

**MINUTES**  
**CITIZENS BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2005**  
**JOE C. THOMPSON CENTER, RM. 2.110**  
**6:00 PM**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Diane Akers**  
**Dr. Charles Akins**  
**Glenn Coleman**  
**Jim Davis**  
**David Hartman**  
**Perry Lorenz**

**Steve Martin**  
**Richard Moya**  
**Nell Penridge**  
**Rod Reyna**  
**Sal Valdez**

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

**Major David Balagia**  
**Ginny Ballard**  
**Meagan Banse**  
**Charles Bergh**  
**Jo Carol Bradshaw**  
**Neil Cable**  
**Bill Campbell**  
**Greg Chico**  
**Barbara Cilley**  
**Scott Dukette**  
**Ken Gaede**  
**Joe Gieselman**  
**David Houston**  
**Carol Joseph**  
**Nishant Kukadia**  
**Kelly Page**

**Shane Poole**  
**Belinda Powell**  
**Wendy Scaperotta**  
**Stacey Scheffel**  
**Elaine Schele**  
**Michael Sexton**  
**Beth Ann Sprengel**  
**Mark Stefanov**  
**Kenny Thompson**  
**Mike Trimble**  
**Roy Turley**  
**Robert Turner**  
**Gretchen Vaden**  
**Joe Vela**  
**Charlie Watts**  
**Martin Zamzow**

**1. Citizens Communication**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moya at 6:01 p.m. Mr. Moya stated that we would begin with agenda item #5 - Parks and Open Space, because this was the point we left off at the last meeting. He announced Ms. Scaperotta as our first speaker. Please see item #5 for these minutes.

**2. Review And Consider Approval Of Minutes Of The Following Previous Meetings:**

*(This agenda item was taken out of order)*

Chairman Moya asked the committee if anyone had taken the time to review the minutes that would volunteer to move the approval of past minutes as written. At that time Mr. Reyna stated that he revised a set of minutes at one time and wondered if they were distributed to the committee. *(The minutes taken on March 29, 2005 were revised by Mr. Reyna and distributed to the committee at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.)* Mr. Reyna also stated that he found an error on the last set of minutes

for May 10, 2005 in regards to Hamilton Pool Rd. relating to bike lanes. He stated that he would communicate with staff to get it revised and redistributed.

- **February 22, 2005** – Approved 05/17/05
- **March 8, 2005** - Approved 05/17/05
- **March 29, 2005/Revised** - Approved 05/17/05
- **April 12 2005** - Approved 05/17/05
- **April 26, 2005** - Approved 05/17/05
- **May 3, 2005** - Approved 05/17/05
- **May 10, 2005** – Pending Revisions

A motion was made by Chairman Moya and seconded by Ms. Penridge, and unanimously voted upon by the committee that the minutes be accepted and approved as written and amended.

### **3. Discuss And Take Appropriate Action On Committee Schedule And Formation Of Subcommittees**

A subcommittee signup list was past out for review that contained the committee's first and second preference.

Mr. Moya asked if we would be receiving a priority listing of projects, and Mr. Gieselman stated that they would receive evaluation criteria. Ms. Penridge asked chairman Moya what would be presented to the Commissioner's Court if staff does not have these numbers. She stated that the first presentation was scheduled in a couple of weeks. Mr. Moya replied that we would tell them how many times we've met and which member is serving on each committee, but that the report to Court could be postponed.

Mr. Moya stated that all subcommittees except for the jail subcommittee had enough members to constitute a good size, but that we needed at least one more member to signup for the jail committed.

Ms. Penridge asked what are the logistics for the subcommittees and how do they would meet. Mr. Moya explained that on some days when we meet that we would break up into subcommittees for discussion, after which we would reconvene as a larger group.

Mr. Moya asked if someone would volunteer to move to the jail subcommittee and Mr. Jim Davis volunteered to move from Parks & Open Space to Jail.

Mr. Reyna made a comment that if some of the members represent different precincts that we may consider switching. He said that we could talk about representation on different committees within our precinct. He noted that Mr. Coleman and himself are in the same precinct.

Mr. Moya stated that it would be hard to serve on more than one committee because we all meet at the same time. He also stated that it is up to the subcommittees to meet more often than the regularly scheduled meetings.

Ms. Penridge switched her sign up to reflect her primary subcommittee as Roads and her secondary as Parks. Mr. Reyna stated that he would switch to Parks if Mr. Coleman was on the Roads subcommittee. He was, so Mr. Reyna moved.

