluded that this transfer of ownership would have a negative impact on the community. Staff recommendation is to move expeditiously to ensure that the property is converted to a positive public use.

Mr. Skorupski stated that the Committee typically assigns members to conduct a site visit and report back to the Committee.

Mr. Lundin said that he was very familiar with the property, that it is prime real estate in South Tucson, and would be a good investment for a highly stressed area.

Mr. Lundin moved to recommend approval of the project to the Board of Supervisors without a site visit, since the Committee members all expressed familiarity with the property and surrounding neighborhood.

Mr. Skorupski seconded the motion.

**Motion passed 2 in favor, 1 recusal**

## **2004 NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROJECTS TOUR**

With only three members present, it was decided to postpone the tour of Rillito/Davidson Nature Park, Barrio Anita Recreation Court and Barrio Viejo Memorial Park.

Mr. Skorupski stated that Committee member Corey Knox will be unable to meet Friday mornings due to a change in employment and asked if the Committee would be willing to change the meeting day.

Ms. Nixon reported that Ms. Knox would be available only Monday and Wednesday during the week.

The Committee determined that future meetings will be scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9AM.

## **CALL TO AUDIENCE**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bruno moved to adjourn, and Mr. Lundin seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting Adjourned by Chair Al Skorupski at 9:03 am.

Submitted by Paula Jansmann