

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

**Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation  
3500 W. River Road  
Thursday, June 21, 2007  
8:00 a.m.**

**SUMMARY OF MEETING**

The following is a summary of the June 21, 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  
Ted Prezelski

**County Staff: Technical Experts Present**

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

**Committee Members Absent**

Carolyn Campbell

**County Administration**

Nicole Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator

1. Meeting began at 8:06 a.m. with a quorum.
2. Ms. Hutts made a motion to approve, with corrections, the minutes of the last meeting held on June 14, 2007, seconded by Mr. Six. The motion was accepted.
3. Attached is a spreadsheet showing the preliminary prioritization for projects discussed.
4. Public comments about projects:  
Ms. Julie Parizek on behalf of City of Tucson, Parks and Recreation wanted to address the issue of the Parks Revitalization projects (#PR 256) and informed them that many of these projects are not routine maintenance issues, but would provide new ramadas, new walking paths, picnic amenities and would thus trigger ADA compliance which would be incorporated in the projects. Ms. Parizek also spoke of Mr. Gray's letter to the sub-committee which summarized the City's bond project submissions after the initial recommendations and

information that provided a snapshot of where the district stood in comparison with parks and recreational amenities, to other jurisdictions around the country.

Mr. Richard deBernardis spoke in favor of the velodrome project and informed the sub-committee that they have the Zuckerman Foundation's assurance that will commit \$200,000 annually for ten years. Pima County has committed to training costs of ranging between \$50,000 to \$75,000 and Premier Bicycle Association has committed to manage the velodrome without any expenses to the county and city. He pointed out that the velodrome will bring increased revenue, tourism, national and international recognition from the bicycling community which strongly supports this project and the only missing pieces are the City of Tucson land donation and Pima County's funding.

Mr. Don Melhado representing USA Cycling and the US Olympic Cycling team also spoke in support of the velodrome project and the commitment he has received from USA cycling to have the US Olympic team winter in Tucson. Also, his counterpart in Mexico is very keen on organizing an international event that would be held here. He mentioned that Arizona is #10 in licensed races, #4 as far as licensed riders per population and #2 in domestic pro residents in the state.

Mr. Larry Audsley spoke about the shooting range improvements. He feels that he is not seeing done what was promised in earlier bonds. Ms Fyffe explained that the 2004 bond issue is on schedule as it is a 12 year process, and Mr. Howard felt that there should be more accountability and credibility.

Mr. Mike Carter, Tucson Zoological Society provided an update on the funds being raised for the Zoo projects and appreciates the consideration being given to these projects.

Mr. Roy Schoonover on behalf of the bicycling community wanted to thank the sub-committee for their consideration of several river park and trails projects.

Mr. Merritt Howard of the Bicycle Advisory Committee and Santa Cruz Valley in the Green Valley-Sahuarita area speaking on behalf of trails, bicycle paths and parks and thanking the sub-committee for their attention to those projects

Ms. Elizabeth Webb, Vail Cienega Corridor, on behalf of Project PR 239 (Corona Foothills Middle School & Sycamore Elementary School Sports Fields Improvements) & PR 13 (Esmond Station Regional Park).

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5. Other Business, Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

Thursday, July 12, 2007 – Prioritization of Tier 1, 2, 3 & 4 projects

6. Meeting Adjourned at 11:35 a.m.