

**MINUTES (DRAFT)**  
**COMMUNITY INITIATIVES BOND COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
**DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES CENTER**  
**BOARD ROOM**  
**1901 SOUTH ALAMO**

**Committee Members Present:** Shawn Babb, Pamela Bacon, John Berra, Richard Bird, Dori Brown, Pantera Bullet, Laura Cabanilla-Cruz, Gilbert Candia, Albert Carrisalez, Ramiro Cavazos, John Davis, Cathy Dean, Ernest De La Rosa, Guadalupe Espinoza, Joe Gimblet, Edward Hardeman, Stephanie James, Raul Lira, John Longoria, Jim McAden, Matthew Myers, Michael Martinez, Donna Meletio Randy Murdock, Aurora Ortega-Geis, Tim Talbert, Tom Wetzler

**Committee Members Absent:** Blake Custer, Eva Esquivel, Elia Reyna, Bianca Maldonado, Sharon Jarmon

**Staff Present:** Erik Walsh, *Assistant City Manager*; Frances Gonzalez, *Assistant City Manager*; Ben Gorzell, *Finance Director*; Peter Zaroni, *Director, Office of Management and Budget*; Malcolm Matthews, *Director, Parks & Recreation*; Ramiro Salazar, *Library Director*; Charles Pruski, *Health*; Margaret U. Villegas, *Finance*; Christie Chapman, *Public Works*

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**1. Call to Order**

Opening comments by Co-Chairs Ramiro Cavazos and Aurora Ortega-Geis included defining meeting procedures. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**2. Presentations and Discussion**

During the meeting, Committee members requested information from staff to be provided by the next scheduled meeting.

- District Priority Ranking List broken down by category
- Operational and Maintenance cost estimates for projects included on the District Priority Ranking List

The Committee reviewed and discussed the District Priority Ranking List as compiled by City Staff. Representatives from each district explained their rankings and answered questions from fellow Committee Members. During the discussion, City Staff updated the list as needed. The Committee worked to develop a final list of projects to recommend to City Council, but it was decided that the final recommendation could not be completed until the final recommendations from the other bond committees are finalized.

In order to give time for the other bond committees to finish their recommendations, the Community Initiatives Committee agreed to schedule an additional meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 3:00pm in the Training Room. A Committee Member also requested that fellow Committee Members revisit their individual District Priority Ranking Lists and consider again leveraging funds for city-wide projects.

### **3. Citizens to be Heard**

Jean Brady, 230 E. Rosewood, stressed the need for library repairs to ensure safe and enjoyable use of the City's libraries.

Barbara Robinette, 1327 Temple Square, presented a proposal to renovate the Heritage community pool.

George Block, San Antonio Sports Foundation, lobbied for a 5-sport complex, and wanted to remind the committee that the funds will be leveraged against private and corporate donations.

Claire Alexander, 251 Encino, spoke in support of the San Antonio Botanical Society and presented a proposal.

Jose Garcia de Lara, 600 Soledad, spoke in support of libraries.

Dawn Campos, San Antonio Zoo, presented a proposal to help fund Phase II of the Africa Live! expansion at the San Antonio Zoo.

Ty Griefenbeck, Witte Museum, asked the committee to consider funding the Witte Museum.

Lynn Hickey, Director of Athletics at UTSA, asked the committee to support the UTSA Competitive Athletic Park.

Bobby Kohler, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, spoke in support of the UTSA Competitive Athletic Park, and reminded the committee that UTSA would be responsible for maintaining the facilities.

Richard Rosan, Magik Theater, asked the committee to fund the renovation of the Magik Theater.

Bob Crittenden (and group), spoke in support of the Alameda Theater.

Linda Nairn, President of Friends of the Library, spoke in support of libraries.

David Frost, 338 Rolenhurst, asked the committee to support those projects which have a strong pedestrian/access element to help seniors and the disabled.

4. **Adjournment**

No further discussion, meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm.