

**Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Parks & Recreation Sub-Committee
Meeting**

**Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation
3500 W. River Road
Thursday, March 29, 2007
8:00 a.m.**

SUMMARY OF MEETING

The following is a summary of the March 31, 2007 meeting. Audiotapes of the meeting are available upon request.

Committee Members Present

Gary Davidson, Chair
Byron Howard
John Neis
Terri Hutts
Thomas Six
Tom Warne

County Staff: Technical Experts Present

Carlo DiPilato, P&D Division Manager
Lauren Harvey, Program Manager, NRPR

Committee Members Absent

Ted Prezelski
Carolyn Campbell

County Administration

Nicole Fyffe, Executive Administrator to the County
Administrator

1. Meeting began at 8:03 a.m. with a quorum.
2. Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on March 1, 2007. The motion was unanimously accepted.
3. Mr. DiPilato reviewed all the projects in District 1, including their scope. Some of the following points were raised. Mr. Davidson told Mr. DiPilato that it would be preferable to use the word 'will' rather than 'may' with regard to the elements that would be included in the projects. Mr. DiPilato clarified that it was used to give the department more flexibility, for example the constructions costs could increase by the time the project is being built thus not allowing the whole project to be completed. Mr. Davidson suggested the use of the word 'intend' instead. Mr. DiPilato was also asked to provide the sub committee with a map that shows the connectivity of trails before the committee makes its final decisions. In connection with discussion of the New Girls Chorus Building project and Mehl Park it was suggested that projects which were inter-dependent on each other be noted. In the case of the school

field enhancements, Mr. DiPilato was asked about the benefits to the community, and also the costs to lease or use the school fields by groups like the Little League and joint use agreements between the county and the school district. Mr. Kuck, Operations Superintendent explained the agreements presently in place and Ms. Fyffe said that language about joint and shared use between the schools and public could be written into the bond ordinances in future. Mr. DiPilato was also asked about the lighting of the school fields and whether there had been issues raised by the neighbors regarding the lights. Mr. DiPilato explained that the projects had been chosen by meeting with the superintendents of all the schools and their operations managers who seemed to feel that the need for lighting of the fields superseded the public outcry over ambient light spillage. It was also mentioned that there should be research done whether there had been any agreements previously between the schools and the neighborhood residents regarding this issue. Regarding the safety/liability issue in skate parks, it was explained that after discussion with Risk Management it was found that most agencies operate these as unsupervised because of legal liabilities.

4. Jurisdictional comments about PC BOS District 1 projects:

Ms. Ainsley Reeder, Parks & Recreation Director of the Town of Oro Valley spoke about the projects proposed by Oro Valley. They established their projects in order of priorities from A downwards, not realizing that there could be several A priority projects. The Town's priority A project is the Kelly Ranch acquisition which is listed with Open Space. The next priority is the Naranja Town site Project which has been in the master planning stage for a over a year and a half with plenty of public input, 37 user groups and 20 public meetings held demonstrating that this is a true community project. Ms. Reeder explained the estimated costs of the project and how they were arrived at along with a concept plan for the park. The Town Council is still determining how the project will be financed and is looking into different options. The other projects proposed by the Town are the Hardy Road/Overton Road Property Acquisition, The Big Wash Linear Park and CDO Wash Linear Park, James Kreigh Park upgrades, the Overton Arts Center Improvements, the Rancho Vistoso Trailhead access acquisition and the West Lambert Lane Park improvements.

Mr. Fred Gray, City of Tucson Parks & Recreation Director: The City of Tucson does not have any projects specifically listed in District 1, but are interested the Rillito Projects and the eventual outcome. The city is also supportive of the trail connections. The city also has suggestions regarding the skate parks as the city is facing the same issues as the county.

5. Public comments about PC BOS District 1 projects

The following spoke in favor of the proposed Rillito soccer complex projects due to the vital need for this in Tucson and the increased benefits and revenue it could bring to the area:

Stephanie Maben, Executive Director of the Fort Lowell Shootout

Ebi Aldaghi, Tucson Soccer Academy and Foothills Futbol Club

Christopher Thomas, Member of the Board of Directors, Tucson Metro Soccer League and Adult Recreational Soccer League

Detlef Lange, Tucson Mountains Soccer Football Club and VP of the Pima County Junior Soccer League

Lisa Balcer, President, Arizona Rush Soccer Club

Alan Shimato, Tucson Concrete Skate park Alliance speaking in support of the proposed skate park projects

Bill Adamson, Tucson Pima Bicycle Committee offered to work with the committee to provide input on the bicycle lanes and trails in the county

Roy Schoonover speaking in support of the Rillito River Parks, also Julian Wash Linear Park

Larry Lattomus in support of the Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center (District 2) with the only therapeutic pool in the area

6. Other Business, Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

Mr. Howard would like to see more emphasis on 'other' funding and O&M impacts on all the projects. The Committee is still having trouble coming to terms with all the different aspects of the projects – community support, prioritization by different entities, etc. as to which direction to take. Mr. Davidson will provide them with all information as and when received. He also told the committee that he appreciated their attendance at all the meetings as this will help keep them informed of all the needs of all the districts which will be important when making final decisions.

- Thursday, May 3, 2007 at NRPR from 8am – presentation of projects within BOS District 3
- Thursday, May 31, 2007 at NRPR from 8am – presentation of projects within BOS District 4
- Thursday, June 7, 2007 at NRPR from 8am – presentation of projects within BOS District 5
- Thursday, June 14, 2007 – TBD
- Thursday, June 21, 2007 - TBD

Mr. Davidson suggested that the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Pima Trails Association should be invited to speak to the subcommittee

7. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 am.