

**MINUTES  
CITIZENS BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005  
GRANGER BUILDING  
5:30 PM**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Diane Akers  
Dr. Charles Akins  
Glenn Coleman  
Jim Davis  
Fred Ellis (for Perry Lorenz)  
David Hartman  
Jon Hockenyos**

**Leonard Huber  
Steve Martin  
Richard Moya  
Nell Penridge  
Rod Reyna  
Heidi Ross  
Sal Valdez**

**TRAVIS COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Judge Samuel Biscoe  
County Attorney David Escamilla  
Comm. Margaret Gomez**

**Co. Sheriff Greg Hamilton  
Comm. Karen Sonleitner**

**TRAVIS COUNTY STAFF AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Fred Akers  
Doyne Bailey  
Charles Bergh  
Jo Carol Bradshaw  
Neil Cable  
Joe Gieselman  
Carol B. Joseph  
Edith Moreida**

**Belinda Powell  
Jessica Rio  
Elaine Schele  
Christian Smith  
Mike Trimble  
Gretchen Vaden  
Joe Vela  
Charlie Watts**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Judge Samuel Biscoe at 5:38 P.M. Judge Biscoe introduced Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR. Mr. Gieselman introduced Christian Smith, David Escamilla, Mike Trimble, Sheriff Greg Hamilton, Commissioner Gomez and Commissioner Karen Sonleitner. One at a time, each board member introduced himself or herself. Fred Ellis sat in for Perry Lorenz.

**2. Remarks by Travis County Judge and Commissioners**

Judge Biscoe made comments about past bond programs and their implementation and about the important mission for which the committee is charged. He expressed his appreciation to those who are willing to serve. County Attorney, David Escamilla said a few words about the need for all meetings and group discussions to be open to the public and explained to the group that all decisions they make must be in a public forum.

**3. Review Charter of Committee**

Joe Gieselman briefly discussed the Bond Committee's Charter and the committee's purpose and goals. It will be the committee's job to work toward making a recommendation for a potential bond program and election that might happen in November. He said that the Commissioners Court has reserved debt capacity to address the mandatory, near-term replacement of variance jail beds and for the planning and design of a new courthouse --- that might be built if construction were approved in a 2007 bond election. In addition, the Court has reserved debt capacity for capital project needs such as county roads and right of way for State Farm-to-Market Roads, parks, open space, and storm water drainage. He stated that all potential project locations must be within the Travis County unincorporated area and that the potential bond election would have a \$100 million cap. Christian Smith, the Executive Manager for the Planning and Budgeting Office said a few words about information that he will be presenting to the Committee at the next meeting on debt capacity.

**4. Timeline and Meeting Schedules**

Joe Gieselman stated that the committee members had received a draft schedule and it will need to be adjusted based upon the preference of the committee. He said that there would be operational decisions to make such as electing a Chair and a Vice Chair, the possibility of breaking the group into sub-committees, meeting frequency decisions and meeting time of day. He stated that the Sheriff's Office had offered the committee a meeting place in their jail complex, next to the Criminal Justice Building (CJC). It will be necessary to pass through the CJC front security entrance to get to the meeting space in the Gualt Building. TNR staff stated that maps of the complex are in the committee's binders and that signs would be posted so that people can find their way.

**5. Discuss / Adopt Operations, Bylaws and Other Procedural Items**

This item was not discussed.

**6. Questions and Other Items**

No questions or other items were discussed.

**7. Next Meeting**

The group decided that for the near future, Tuesday evenings would be the best day of the week to meet and so scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, March 8 2005, 6:00 PM

**8. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned @ 6:20p.m.