

Pima County Bond Advisory Committee  
Meeting

Murphy-Wilmot Public Library  
530 North Wilmot Road  
Tucson, Arizona

March 29, 2013  
8:00 a.m.

SUMMARY OF MEETING

Committee Members Present

Larry Hecker, Chair  
Joe Boogaart  
Carolyn Campbell, Vice Chair  
Donald Chatfield  
Gary Davidson  
Tom Dunn  
Brian Flagg  
Jesus Gomez  
Kelly Gottschalk  
David Lyons  
A.C. Marriotti  
Wade McLean  
Ted Prezelski  
Patty Richardson  
Dan Sullivan  
Tom Warne  
Greg Wexler

Committee Members Absent

Pete Delgado  
Rene Gastelum  
Terri Hutts  
Mike Lund  
Susan Romero  
Chris Sheafe  
John Sundt

MOTIONS

**MOTION:** Joe Boogaart moved, seconded by Greg Wexler, to approve the February 15, 2013 meeting summary. Motion approved 17-0.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Campbell moved, seconded by Don Chatfield, to accept the end of year bond update reports. Motion approved 17-0.

**MOTION:** Dan Sullivan moved, seconded by Tom Warne, to support the proposed ordinance amendments to the 1997 General Obligation and Sewer Revenue Bond Ordinance. Motion approved 16-0, with one abstention.

**MOTION:** A.C. Marriotti moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to support the proposed ordinance amendments to the 1997 HURF Transportation Bond Ordinance, but ensure that the projects reflect all other funding sources, including other jurisdictions. Motion approved 16-0, with one abstention.

**MOTION:** Don Chatfield moved, seconded by A.C. Marriotti, to support the proposed ordinance amendments to the 2004 General Obligation Bond Ordinance. Motion approved 17-0.

**MOTION:** Tom Warne moved, seconded by Dan Sullivan, to support the proposed ordinance amendments to the 2006 General Obligation Bond Ordinance. Motion approved 17-0.

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 8:02 a.m. with a quorum.

2. Approval of the February 15, 2013 Meeting Summary

**MOTION:** Joe Boogaart moved, seconded by Greg Wexler, to approve the February 15, 2013 meeting summary. Motion approved 17-0.

County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry provided a brief overview of the Wilmot Library 2004 bond funded renovation and expansion. More details are attached to this meeting summary.

3. Semi Annual Bond Update Report for 1997, 2004 and 2006 Bond Programs

Per the County's Truth in Bonding Code, materials were provided to the Committee providing the status of the 1997, 2004 and 2006 bond programs. These materials and additional details are also available via the County's web site. Mary Tyson, Pima County Finance, provided an overview at the meeting.

Ted Prezelski asked whether the County has oversight of the RTA projects. Ms. Tyson responded that the County only manages the County-managed RTA projects. Gary Davidson asked what interest rates the County was currently paying on bonds. Mr. Huckelberry responded by stating about 3 percent.

Reid Spaulding, Pima County Facilities Management Director, showed photographs of several completed and ongoing bond projects.

Mr. Spaulding clarified that the Downtown Court Complex is scheduled to be constructed by July 2013. Vice-Chair Carolyn Campbell asked whether the building would achieve LEED silver certification. Mr. Spaulding explained that because the building being constructed in phases, different than originally planned, it would be costly to seek LEED certification on each phase. Instead

he intends to complete construction and then seek LEED certification as an existing building.

Supervisor Ally Miller's attendance was acknowledged by Chairman Larry Hecker.

Written reports were submitted by the following jurisdictions: City of Tucson, City of South Tucson, Town of Marana, Town of Oro Valley, and Town of Sahuarita.

T. Van Hook was present from Marana but the Committee had no questions.

Kevin Burke, Assistant to the Town Manager, was present from Oro Valley but the Committee had no questions.

Fred Gray was present from City of Tucson Parks and Recreation, but the Committee had no questions.

Committee member A.C. Marriotti was present from the Town of Sahuarita, but the Committee had no questions.

