

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Section 7.6.2
Notice of Public Meeting of the
Parks and Recreation Sub-Committee of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee**

Pursuant to A.R.S. '38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Parks and Recreation Sub-Committee of the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee and to the general public that the Parks and Recreation Sub-Committee will hold a meeting open to the public on:

**Thursday, May 3, 2007
8:00AM
Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Building
3500 West River Road**

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Approval of previous minutes
3. Presentation of projects within PC BOS District 3
4. Jurisdictional comments about PC BOS District 3 projects
5. Public comments about PC BOS District 3 projects
6. Direction to staff
7. Other Business, Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates
8. Call to the Public
9. Adjournment

Questions? Please contact Lauren Harvey at 877-6201.

**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.

CIP Project List 4-24-07

(Please note this list is subject to change)

District	Priority	Ward	Dept	ProjID	Project	Bonds	Other	Total	Submitted By	A	B	C
2, 3	A		PR	95	Flowing Wells and Kino Swimming Pool Renovations	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	NRPR			
2, 4	A		PR	127	Julian Wash Linear Park Corridor Acquisitions	\$9,328,020		\$9,328,020	NRPR (land)			
2, 4	A		PR	128	Pantano River Park Corridor Acquisitions	\$4,300,000		\$4,300,000	NRPR (land)			
2	A	City-wide	PR	6	Reid Park Zoo Africa Expansion	\$3,750,000		\$3,750,000	City of Tucson			
2	A	Ward 4	PR	11	Clements Senior Center Expansion	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000	City of Tucson			
2	A	Ward 6	PR	20	Reid Park Improvements	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	City of Tucson			
2	A	Ward 5	PR	41	Cherry Avenue Center Expansion	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	City of Tucson			
2	A	Ward 5	PR	42	Quincie Douglas Center Expansion	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	City of Tucson			
2	A	Mayor	PR	47	Reid Park Soccer Field Replacement	\$750,000		\$750,000	City of Tucson			
2	A		PR	79	Southgate South 6th Avenue Park Development & Land Acquisition	\$12,300,000		\$12,300,000	NRPR			
2	A		PR	93	Yaqui Park Community Center	\$2,350,000		\$2,350,000	NRPR			
2	A		PR	123	El Paso and Southwestern Greenway Corridor Acquisitions	\$18,000,000		\$18,000,000	NRPR (land)			
2	A		PR	138	Benson Highway Park Development & Land Acquisition	\$5,326,000		\$5,326,000	NRPR (new park)			
2	A		PR	225	El Casino Park (South Tucson Request)	\$850,000		\$850,000	City of South Tucson			
2	A		PR	261	Yaqui Park and Bridge Development Project	\$1,600,000		\$1,600,000	NRPR			
2, 4	B		PR	143	Julian Wash Linear Park Infrastructure Improvements	\$5,000,000		\$5,000,000	NRPR (river park)			
2	B	Ward 5	PR	19	Freedom Center Expansion	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	City of Tucson			
2	B	Ward 4	PR	28	Lincoln Park Improvements	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	City of Tucson			
2	B	Ward 6	PR	30	Randolph Center Improvements	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	City of Tucson			
2	B		PR	111	Augie Acuna Los Ninos Neighborhood Park	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	NRPR (infil park)			
2	B		PR	148	El Paso and Southwestern Greenway	\$1,750,000		\$1,750,000	NRPR (river park)			
2	B		PR	191	Challenger Middle School	\$2,600,000		\$2,600,000	NRPR			
2	B		PR	192	Chaparral Middle School	\$1,450,000		\$1,450,000	NRPR			
2	B		PR	193	Lauffer Middle School	\$1,750,000		\$1,750,000	NRPR			
2	B		PR	195	Sierra Middle School	\$850,000		\$850,000	NRPR			
2	B		PR	199	Utterback Magnet School & Cavett Elementary School	\$1,600,000		\$1,600,000	NRPR			
2	B	Ward 6	PR	220	Adaptive Recreation Center Expansion	\$12,000,000		\$12,000,000	City of Tucson			
2	B		PR	226	JVYC/Ochoa Gym (South Tucson Request)	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	City of South Tucson			
2	B		PR	227	Mini-Park Shade Project (South Tucson Request)	\$250,000		\$250,000	City of South Tucson			
2	B		PR	248	Sahuarita Park	\$3,150,000		\$3,150,000	NRPR			
2,5	C		PR	231	Arizona Velodrome Center	\$5,000,000		\$5,000,000	NRPR			
2	C	Ward 5	PR	14	Silverlake Park Expansion	\$2,300,000		\$2,300,000	City of Tucson			
2	C	Ward 6	PR	31	Armory Center and Park Improvements	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	City of Tucson			
2	C	Ward 2	PR	50	Palo Verde Park Improvements	\$500,000		\$500,000	City of Tucson			
2	C	Ward 5	PR	53	Parkview Park Improvements	\$500,000		\$500,000	City of Tucson			
2	C		PR	108	Thomas Jay/Littleton	\$5,000,000		\$5,000,000	NRPR (infil park)			
2	C		PR	140	Ajo Detention Basin Park	\$2,200,000		\$2,200,000	NRPR (new park)			
2	C		PR	229	Kino Sports Complex Softball Field with Lighting	\$2,600,000		\$2,600,000	Cmnty Res			
2	D		PR	230	Kino Community Center Racquetball Court Addition	\$320,000		\$320,000	Cmnty Res			
2,4			PR	96	Model Airplane Parks	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	NRPR			
						\$128,374,020	\$0	\$128,374,020				

