

**MINUTES
CITIZENS BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2005
JOE C. THOMPSON CENTER, RM. 2.110
6:00 PM**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

**Diane Akers
Glenn Coleman
David Hartman
Jon Hockenyos
Perry Lorenz
Steve Martin**

**Richard Moya
Nell Penridge
Leslie Pool
Rod Reyna
Sal Valdez**

TRAVIS COUNTY STAFF AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

**Major David Balagia
Charles Bergh
Jo Carol Bradshaw
Neil Cable
Bill Campbell
Greg Chico
Barbara Cilley
Ken Gaede
Joe Gieselman
Carol B. Joseph
Kelly Page
Shane Poole**

**Belinda Powell
Wendy Scaperotta
Elaine Schele
Stacey Scheffel
Beth Ann Sprengel
Kenny Thompson
Mike Trimble
Roy Turley
Bob Turner
Gretchen Vaden
Charlie Watts
Martin Zamzow**

1. Citizens Communication

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moya at 6:06 p.m. Mr. Moya stated that we would begin with agenda item (#1), and announced Mr. Trimble as our first speaker.

2. Review And Discuss Potential Jail Facility Projects And Their Estimated Cost

Mr. Trimble started by stating that he did not have much to present, and that he was finished with his detailed discussions about the bond project. He stated that he and the jail staff were ready to answer questions about any information that has been presented.

Mr. Trimble stated that he was requested to give a summary of items addressed in prior meetings concerning the C-2 Concept. He provided the committee with a one page summary of the C-2 concept, and stated that he had done some pre-planning work on it, and came up with a cost break down for the committee's consideration:

- The entire C-2 concept, which contains is all the jail bed needs - \$80.7 million.
- The variance beds and replacement beds cost - \$63.5 million.
- The replacement beds and flex beds cost - \$24.1 million.

*There is no cost to consider doing the variance beds only, because money has already been pulled out to finance that project.

Mr. Moya asked for clarification on what the \$80.7 million covers, and if the cost of the variance beds was included. Mr. Trimble replied yes, the cost for the variance beds is included in the \$80.7 million because variance beds are a part of the whole concept.

Mr. Lorenz asked how many net new beds does each of the propositions get us.

Mr. Trimble first made further comment on the \$80.7 million. He clarified that \$40 million is set aside for variance beds, he said the total cost that was presented before for the whole concept was \$120.7 million, so taking off the \$40 million gets to the \$80.7 million for the committee's consideration.

Mr. Trimble answered Mr. Lorenz's question. He stated, if we do the entire concept we get 228 net new beds, he said that we already have 2,177 beds in the system, 572 of those beds are used for double bunking, so the 228 would be added at flex capacity.

He went on to say that if you do the variance and replacement beds only, you're adding no new beds to the system, just replacing beds that already exist, and finally, if you replacement the flex beds only, you are adding to the capacity but not replacing the beds that are in poor condition that already exist.

Ms. Penridge asked if we would be able to see the "poor" condition of each bed on the tour. Mr. Trimble replied that during the tour he hoped to show the group some of the oldest buildings, but because the County must comply with jail standards they will not see buildings that are totally falling apart. He said that he also hoped to show them around to give them some idea on how far apart the buildings are spread.

Mr. Martin asked if satisfying the variance beds would eliminate double bunking. Major Balagia stated yes, with the exception of the health services building designed for multiple occupancy cells. Major Balagia replied that the downtown facility has 200 of the variance beds, so we are allowed to double bunk there. He said the remaining 772 are at Del Valle.

Mr. Trimble stated that the tour would possibly only take about an hour and a half based on the time it took to complete the previous tour. He also announced that there was a tour schedule for May 21st, which is a Saturday and June 16th, which is a weekday. Mr. Trimble stated that they would be glad to accommodate anyone that wanted to go out but had a conflict with the scheduled tour.

3. Review And Discuss Project Lists And Conceptual Cost Estimates For Drainage, Parks, Open Space, Bridge And Mobility

Mr. Charlie Watts passed out a project list with the conceptual costs for the added capacity of the mobility projects. He began with a slide show containing pictures of each project, but stated that he did not have pictures for all of them. Mr. Watts asked for the committee's suggestions on how they wanted him to present the projects, and Mr. Moya suggested that he just give the project name and total cost.

Ms. Penridge asked if he had the criteria matrix worked out yet, and if the committee would be receiving a copy of it. Mr. Watts said yes, but that they were a couple weeks off of doing the rankings for the criteria.

Mr. Watts used approximately 45 minutes to explain the projects and showed the presentation to the group. The projects are broken out into “Existing County Roads”, “New Segments”, and “Substandard Roads”.

The following questions were asked:

- Kimbrow Rd. / Parsons Rd. and Bridge improvements - Ms. Penridge asked what the traffic count for Parsons Road was. Mr. Watts said he was unsure at the time.
- Jesse Bohls Rd. Bridge #231 - This is a narrow bridge with lots of deterioration, and a low rating below 60. Mr. Coleman asked if there is flooding. Mr. Watts answered yes. Mr. Coleman asked about traffic activity, and if there were other options for entering. Mr. Watts replied he wasn't sure about the traffic, and answered yes, Kelly Street was available.

Hamilton Pool Rd. - Ms. Pool inquired about curved lanes versus straight lanes and how it affects the traveling speed. Mr. Gieselman replied that SW Travis County residents seemed to be okay with the speed but they were more interested in a two-lane road with bike lanes. Ms. Penridge asked if there is 30 feet of right-of-way on each side of the road. Mr. Chico replied 50 – 60 feet total. Mr. Watts said that we needed 80 feet to do a two-lane road. Mr. Reyna asked if the road would be expanded to include bike lanes, and not car lanes. Mr. Watts replied that the travel lanes are too small. Mr. Reyna also asked if there was an example of such a road with bike lanes in the county, and why this road needed to have bike lanes. Mr. Gieselman stated that this would be the first in the county, and that bike lanes were being added due to request.

Mr. Watts also gave conceptual costs for the proposed State Highway right-of-way projects. Ms. Penridge asked why the State wanted money from the County for State highways. Mr. Gieselman replied that in the past, the State decided that there is more local traffic than regional on the highways so the locals should put up money for these highways. He said based on that assumption, the state has a sliding scale where Interstate highways 0%, state highways sometimes 10%, existing FM road 10%, and new FM roads 100%.

Mr. Bob Turner and Ms. Stacey Scheffel presented the conceptual cost for Drainage and Floodplain projects:

- Imperial Valley - The entrance into this subdivision floods frequently. Ms. Scheffel stated that she had cars wash off of this crossing.
- Walnut Creek - Mr. Turner stated that severe erosion in this subdivision is taking 4 to 5 properties and some of the houses are in immediate danger.
- Onion & Bear Creek Confluence - Retrofit of drainage system and floodplain buyout
- Lake Travis
- Graveyard Point - Floodplain buy-out of 38 and buy-out of all vacant lots
- Caldwell Lane/Garfield Water Supply/River Timber Subdivision - Erosion protection and floodplain buy-out
- Swiss Alpine Village
- Thoroughbred Farms Subdivision
- Timber Creek Subdivision
- Lockwood and Quiet Oaks – Mr. Turner stated that 5 ft.6” has been the highest flood elevation reported here
- Pamela Heights - He stated that this subdivision does not drain

4. Discuss And Take Appropriate Action On Committee Schedule And Formation Of Subcommittees

A sign-up sheet was passed around to sign up to work with subcommittees. Chairman Moya stated that at the next meeting staff would present conceptual cost for Parks.

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm