

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC HEALTH, LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES
BOND SUB-COMMITTEE**

March 6, 2007
10:30a.m.-12:20 p.m.

Theresa Lee Clinic
332 S. Freeway
Tucson, Arizona

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Backus, Chair, Terri Hutts, Wade McLean, Patty Richardson, Ted Prezelski, Tom Six

ABSENT: Carolyn Campbell

GUESTS: Dennis Douglas, Health Dept., Gary Campbell, PC Fac. Mgmt, Karen Fields-Pima Health Systems, Pat Corella, Deputy Director Pima County Public Library, Nancy Ledeboer, Director, Pima County Public Library, Evelyn Thorpe, Economic Dev Jerry Farnsworth, DOD, Marana Health Center, Rebecca Manoleas, Vail School Dist., David Bailey, Sahuarita Friends of the Library, T.Vanhook, Director of Community Development, Town of Marana, Hank Atha, Deputy County Administrator, Fred Miller, Chief Med Director for Pima County, P Wilson, Posada del Sol, Mona Berkowitz, Pima Health Systems, Marie Nemerguth, City of Tucson, City Manger's Office, Diane Miller, Pima Community College, West Campus, Kerry Reeve, Pima County Emergency Management, Kim Janes, Pima Animal Care Center, Richard C. May, Pima County STD Program Coord, Patti Woodcock, Pima County Health Dept, Susan Eisen, PCHD, Michelle McDonald, MD, PCHD, Roy Flores, PCC, Lou Albert, PCC, Robert Knight, Tucson Museum of Art, Carol Bleck, Tucson Museum of Art,

- I. Welcome and Call to order
Chair, Peter Backus, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Review General Criteria
Staff presented note sheets with both the general & specific criteria for evaluating projects.

III. Public Health Facilities Presentations:

Pima Community College Health Education Campus by Roy Flores, Chancellor of PCC – West Campus.

- Arizona is fastest growing in Nation; we are experiencing shortage of healthcare workers, particularly acute for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. The College will increase enrollment by 20-25% in health professions. PCC's buildings used for nursing programs are functioning at maximum capacity. No further expansion is possible at present facilities. There is a 2 year waiting list for Nursing programs
- Project will expand the College's capacity to provide continuing education. Only available to residents.
- Partnerships with employers-the Health Care industries. Clinical affiliations with 250 different entities including all hospitals, clinics, laboratories, physicians.
- Proposed location in Kino Complex, a central location will improve geographic access to college health care education programs.
- Project construction alone \$35,000,000 for 120,000 sq ft. College will provide equipment, operating and maintenance cost. The College has \$1,000,000 gift money and \$2,800,000 Title V grant money for equipment. Projected annual M & O is approximately \$792,000 annually and operational costs for all programs are estimated at \$5,500,000 annually.
- Project is located in area of medium-low stress but is surrounded by medium and medium-high stress neighborhoods.

Theresa Lee Clinic Relocation presented by Dennis Douglas, Director, Pima County Health Dept.

- Provides critical medical services to the community's most vulnerable population. If not treated, the diseases addressed by Theresa Lee based programs will have life threatening results. No one is ever turned away due to inability to pay for services.
- HIV/STD Theresa Lee based programs are mandated by State law. Pima County is required to provide these services. Also houses the Well Woman HealthCheck. The programs at this facility provide exams, lab, medical care and counseling and public education to low income and under-served people. Off site issues are the LifePoint Program the only needle exchange program in Arizona.
- Present facility is too small and outdated. Was Juvenile Detention Center from 1956-1967. Need to update patient rooms, lab processing, medication room, storage, heating AC and lighting. Office spaces and exam rooms are not HIPAA compliant.
- These programs have extensive collaboration with other agencies providing similar client care. At least 12 partners play a prominent role

in these collaborations. The HIV program sees 6,000 clients annually at the present facility. STD program also sees 6,000 annually. Well Woman HealthCheck sees over 1,100 annually.

- There is no other sufficient funding to construct a new building capable of supporting these critical programs and their clients. \$3,000,000 from the 2004 Bond Election is available to relocate the existing facility. Cost to build is \$7,690,000, Bond funding is \$5,950,000. M & O is \$137,500 annually.
- There is County owned land at the Kino Complex to host this facility. This area is high stress.

Tuberculosis Clinic Relocation presented by Dennis Douglas, Director, Pima County Health Dept.

- Number of tuberculosis cases in Pima County is growing. In 2005 the TB Clinic treated 33 active cases. In 2006 37 active cases were treated and 128 latent TB infections were identified. Almost 12,000 TB skin tests were given resulting in 216 positive tests. TB is an important issue in our community. It is an extremely drug resistant disease.
- TB identification, counseling, treatment and public education should be a public priority due to its threat to public health and safety. This is a State mandated service. The present facility is too small to provide medically sound service. It is outdated and unsafe.
- Pima County TB Clinic collaborates with 50 partners. These include hospitals, community clinics, and behavioral health agencies, non-profit, shelters, the University of Arizona and agencies in Mexico.
- There is no other funding available sufficient to construct a new facility big enough to support this critical program and its services. There is a CDC annual grant and County subsidy.
- There is County owned land at the Kino Medical Campus and could host this facility there. It is in a high stress area. Construction cost is \$4,342,000 for 14,473 sq ft. Bond funding requested is \$4,342,000. M & O is \$80,000 annually.

