

**MINUTES
FACILITIES & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES COMMUNITY BOND COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2011

6:00 PM

**CLIFF MORTON DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER
1901 SOUTH ALAMO**

Committee Members Present:	Carlos Hernandez, Marisol Perez, Tom Heger, Jackie Gorman Johnson, James Howard, Megan Partain, Gerrit Dinkla, Joe Garcia, Toni Moorhouse, Christine Drennen, Marshall Lasswell, Rod Bunsen, Eric Cooper, Oscar Ramirez, Patti Radle, Al Rodriguez, Chris Martinez, Lora Eckler, Ed Garza, Fred Rangel, Grace Rose Padron, John Hill, John Yoggerst, Chuck Saxer, Preston Woolfolk, Jack Judson, Matthew Polanco, Mike Gallagher, Eddie Aldrete, Co-Chair; and Willie Mitchell, Co-Chair
Committee Members Absent:	Bob Shearer, Gogi Dickson
Staff Present:	Sheryl Sculley, <i>City Manager</i> ; Peter Zanoni, <i>Assistant City Manager</i> ; Michael Bernard, <i>City Attorney</i> ; Mike Frisbie, <i>CIMS Director</i> ; Leticia Saenz, <i>Office of the City Clerk</i>

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Eddie Aldrete and Mr. Willie Mitchell, Co-Chairs, called the meeting to order.

I. Opening Comments and Meeting Procedures by Committee Chairs

Opening comments by Co-Chairs Mr. Aldrete and Mr. Mitchell included Committee Members introducing themselves.

II. Community Committee Roles and Responsibilities and Status Update of City's 2007 Bond Program

City Manager Sheryl Sculley highlighted the Roles and Responsibilities of the Committee Members and provided a status on the City's 2007 Bond Program. It was noted that the 2012 Bond Program continued to focus on improving infrastructure needs. Ms. Sculley detailed funding allocations for each of the four infrastructure categories that totaled \$596 million.

III. Open Meeting, City Ethics, and Lobbying Activity

City Attorney Michael Bernard provided the Committee Members with a brief overview of local and state regulations regarding Open Meetings, Ethical Conduct, and Lobbying Activity. He cautioned Committee Members on the use of e-mail.

IV. Staff Professional Recommendation of Facilities & Community Initiative Projects

Mr. Mike Frisbie, CIMS Director, referenced the guiding principles for project selection and highlighted transportation improvements to be made. He provided a general overview of the recommended projects, scope of work, and funding allocations. He noted that a total of 30 projects were identified for inclusion in the 2012 Bond Program that totaled \$ 61 million.

V. Bond Committee Discussion and Analysis

Chairman Aldrete asked when documents provided to Committee Members would be available to the public. Mr. Frisbie stated that documents would be available on Friday.

Al Rodriguez asked of Guiding Principles. Mr. Frisbie noted that Guiding Principles were denoted on Slide 4 of the PowerPoint and were used to select Projects.

John Yoggerst asked of Rough Proportionality and how the concept was used to select Projects. Mr. Frisbie stated that intent was to spread Bond Projects relative equally throughout the City.

Jackie Gorman Johnson requested that Committee Members be provided dates when libraries were built. Mr. Frisbie stated that said would be provided.

James Howard requested that Committee Members be provided with the latest Facilities Assessment.

Toni Moorhouse spoke to the ability of older Fire Stations to house new fire equipment. Mr. Frisbie stated that the facilities denoted in the 2012 Bond Program were the most critical. Chief Hood added that the Fire Department had made strategic deployment changes in order to ensure that needed fire equipment was available and that fire personnel could respond to emergency calls efficiently.

John Yoggerst asked Chief Hood to provide Committee Members data regarding the size of Fire Stations.

Chairman Aldrete explained Rough Proportionality for Committee Members and noted that said concept pertained to all projects recommended in the 2012 Bond Program.