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3,4	A		PR	71	Urban Fringe Parks and Land Acquisition	\$75,323,900		\$75,323,900	NRPR			
3	A	Ward 3	PR	5	Jacobs Park Recreation Center	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	City of Tucson			
3	A		PR	73	Pima County Northwest Horse Racing Facility	\$26,000,000		\$26,000,000	NRPR			
3	A		PR	86	Lawrence Community Center and Swimming Pool	\$5,000,000		\$5,000,000	NRPR			
3	A		PR	109	Curtis Park Phase II	\$7,000,000		\$7,000,000	NRPR (infil park)			
3	A		PR	116	Lawrence Park Improvements	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	NRPR (infil park)			
3	A		PR	135	Pima County Northwest Horse Racing Facility - Land Acquisition	\$12,000,000		\$12,000,000	NRPR (land)			
3	A		PR	147	Rillito River Park - La Cholla to Oracle Road	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	NRPR (river park)			
3	A		PR	157	Sweetwater Preserve Trailhead	\$400,000		\$400,000	NRPR (trail)			
3	A		PR	210	Bureau of Reclamation Sports Park	\$17,500,000	\$17,500,000	\$35,000,000	Town of Marana			
3	A		PR	237	Flowing Wells District Park Expansion	\$1,200,000		\$1,200,000	NRPR			
3	B	Ward 3	PR	37	Amphi Middle School Community Park Development	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	City of Tucson			
3	B	Ward 3	PR	52	La Madera Park Improvements	\$500,000		\$500,000	City of Tucson			
3	B		PR	107	Picture Rocks Park Phase II	\$6,000,000		\$6,000,000	NRPR (infil park)			
3	B		PR	136	Ryan Field Regional Park	\$8,500,000		\$8,500,000	NRPR (new park)			
3	B		PR	149	Santa Cruz River Park	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	NRPR (river park)			
3	B		PR	163	Indian Kitchen Trails Park Trailhead	\$300,000		\$300,000	NRPR (trail)			
3	B		PR	182	Amphi High School Sports Fields Improvements	\$1,850,000		\$1,850,000	NRPR			
3	B		PR	183	Amphi Middle School Sports Fields Improvements	\$1,750,000		\$1,750,000	NRPR			
3	B		PR	188	Flowing Wells High School	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	NRPR			
3	B		PR	189	Flowing Wells Junior High	\$1,750,000		\$1,750,000	NRPR			
3	B		PR	197	Lawrence Intermediate School	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	NRPR			
3	B		PR	211	South Marana Multi-Generational Center	\$5,400,000	\$2,000,000	\$7,400,000	Town of Marana			
3	B		PR	228	Lawrence Hiaki Pathway (Pascua Yaqui Request)	\$500,000		\$500,000	Pascua Yaqui Tribe			
3	B		PR	262	Altar Valley Watershed Restoration Project	\$4,000,000	\$500,000	\$4,500,000	NRPR			
3	C	Ward 2	PR	51	McCormick Park Improvements	\$500,000		\$500,000	City of Tucson			
3	C		PR	74	Pima County/City of Tucson Roger Road Sports Complex	\$24,000,000		\$24,000,000	NRPR			
3	C		PR	115	Ted Walker Park Sporting Dog Training Site	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	NRPR (infil park)			
3	C		PR	141	Robles Community Park	\$1,800,000		\$1,800,000	NRPR (new park)			
3	C		PR	150	Saginaw Hill Trails Park Trailhead	\$400,000		\$400,000	NRPR (trail)			
3	C		PR	213	Marana Cultural and Heritage Park	\$10,000,000	\$3,500,000	\$13,500,000	Town of Marana			
3	C		PR	234	Arivaca Junction Land Acquisition	\$330,000		\$330,000	NRPR			
3	C		PR	263	Picture Rocks Park - BMX Track/Skate Park/Equestrian Staging	\$1,950,000		\$1,950,000	NRPR			
3	D		PR	97	Avra Valley Watchable Wildlife Site	\$750,000		\$750,000	NRPR			
						\$231,203,900	\$23,500,000	\$254,703,900				