Pima County Animal Care Center (PACC) Improvements presented by Kim Janes

- The influx of people to the Tucson area brings an increase in the animal population as well. The current facility is no longer adequate to provide the animal care services demanded by residents and to provide appropriate care for animals at the shelter for the duration of their stay.
- The public expects animals to be adequately cared for while they are in the shelter. The existing facility, built in 1968, is outdated to the extent that appropriate care, treatment and protection from disease are always a challenge to our staff. The current facility does not meet operational, clinical, or structural standards. The current clinical structure is a recycled modular home, difficult to keep sanitized

- The present facility, even with the planned build-out, lacks sufficient space to adequately handle the increasing number of animals encountered. Of critical importance, healthy animals can not be separated from diseased animals to help curb the spread of infectious disease among the animals. Because of this, if the project is not approved, the number of animals housed will be limited, fewer animals will be adopted and more animals will be euthanized. There is extensive collaboration with humane and rescue groups, area veterinarians, spay/neuter clinics, the University of Arizona and the Arizona Department of Health Services.
- There are no other sources of funding for this project. Adding a new facility would require an initial increase of 20% from \$5 million to \$6 million in O & M cost.
- This is a State mandated service.
- The new Animal Care facility may be built on current County properties. The Bond funding required is \$18,200,000. \$1,000,000 for land for Satellite Facilities, \$12,700,000 for the Facility on Silver bell and \$4,500,000 for Satellite Facilities. The projected annual operating budget is \$5,254,200
- This facility would serve all of Pima County.

Pima County Nursing Home presented by Karen Field, Pima County Health Systems

- Construct a new Skilled Nursing Facility for Pima County to replace the old Posada del Sol Facility. It would be located on County land adjacent to the Kino Hospital on the Kino Healthcare Campus. Approximate size would be 180,000 GSF and house 200 skilled nursing beds.
- Posada is classed as a “highly skilled nursing facility” and accommodates all nursing home needs of the County that are not accommodated by the private sector contract nursing facilities. Posada is the only ventilator dependent unit in So. Arizona. It also provides other specialized services in addition to standard nursing home beds such as:
 - Secured Behavioral Unit
 - Bariatric (Severely Obese) Unit
 - Ventilator Dependent Unit
 - Huntington’s (neurological Disorders) Unit.
 - Behavioral Health Care (Sole Service Provider in Pima County)
 - Traumatic Brain and Spinal Injury
 - Physical and Occupational Therapy
 - Sub-Acute Care
 - Substance Abuse
- La Posada is the “nursing home of last resort” for clients with severe medical problems throughout Southern Arizona.

- The existing La Posada facility is in an increasing state of disrepair and must be replaced. The costs to renovate the facility to current building standards would be substantial. Posada is cited yearly by ADHS due to environmental standards related to age of building: Foundation Shifting, Plumbing, Asbestos, A/C and Heating, Roof damage and Mold. Repairs needed to maintain certification have increased substantially.
- Only County owned nursing home in the State of Arizona. Partners with Pima Health Systems. Residents include children, teens, adults and the elderly.
- Cost to build new facility is \$65,780,000
- Federal funding from State Medicaid and Medicare Programs available.

Pima County Multi-Agency Emergency Operations Center presented by Kerry Reeve, Pima County Emergency Management.

- The impact of any disaster could be catastrophic. An updated, enlarged emergency operations center serving every response agency in Pima County, including fire and federal, state and local law enforcement, will be critical to the community in emergencies ranging from wildfires and floods to a terrorist attack.
- This is a matter of public safety and well being. A state-of-the-art facility will enable better management of emergencies and will result in a decrease in loss of lives and property. The current emergency operations center is in the basement of the County Administration Building and is too small to adequately plan, train and exercise all components of comprehensive emergency management and response to actual emergencies. In addition to being too small the current center lacks adequate technical equipment to receive information and intelligence needed for response activities.
- Coordination with agencies such as fire, police, state and federal entities, community based service groups and ham radio operators, utilities, transportation and public.
- Other funding may be available, contingent on distribution of AZ Homeland Security funds by the State of Arizona.
- The National Preparedness Goal requires the County to maintain an operational EOC. The current facility does not comply with the Target Capabilities List.
- Under the Urban Area Security Initiative Pima County is listed in the top 45 urban areas at-risk for terrorist attacks and natural disasters.
- Federal, state and local statutes require that an adequate facility be available.
- The project will have positive impact on other initiatives associated with the health and well being of our community. Without it, Pima County could experience an event similar to Hurricane Katrina involving Incident Management.
- Can be constructed on County owned property. In a medium to high stress area. There is previous bond package for EOC. Cost for building is

\$4,000,000 for a 10,000 sq ft facility, equipment is \$2,000,000. Projected maintenance cost is \$200,000 per year out of operational budget.

IV. Future Agenda Items:

Marana Health Center will be presented along with Leased Projects at Main Library, 4th Floor.

V. Next Meeting(s)

April 3, 2007
Main Library Board Room,
101 N. Stone Ave
4th Floor

April 10 Library

May 1 Community Facilities

May 8 Community Facilities-Wrap up presentations and begin review

June 5 Pending

Additional meetings will added if needed.

VI. CALL TO AUDIENCE

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m...

Respectfully Submitted

Laura Galvez
Secretary