Lora Eckler asked of the proposed library in District 9 and voiced her concern with its proximity to the newly built Parman Library. Mr. Frisbie stated that a location had not been identified but would be built based on growth pattern.

Fred Rangel asked of infrastructure needs for Police Department and maintenance budget for Libraries. Mr. Frisbie stated that the Police Department did have needs; however, their needs were not as critical. In regard to funds for maintaining Libraries, it was noted that the Library had limited funds to service all libraries. As such, improvements were being included in the 2012 Bond Program.

John Yoggerst asked of site work to be performed at Libraries. Mr. Frisbie noted that due to the age of the facilities, infrastructure needs required replacement and/or repair.

Preston Woolfolk asked for City staff to provide maps denoting the location of each recommended Project identified in the 2012 Bond Program.

Al Rodriguez asked how denoted funds would be utilized. Mr. Frisbie stated that identified funding allocation was for the purchase of the land and for building the facility. At a later time, the City would be responsible for purchasing materials and equipment.

Jackie Gorman Johnson asked for detailed information regarding the \$10 million funding allocation for the District 10 Senior Center. Mr. Frisbie explained that said funds would be used to build a 30,000 square foot facility with parking and a walking trail. At the request of Chairman Aldrete, it was noted that the \$10 million would be used to design and construct the facility as the land was already owned by the City.

Chris Martinez asked of the inclusion of a library in the District 10 Senior Center. Mr. Frisbie stated that the vision was to include a library as well as other amenities. However, not all components of the Project could be funded with the allocated \$10 million.

Megan Partain asked for information on current Senior Centers to include number and demographics of individuals served, size of each facility, and geographical service area. Ms. Gloria Hurtado noted that the proposed facility would be the biggest. She stated that the needs of community had increased and said facility would alleviate current challenges encountered with the District 10 Senior Center.

Christine Drennon asked of the integration between 2012 Bond Projects and SA 2020. Mr. Peter Zaroni noted that Initiatives were tied and provided examples of said integration.

John Yoggerst asked if Fire Stations would be Green. Mr. Frisbie noted that the City planned on incorporating sustainability elements into the Design and Construction Phases of the Projects.

Grace Rose Padron asked if Committee Members could meet with City staff. Mr. Frisbie stated that City staff would be available to assist. In regard to the 2012 Bond Program, Ms. Padron asked for a listing of all Bond Projects by Council District and funding allocation. Mr. Frisbie noted that said information would be provided at a later date.

VI. Citizens to be Heard

Chairman Aldrete called upon the Citizens signed up to speak. He noted that Citizens would be allotted 3 minutes to speak with groups being given 5 minutes.

Jean Brady, Chair of the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) Board of Trustees, and David Carpenter, SAPL Board Member addressed the Committee. Ms. Brady highlighted the services offered by the Library System and the need to standardize facilities. She stated that a packet of

information would be provided to Committee Members which denoted Library infrastructure improvements totaling \$79 million. Lastly, Ms. Brady requested that the City allow the SAPL Board of Directors to prioritize its own infrastructure needs. Mr. Carpenter noted that the recently completed Strategic Plan incorporated infrastructure improvements and plans for expansion. He urged the Committee to support the recommendations provided by the SAPL Board.

Peggy Walker and Sam Dawson from the Witte Museum addressed the Committee. Ms. Walker thanked the City for including Witte Museum improvements into the 2012 Bond Program. She highlighted services offered by the Witte as well as briefed the Committee on partnerships created over the years and the museum's impact to the community. Mr. Dawson requested \$10 million for renovating the Museum.

Katie Luber, Emory Hamilton, Anthony Edwards, Marilyn Lampner, and Kathleen Trenchard from the San Antonio Museum of Art (SAMA) addressed the Committee. Ms. Luber noted that the organization was in critical need of replacing its aging physical plant and noted that the Museum's accreditation was tied to its replacement. Mr. Hamilton highlighted construction projects in and around the Museum which have resulted in increased patronage. He spoke to the importance of the Museum's infrastructure needs being included in the 2012 Bond Program. Mr. Edwards requested that the Committee consider funding the Museum's improvements. Ms. Trenchard spoke to the accessibility of the Museum and its importance to the City.