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3, 4	A		PR	99	County Ranch Improvements	\$750,000		\$750,000	NRPR			
4	A		FC	5	Cienega Creek: Pantano Dam Ecosystem Restoration	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	RFCD			
4	A		FC	7	Canoa Ranch Ecosystem Restoration	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	RFCD			
4	A		FC	44	Reclaimed Water to Protect Cienega Creek	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	RFCD			
4	A		FC	46	Reclaimed Water for Canoa Ranch	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	RFCD			
4	A	Ward 2	PR	4	Udall Park Expansion	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	City of Tucson			
4	A		PR	80	Canoa Ranch Historic Interpretive Center	\$16,000,000	\$750,000	\$16,750,000	NRPR			
4	A		PR	100	A7 Ranch	\$425,000		\$425,000	NRPR			
4	A		PR	131	Southeast Regional Shooting Range Buffer Zone	\$5,700,000		\$5,700,000	NRPR (land)			
4	A		PR	137	BAJA Seniors Sports Complex	\$5,000,000		\$5,000,000	NRPR (new park)			
4	A		PR	158	Arizona Trail Development	\$350,000		\$350,000	NRPR (trail)			
4	A		PR	159	Northeast Side Trail Access Funding	\$350,000		\$350,000	NRPR (trail)			
4	A		PR	164	Arizona Trail – Davidson Canyon Trailhead	\$300,000		\$300,000	NRPR (trail)			
4	A		PR	181	Sahuarita Pool and Recreation Complex /YMCA	\$12,652,000	\$1,348,000	\$14,000,000	Sahuarita			
4	A		PR	238	Civano Future Proposed Middle Schools	\$2,350,000		\$2,350,000	NRPR			
4	A		PR	239	Fields Improvements	\$1,850,000		\$1,850,000	NRPR			
4	A		PR	240	Desert Sky Middle Sports Fields Improvements	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	NRPR			
4	A		PR	241	Empire High School - Community Pool and Civic Center	\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000	NRPR			
4	A		PR	242	Empire High School Sports Fields Improvements	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	NRPR			
4	A		PR	243	Vail Future Proposed Charter High School Relocation Project	\$3,850,000		\$3,850,000	NRPR			
4	A		PR	244	Kolb & I-10 Future Proposed Elementary School	\$3,850,000		\$3,850,000	NRPR			
4	A		PR	245	New High School at Southeast Regional Park	\$3,500,000		\$3,500,000	NRPR			
4	A		PR	246	Old Vail Middle School Sports Fields Improvements	\$1,600,000		\$1,600,000	NRPR			
4	A		PR	247	Rocking K Future Proposed Elementary School	\$3,850,000		\$3,850,000	NRPR			
1, 3, 4	B		PR	177	County Ranch & Farm Habitat Restoration	\$575,000		\$575,000	NRPR			
4	B	Ward 2	PR	16	Pantano Riverpark Development	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	City of Tucson			
4	B	Ward 4	PR	29	Purple Heart Park Expansion	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	City of Tucson			
4	B	Ward 2	PR	49	Jesse Owens Park Development	\$500,000		\$500,000	City of Tucson			
4	B		PR	85	Empirita Ranch Conservation Education Center	\$5,000,000		\$5,000,000	NRPR			
4	B		PR	118	Emily Gray Junior High School	\$1,450,000		\$1,450,000	NRPR (infil park)			
4	B		PR	221	Agua Caliente Elementary School	\$1,250,000		\$1,250,000	NRPR			
4	B		PR	222	Tanque Verde Elementary School	\$1,250,000		\$1,250,000	NRPR			
4	B		PR	223	Lew Sorensen Community Center	\$900,000		\$900,000	NRPR			
4	B		PR	236	TUSD New Property Development	\$4,500,000		\$4,500,000	NRPR			
4	C	Ward 4	PR	13	Southeast Regional Park (Esmond Station)	\$2,350,000		\$2,350,000	City of Tucson			
4	C		PR	155	Avenida de Suzenu Trailhead Improvements	\$150,000		\$150,000	NRPR (trail)			
4	C		PR	156	South Houghton Road Trailhead	\$500,000		\$500,000	NRPR (trail)			
4	C		PR	160	Old Spanish Trail Trailhead at Colossal Cave Mountain Park	\$350,000		\$350,000	NRPR (trail)			
4	D		PR	145	Pantano River Park - 22nd Street to Broadway Blvd.	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000	NRPR (river park)			
4	D		PR	146	Pantano River Park - 5th Street to Speedway Blvd.	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	NRPR (river park)			
4	D		PR	152	Arizona Trail – Sahuarita Road Trailhead	\$700,000		\$700,000	NRPR (trail)			
4	D		PR	154	Arizona Trail – Pistol Hill Road Trailhead	\$500,000		\$500,000	NRPR (trail)			
4			PR	91	Pima County Universal Access Park Development Program	\$3,500,000		\$3,500,000	NRPR			
4			PR	173	Southeast Regional Park - Regional Tournament Sports Facility	\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000	NRPR			
						\$133,852,000	\$2,098,000	\$135,950,000				