In regards to the question asked about committee meeting times, Mr. Gieselmann stated that because the committees are not a forum with eight members or more, that it would be appropriate to meet outside of the weekly scheduled meeting times and not have to post.

**4. Review And Discuss Potential Jail Facility Projects And Their Estimated Cost.**

Mr. Trimble began by informing the committee that he did not have a lengthy presentation, instead he wanted to follow-up with information requested from the last meeting.

Mr. Trimble then yielded the floor to Mr. Stefanov for a slide show presentation. Mr. Stefanov showed slides of buildings that needed to be replaced. He said that there were about a dozen of them and showed us pictures of a building in which he said had a 25-year design life and that is now 28 years old. Mr. Stefanov showed pictures of typical building exteriors and interiors with loss of structural integrity and mechanical areas that do not meet building codes.

Mr. Stefanov stated that the rehabilitations that have been done will only mask the symptoms rather than fix the problem and is never effective when compared to new. He stated that the summary of cost the county will spend by continuing to refurbish is \$46 million, and the new construction cost is \$63 million. He also said that they are actually asking for \$80.7 million because we pay a smaller price per bed if it's all done at one time.

Mr. Martin made the comment that the handout passed out at the beginning of the meeting is inconsistent with what was just said. Mr. Trimble stated that the mix of the beds is changing slightly due to the population changes. He also said that what we are looking at slightly more allocations of the medium and maximum beds.

Mr. Martin stated that minimum beds could be reconstructed for significantly less. Ms. Penridge asked how long do maximum security inmates reside at the jail. Major Balagia said one year. Mr. Trimble stated that we have presented preliminary costs, and that we'll have a better cost estimates in mid July.

Mr. Gaeden stated that we took two numbers from 2000 and 2002 and factored in the escalated cost up to year 2007, he said he also added in an annual inflation increase of 3%. Mr. Trimble concluded by offering the committee a look at other state jail projects if it would help them out. This presentation ended at 7:05pm

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

Ms. Scaperotta began her presentation at 6:03pm with a slide show representing each project and the total conceptual cost of each. Ms. Scaperotta gave an overview and brief descriptions of each plan for improvement. Ms. Scaperotta spoke of projects listed below and ended her presentation at 6:35pm

- East Metro Park Phase II
- NE Metro Park Phase III
- Arkansas Bend Park Improvements
- SW Metro Park Phase II
- SE Metro Park Public-Private Partnership
- Water Quality Protection Agreements
- Onion Creek Greenway

## **6. Review And Discuss Next Meeting Agenda**

Mr. Moya asked what this agenda item was addressing, and Ms. Schele explained that it was to discuss what items the committee wanted on the next agenda.

Mr. Moya suggested that the members break into subcommittees and choose a chairperson for each committee so that the staff assigned to each committee will know whom to contact for information.

Mr. Valdez asked if the subcommittees should all conform to or follow the same set of guidelines and rules. Mr. Gieselman stated that the committee is arriving at a critical point where they must make decisions about the importance of some of the projects and the committee may not have enough information to do this at this time. He stated to the committee that if they ever needed more information, and/or more clarification on anything, that he would expect them to come back to staff and request that they present you with any and all information necessary to make these judgments. Mr. Gieselman stated that at the end of this process the committees should be able to get sponsors involved and present these projects to the citizens, he also said that if this point isn't reached, then they should probably say that we shouldn't have a bond election.

Mr. Coleman asked what the "First status to report to Commissioner's Court" meant scheduled for next Tuesday. Mr. Gieselman stated that the committee might not be ready to report back to Court yet and Chairman Moya agreed and stated that the committee would be ready after they have met a few times. Mr. Moya suggested that we come back on next meeting and decide if we need more information or not.

The members grouped into subcommittees at 7:18pm

Chairman Moya called the meeting back together at 7:55pm, and announced Glenn Coleman the chairperson for Roads, Diane Akers the chairperson for Parks, and Steve Martin as the chairpersons for Jails.

Mr. Moya stated that there was no need to continue the weekly meetings and that we would go back to meeting every other week starting in June.

Mr. Reyna suggested that it would be a good idea if the subcommittee chairs and Mr. Moya meet with staff to revisit the schedule and discuss mandatory deadlines that are coming up so we'll have a better understanding of what were getting into.

Mr. Moya asked staff if they would assign a staff point of contact for each subcommittee to make it easier to run questions through. Ms. Schele and Mr. Gieselman said that a staff contact person would be assigned.

## **7. Adjourn**

Mr. Lorenz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.