Kirk Feldman and Frank Burney representing Sunken Gardens Theater spoke to the need of an outdoor performing arts venue. Mr. Feldman stated that the Theater was in need of repairs due to inadequate maintenance. He highlighted improvements totaling \$20 million that would turn the Theater into a state of the art facility. Mr. Burney requested that the recommended improvements be incorporated into 2012 Bond Program. He spoke to funding partnerships on said project.

James McNamara, Gina Garr, Mary Ruth Ball, and Gary Patterson requested that a new Library be built in District 2. Mr. Patterson noted that said facility would be an asset to East Central ISD based on its proximity to the district and amenities offered to the community. Ms. Ball requested that the Committee follow the recommendation made by the Library Board to build a new Library in District 2 near Hwy 87 along Foster Road and Foster Meadows. She noted that the land was donated and that the area had been declared underserved. Ms. Garr noted that new library would serve East Central ISD, San Antonio ISD, and the surrounding community.

Ed Garza, San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) President-Elect, addressed the Committee and requested inclusion of SAISD Projects into the 2012 Bond Program. He provided the Committee with an overview of each recommended Project, funding partnerships, and impact to the community.

Robert Sosa, Armando Saliba, and Lou Fox addressed the Committee and requested funding totaling \$4 million for an Optometry Clinic in District 2. Mr. Sosa spoke to the importance of said facility to the community as the area was underserved. He noted the number of jobs that would be generated by said clinic and salary to be paid to employees.

Manuel D. Garza and Lauro De Leon, Westside AARP Representatives, requested that the Committee consider for inclusion into the 2012 Bond Program a list of projects recommended by their organization. Mr. Garza highlighted several District 6 Improvement Projects. Mr. De Leon requested support for the building of a District 6 Senior Center, as his part of town was underserved.

Vanessa Hurd and Joan Wyatt representing the Children's Museum thanked the Committee for incorporating Museum improvements into the 2012 Bond Program. Ms. Hurd spoke on the importance of the Museum to the community, especially children under the age of 10.

Richard Rosen and Alan Petlin representing the Magik Theater addressed the Committee and requested financial support totaling \$3 million. Ms. Rosen stated that said funds would be utilized to make the facility more accessible while assisting Theater Management leverage additional improvement funds. Mr. Petlin spoke to the organization's commitment to providing quality services to the community.

Yvette Ramirez and Thelma Gonzalez requested that the Committee consider the inclusion of Market Square improvements totaling \$4 million into the 2012 Bond Program. Ms. Ramirez provided examples of needed improvements. Ms. Gonzalez spoke to the importance of Market Square to the City and the amount of money generated by visitors annually.

Barbara Hawkins representing the George Gervin Youth Center requested that the Committee consider the inclusion of funding totaling \$4 million into the 2012 Bond Program. She highlighted partnerships with various local groups and national companies undertaken to assist with the expansion of its Health Initiative. Ms. Hawkins spoke to the lack of adequate health facilities on the Eastside and how said facility would serve the entire community.

VII. Next Steps for Community Bond Committee Process

Jack Judson asked how Guiding Principles were applied to identified Projects. Mr. Frisbie noted that the Guiding Principles were compared against the Projects. In regards to requests for funding, Mr. Judson asked if City staff could provide a list of all requests submitted for said category.

At the request of Chairman Aldrete, Mr. Frisbie noted that organizations had submitted project funding requests totaling \$551 million. He explained that the Committee could modify the project listing recommended by staff for other projects as long as category funding did not exceed \$61 million. Mr. Frisbie noted that neither the scope of work nor funding allocation for individual City recommended Projects could be modified.

Chuck Saxer spoke to how the recommended Project listing could change resulting in projects not being evenly distributed throughout the City. Mr. Frisbie noted that City staff would be available to assist all Committee Members as needed.