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3, 4, 5	A		PR	77	Shooting Sports Program Site Improvements	\$10,000,000		\$10,000,000	NRPR			
3, 5	A		PR	130	Santa Cruz River Park Corridor Acquisitions	\$1,200,000		\$1,200,000	NRPR (land)			
3,5	A		PR	90	Tucson Mountain Park Visitor Enhancements	\$3,500,000		\$3,500,000	NRPR			
5	A	Ward 5	PR	18	El Pueblo Center Improvements	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	City of Tucson			
5	A	Ward 1	PR	46	Kennedy Park Improvements and Expansion	\$800,000		\$800,000	City of Tucson			
5	A		PR	134	State Trust Land Parcel Adjacent to Manzanita Park	\$4,575,000		\$4,575,000	NRPR (land)			
5	A		PR	151	Robles Pass Trails Park Staging Area	\$750,000		\$750,000	NRPR (trail)			
5	A		PR	165	Tucson Mountain Park – King Canyon Trailhead	\$300,000		\$300,000	NRPR (trail)			
5	A		PR	224	Tucson Children's Museum	\$6,000,000	\$16,000,000	\$22,000,000	COT			
3, 5	B		PR	166	Manzanita Greenway Trail	\$250,000		\$250,000	NRPR (trail)			
5	B	Ward 1	PR	22	Ormsby Recreation Center Expansion	\$1,800,000		\$1,800,000	City of Tucson			
5	B	Ward 1	PR	44	Oury Recreation Center Improvements	\$900,000		\$900,000	City of Tucson			
5	B		PR	104	Ebonee Marie Moody Park (formerly Cardinal Park)	\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000	NRPR (infil park)			
5	B		PR	133	Ebonee Marie Moody Park Expansion Land Acquisition				NRPR (land)			
5	B		PR	161	Tucson Mtn. Park – Kennedy Park Trailhead and Equestrian Center	\$350,000		\$350,000	NRPR (trail)			
5	B		PR	190	Apollo Middle School	\$1,450,000		\$1,450,000	NRPR			
5	B		PR	194	Santa Clara Elementary School	\$150,000		\$150,000	NRPR			
5	B		PR	196	Hohokam Middle School	\$1,750,000		\$1,750,000	NRPR			
5	B		PR	198	Pister Middle School	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	NRPR			
5	B		PR	200	Valencia Middle School	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	NRPR			
5	B		PR	260	Manzanita District Park - BMX Track	\$400,000		\$400,000	NRPR			
5	C	Ward 3	PR	17	Northwest Recreation Center Expansion	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	City of Tucson			
5	C	Ward 6	PR	48	Himmel Park Improvements	\$600,000		\$600,000	City of Tucson			
5	C		PR	117	Mission Ridge Neighborhood Park	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000	NRPR (infil park)			
5	C		PR	139	Hohokam Middle School Community Park	\$2,800,000		\$2,800,000	NRPR (new park)			
5	C	Ward 1	PR	201	Oury Pool Renovations	\$620,000		\$620,000	City of Tucson			
5	C	Ward 1	PR	208	San Juan Park Improvements	\$500,000		\$500,000	City of Tucson			
						\$54,695,000	\$16,000,000	\$70,695,000				