**MOTION: Vice-Chair Campbell moved, seconded by Don Chatfield, to accept the end of year bond update reports. Motion approved 17-0.**

4. Amendments to the 1997, 2004 and 2006 Bond Ordinances

Per the County's Truth in Bonding Code, the Committee received a staff report describing when bond ordinance amendments are necessary, the public review process associated with amending the ordinances, and each of the projects that would be impacted by this round of bond ordinance amendments. Nicole Fyffe provided a brief verbal summary of the projects that would be impacted by the proposed bond ordinance amendments, including those that had received or would receive the required actions by the Conservation Acquisition Commission and City of Tucson's Mayor and Council.

Mr. Boogaart asked if bond ordinance amendments were necessary if bond funds were transferred between projects. Ms. Fyffe responded yes. Mr. Boogaart also asked about the public art components of projects. Ms. Fyffe responded that it is standard county policy to allocate 1 percent of project costs to a public art.

**MOTION: Dan Sullivan moved, seconded by Tom Warne, to support the proposed ordinance amendments to the 1997 General Obligation and Sewer Revenue Bond Ordinance. Motion approved 16-0, with one abstention.**

Priscilla Cornelio, Pima County Transportation Director, provided a status update on the 1997 HURF transportation program and summarized the bond ordinance amendments to the transportation program.

In response to a question from Mr. Davidson, Ms. Cornelio described the types of improvements funded by the DOT-57 Safety program. Mr. Huckelberry brought attention to the map in front of committee members that showed the status of DOT-57 projects and how they occurred all over the county. It was clarified that these monies typically do not fund neighborhood road speedhumps.

In response to a question from Mr. Chatfield, Ms. Cornelio explained the status of DOT-44 Orange Grove from La Cholla to Oracle.

Tom Warne asked if there was an effort to raise the gas tax because of increased fuel efficiencies. Mr. Huckelberry replied probably not and noted that the gas tax hasn't been raised in 22 years, and that the state legislature has swept \$37 million in County HURF since 2002.

Kelly Gottschalk asked what percentage of County HURF was currently being allocated to debt service payments. Mr. Huckelberry responded by stating that about 35 percent was being spent on debt service.

The amendment to DOT-29 would have removed non-county funding sources such as RTA and City of Tucson funding since DOT-29 is a City managed RTA project and the funds don't flow through the County. However A.C. Marriotti asked that these non-county funding sources and amounts still be reflected in the bond ordinance.

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It was clarified that the City of Tucson is no longer part of the new Downtown Courts Complex project.

Joe Boogaart asked, with regard to the PCWINN project, which agencies are now no longer participating and which have been added. Mr. Huckelberry stated that staff could provide a memorandum with those details.

Dan Sullivan asked how much the City was intending to spend to renovate their existing municipal court facility. Kelly Gottschalk responded - \$3.5 million.

Vice-Chair Campbell asked about the status of the Arroyo Chico project. Jane Duarte, City Parks and Recreation, responded that it should be complete by September 2013.

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8. Next Meeting and Future Agenda Items

The Committee decided to change the next meeting date to Thursday, May 30. Vice-Chair Campbell requested that the performance audit be moved to the end of the agenda.

9. Call to the Audience

Michael McDonald, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity, updated the Committee on a recent housing project that involved \$1.1 million of 2004 county bond funds, leveraged \$45 million in other funding, and created an estimated 525 construction jobs. Mr. McDonald also spoke in support of maintaining the \$30 million allocation for affordable housing in the next bond election.

Beryl Baker and Richard Baisy spoke about the future bond project involving improvements to Sentinel Peak (A Mountain). They have been advocating for the City to keep the driving overlook. The City Council adopted a master plan that kept the driving overlook, but City staff has not updated the master plan to conform with the City Council's action. Mr. Baisy also spoke about noise abatement around Davis-Monthan Air Force Based and asked whether plans had been considered that moved the run way to the southeast and shortened it, thus reducing the noise impacts on residences.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.