Patti Radle suggested that the Project scope for some projects be reduced in order to free up money. She noted that with said additional funding, the City would be able to fund projects that

did not make the City's list. Mr. Frisbie explained that the cost associated with building a new facility could not be modified. He noted that the scope of work for other recommended projects could be reduced in order to fund additional projects.

Chuck Saxer asked how the City utilized the funds saved from the 2007 Bond Program. Mr. Frisbie noted that a total of \$47 million was saved from projects completed under the Streets and Sidewalks Category. He noted that an additional 23 Streets and Sidewalks Projects were completed utilizing said funds.

Chairman Mitchell asked if additional funding was available in order to complete as many projects as needed. Mr. Frisbie responded that no additional funds were available at this time.

Al Rodriguez asked if the representatives of the Sunken Gardens had presented their funding request to the Parks Committee. Mr. Frisbie stated that the organization could present at next Tuesday's meeting. In regard to the outdoor walking trail included in the District 10 Senior Center, Mr. Rodriguez asked if said project component would be funded by the Parks Committee. Mr. Frisbie noted that in some instances Projects overlapped categories. However, in this instance, it was not recommended to divide project funding into multiple categories.

Jackie Gorman Johnson spoke of the funding allocation for building and renovating libraries and asked if libraries would continue to be visited. Mr. Frisbie noted that the use of libraries would always be an integral part of society. Kathleen Donellan, Assistant Library Director, noted that library patronage was increasing due to the various services offered. She stated that approximately 4 million individuals visit the SAPL annually with a circulation total of 6 million. Ms. Donellan noted that more detailed information was denoted in the packet of information provided by Ms. Brady.

Eric Cooper sought clarification between the SAPL Foundation Board of Directors and the SAPL Board of Directors. Mr. Aldrete noted that the SAPL Board was part of the City whereas the Foundation Board was a private entity which solicited funds on behalf of the SAPL. Ms. Donellan stated that the Foundation did not get involved in SAPL governance issues and therefore, was neutral to the recommendation presented by the SAPL Board.

At the request of Lora Eckler, Ms. Donellan stated that she would provide Committee Members with data regarding computer utilization by patrons. It was stated by Ms. Donellan that the City's recommended Library Improvement Projects were aligned with Priority 1 and 3 of the Library Board's recommendations. Chairman Aldrete requested that Ms. Brady provide information denoting how the City's recommendations aligned with the SAPL's recommendations.

Eric Cooper asked of the equity received from the sale of old Fire Stations. Mr. Zanoni stated that the City did not receive much for the sale and that any money generated went to the General Fund.

Gerrit Dinkla asked of the criteria utilized to determine the need for building a new Fire Station and if funding of new facilities was incorporated into the City's Annual Budget. Mr. Frisbie stated that new fire stations were funded via the Bond Program as guaranteed funding sources were not available.

Lora Eckler asked for City staff to provide a break down of all recommended Library Improvements by Branch and associated cost.

Christine Drennon asked of areas of City identified as underserved for meeting the needs of Seniors. Mr. Zanoni stated that the City was currently renting space and would like to own property. He noted how the proposed District 10 Senior Center would better serve the needs of the community. Challenges faced at the current facility were highlighted.

Patti Radle asked of the deadline to submit new requests. Ms. Frisbie stated that recommendations would not be accepted after October 27, 2011. In regard to placement of new facilities, Ms. Radle asked if any of the proposed new facilities would be built over the Aquifer. Mr. Frisbie stated that he would need to confirm.

John Hall spoke on the concept of Rough Proportionality and requested a list of all recommended projects by Council District by Category. Mr. Frisbie stated that said could be provided after the Parks Committee Meeting.

Mr. Zanoni noted that the next Facilities Committee Meeting would be held Thursday, October 27, 2011. He stated that responses to questions would be provided electronically as well as be made available on the City's website.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chairman