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 3, 2007

To: Chair and Members
Parks Sub-Committee - 2008 Bond Program

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: Four 2008 Bond Project Proposals Associated with the Future of the Rillito Racetrack and Regional Park

Background

It is my understanding that you have four 2008 bond project proposals to consider regarding the future of the Rillito Racetrack and Regional Park. These are listed below and the project descriptions are attached.

Pima County NW Horse Racing Facility - Development and Construction	\$26 million
Pima County NW Horse Racing Facility - Land Acquisition	\$12 million
Rillito Racetrack Conversion to 18 Field Soccer Tournament Site	\$12 million
Rillito Racetrack Upgrade	\$10.8 million

The first three proposals were provided to you in direct response to unanimous recommendations made by the 14-member Rillito Regional Park Advisory Committee, which were presented and accepted by the Board of Supervisors on August 1, 2006. The Advisory Committee was formed by the Board to make recommendations regarding the future use of the Rillito Racetrack site. They met several times from December 6, 2005 through June 29, 2006. Their recommendations are attached. Recommendations 6 and 11 called for development of horse racing facilities at a Marana site through a 2008 bond project, and conversion of the Rillito Racetrack to an 18 soccer field facility through a 2008 bond project.

The fourth 2008 bond project before you, Rillito Racetrack Upgrade, is contrary to the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee. In recommendation number 4, the Committee stated that any improvements to the horse racing facilities at Rillito are the responsibility of the lessee. This fourth bond project has been proposed by the lessee not the County or myself. Because this proposal conflicts with the Advisory Committee Recommendation I will not support it, however the lessee is free to submit any proposal they desire for your consideration.

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Recommendation

The Rillito Regional Park Advisory Committee worked diligently to produce a unanimous set of recommendations regarding the future use of the Rillito facility. The Committee included representation from the horse racing, equestrian, and field sport interest groups. My recommendation is that you strongly consider the recommendation of this Advisory Committee when evaluating the four proposed 2008 bond projects. Thank you for your continued service to Pima County regarding this future bond election.

CHH/dr

Attachments

c: The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Chair and Members, Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Rafael Payan, Director, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation
Tom Moulton, Director, Economic Development and Tourism
Nicole Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator



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Report

The Rillito Regional Park Advisory Committee was formed by the Pima County Board of Supervisors on September 6, 2005 to study all aspects of, and any alternatives for, the long-term public use of Rillito, and make recommendations on same to the Pima County Board of Supervisors. The Advisory Committee, made up of 14 members representing horse racing, equestrian and field sport interest groups, has met monthly since November 2005. Meeting agendas were established to allow the Committee to gather information on all potential uses at Rillito and their impact to the community. The following is a list of presentations made to the Committee:

Dec. 6, 2005	History of site, historic designation, facility issues
Jan. 12, 2006	Racing and non-racing equestrian sports
Feb. 9, 2006	Soccer and field sports including tournament opportunities, economics, and field demand
Mar. 9, 2006	Special events, softball and other field sports
Apr. 25, 2006	Town of Marana's proposal for horse racing at Marana
May 18, 2006	Committee discusses Town of Marana proposal
June 29, 2006	Review Committee's DRAFT recommendation

The presentations highlighted the overwhelming need for additional facilities for all sports and recreational users in Pima County. They also highlighted the economic benefit of horse racing and the potential to attract additional millions of dollars in tourism revenue by establishing sports tournament facilities. Therefore, despite the charge to provide recommendations solely for the use of the Rillito Regional Park, the Committee feels compelled to expand their effort inasmuch as their recommendations for this facility may have a broader impact on the entire sports community. The following findings and recommendations reflect the committee's compelling interest in both the Rillito facility and the need for sports facilities County-wide.

Findings

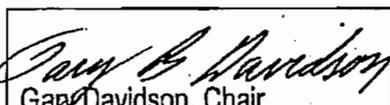
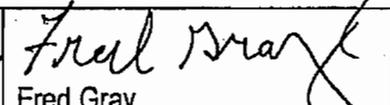
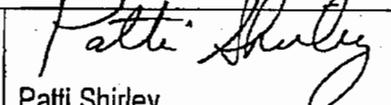
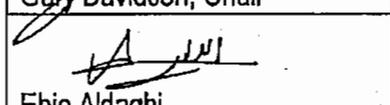
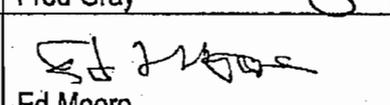
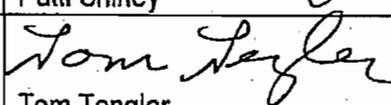
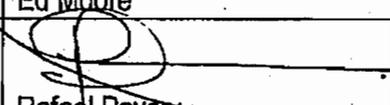
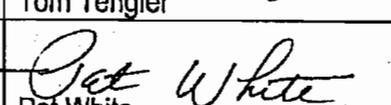
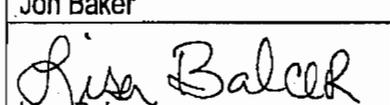
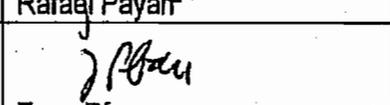
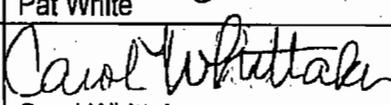
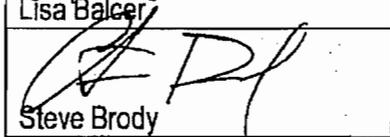
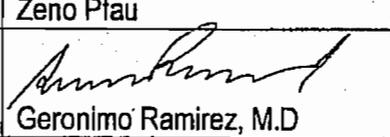
The residents of Pima County have diverse interests in a variety of sports, recreational and outdoor activities. It is the desire of this Committee to maintain that diversity. No sport should be eliminated for the benefit of another. The Committee recognizes the evolving interests of the community and that facility recommendations need to address current as well as future needs. The Committee unanimously agrees that horse racing should remain in Pima County. It is also understood that while horse racing is a

2. In developing tournament sites, local players and their need for conveniently accessible practice fields, should be a very important consideration;
3. Pima County should identify funds and pursue property acquisition and additional concept development to establish these facilities. The 120 acres of City and County owned land in the vicinity of the Roger Road facility should be specifically considered if the present wastewater treatment facility is either relocated or reduced in size; and;
4. Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation staff should study the possibility of forming a Sports Authority.

Although we understand that the Rillito Regional Park Advisory Committee's purpose is fulfilled with the submittal of these recommendations, and that the Committee is disbanded unless otherwise directed by the Board of Supervisors, the individual members that make up the Committee are dedicated to the successful implementation of these recommendations. Therefore, we, as individual members of the community, vow to work with other interested parties to establish a coalition to support the development of additional sports facilities in Pima County, which includes horse racing, and will advocate for additional funding for those facilities.

It has been our pleasure to serve in this capacity and we are honored at the opportunity to make a difference in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

 Gary Davidson, Chair	 Fred Gray	 Patti Shirley
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Department: Natural Resources Parks and Recreation

Date: September 1, 2006

2008 Bond Election Proposed Projects- District 3

Priority: A

Project Name: Pima County Northwest Horse Racing Facility

Location: North side of W. Avra Valley Road, just east of Sandario Road, the CAP Canal and the Avra Valley Airport.

Scope: This project proposes the development of a one mile horse racing track, clubhouse, grandstand facility and support amenities.

Benefits: The development of this facility will greatly increase regional interest in horse racing with Pima County while providing for enhanced economic growth and meeting the needs of an expanding community.

Costs: \$26,000,000

Bond Funding: \$26,000,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date:

Project Management Jurisdiction: Pima County Natural Resources Parks & Recreation

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs:

Regional Benefits: The development of this facility may greatly increase regional in horse racing with Pima County by providing an enhanced venue for this sport while providing for economic growth and meeting the needs of an expanding community.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 3

For Internal Use only:

Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:

Department: Natural Resources Parks and Recreation
Date: September 1, 2006

2008 Bond Election Proposed Projects-Land Acquisitions - District 3

Priority: A

Project Name: Pima County Northwest Horse Racing Facility – Land Acquisition

Location: North side of W. Avra Valley Road, just east of Sandario Road, the CAP Canal and the Avra Valley Airport.

Scope: This project proposes the purchase of approximately 150 acres of Arizona State Land estimated at a per acre cost of \$80,000. Case will be subject to zoning.

Benefits: The property acquisition will provide the site for the development of a regional horse racing facility that will replace the Rillito Race Track. Recently, the Pima County Board of Supervisors ratified the Rillito Regional Park Advisory Committee's recommendation to relocate the Rillito Race Track to this site. The development of this facility may greatly increase regional interest in horse racing within Pima County while providing for economic growth and meeting the needs of an expanding community.

Costs: \$12,000,000

Bond Funding: \$12,000,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date:

Project Management Jurisdiction: Pima County Natural Resources Parks & Recreation

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs:

Regional Benefits: The development of this facility may greatly increase regional in horse racing with Pima County by providing an enhanced venue for this sport while providing for economic growth and meeting the needs of an expanding community.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 3

For Internal Use only:

Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:

Department: Natural Resources Parks and Recreation

Date: September 1, 2006

2008 Bond Election Proposed Projects-District 1

Priority: A

Project Name: Rillito Race Track - Conversion

Location: 4502 N 1st Ave, Tucson

Scope: Phase III: Removal of existing horse racetrack, associated buildings and stable areas and convert site into a soccer field tournament complex. Scope of project may include ten additional senior soccer fields, sports lighting for twelve soccer fields, a maintenance compound and service loop, restrooms, new site trails and connections to river park, upgrades to electrical system to meet TEP requirements, historic site interpretive signs, and parking.

Benefits: This project will bring the field total onsite to 18 lighted soccer fields, and allow for the site to be our first regional soccer tournament site. Rillito Park's proximity to hotels, restaurants, major circulation roadways, and the nearby satellite bus station make this park a unique opportunity for tournament play. A secondary benefit is the ability to convert Mehl Foothills Park to a softball/baseball focus center by relocating its soccer fields to Rillito.

Costs: \$12,000,000

Bond Funding: \$12,000,000

Other Funding: None identified at this time.

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date:

Project Management Jurisdiction: Pima County Natural Resources Parks & Recreation

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs:

Regional Benefits: This site may become one of Arizona's premier soccer tournament sites with tremendous potential to generate and improve substantial funds into the region.

Supervisor District of Project Location: 1, 3, 5

For Internal Use only:

Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure:

Economic Development and Tourism Department

Date: August 2006

2008 Bond Election Proposed Projects Template

Priority: (A)

Project Name: Rillito Racetrack – (Upgrade)

Location: *4502 North First Avenue, Tucson*

Scope:

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| • Replacing/Upgrading Racetrack Club House/Grandstands and track | \$10,000,000 |
| • Repave and strip parking lot and main driveways | \$500,000 |
| • Lighting the parking lot and appropriate driveways | \$300,000 |

Benefits:

Establish the site as a viable modern sports and special events facility for year-round use. Increase number of parking spaces including designated drop off/pickup zones and handicap spots. This process will organize traffic flow and help the lots become; safe for cars and pedestrians attending events at the facility.

Costs: \$10,800,000

Bond Funding: \$10,800,000

Other Funding: "None identified at this time"

Fiscal Year Project Start and Finish Date: 2008

Project Management Jurisdiction: ED&T

Future Operating and Maintenance Costs: *O & M will be covered by site.*

Regional Benefits: *Would retain quarter horse and regular horse racing at Rillito Racetrack thereby keeping a regional tourist attraction in Tucson and maintaining historic uses.*

Supervisor District of Project Location: *Supervisor Ann Day, District 1*

Specific County Administrator Contemporary Issue being addressed with expenditure: