

MINUTES
CITIZENS BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, June 07, 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
Jon Hockenyos
Leonard Huber

Perry Lorenz
Steve Martin
Richard Moya
Nell Penridge
Leslie Pool
Rod Reyna
Sal Valdez

TRAVIS COUNTY STAFF AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Bergh
Jo Carol Bradshaw
Neil Cable
Greg Chico
Ken Gaede
Dane Harty
Kirk Holladay
Carol Joseph
Edith Moreida
Kelly Page

Belinda Powell
Charles Riou
Wendy Scaperotta
Stacey Scheffel
Beth Ann Sprengel
Mike Trimble
Robert 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 asked if there were any citizens in the audience that had comments or questions. Mr. Charles Riou made a comment about Reimers Ranch, describing it to be a unique resource and that it needs to be preserved for public access.

2. Review And Consider Approval Of Minutes Of The May 24, 2005 and May 31, 2005 Meetings

Chairman Moya gave the committee a few minutes to review the minutes from May 24, 2005 and May 31, 2005 for approval. Mr. Reyna stated that the minutes from May 24th had one error on item #6 in regards to the name change "Goodwill" that should be amended to read "Pflugerville". The minutes from May 24, 2005 was then motioned for approval by Dr. Akins and seconded by Mr. Lorenz. Following, a motion to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2005 minutes was made by Ms. Penridge and seconded by Mr. Coleman. The committee then made a unanimous vote that both set of minutes be approved as amended and written.

3. **Review And Take Appropriate Action On A Liaison To The City Of Austin's 2006 Bond Committee**

Chairman Moya stated that he was informed, that the Commissioner's Court did not wish to make an appointment to the City of Austin's 2006 Bond Committee. He also stated if members desired to go on their on they could, but not as a committee representative.

Mr. Reyna made a comment that they decided to have updates from the bond committee by email, and asked who would be receiving them. Mr. Moya stated that City's is the 2006 bond committee, and that he assumed ours would be completed by the time they got started. He stated that he would get an answer to that. At that time Ms. Pool said that she would be glad to be the informal liaison to work with Jim Walker and send the information to everyone.

4. **Discuss the June 7th CBAC Report to Travis County Commissioner's Court**

Mr. Moya stated that he made the report on that morning before the courts, and Dr. Akins and Mr. Lorenz went with him. He said that he included all reports that subcommittee's had turned in up to that date. Chairman Moya stated that the court asked that the committee give a full report on projects next time with more information and more accurate numbers.

Chairman Moya reopened agenda item #4 to discuss an amendment in reference to section (2) of the charter regarding phone calls from citizen's and lobbyist, etc. trying to get items put on the bond election. He stated that the court changed the charter to basically read: "Private meetings with parties who may financially benefit from the design, construction, or implementation of a candidate bond project is prohibited". Mr. Moya expressed the language to mean that there can be no private meetings with individuals but they can attend all public, advisory, and bond committee meetings.

There was a motion by Mr. Huber and seconded by Ms. Pool to adopt the revised language from the courts regarding section (2) of the charter. At that time Mr. Hartman made the comment that he was a real-estate attorney and that the language needed to be made clear concerning the individual meetings. Mr. Huber suggested that we amend the language to read "Private meetings *regarding candidate bond projects* with parties who may financially benefit from the design, construction, or implementation of a candidate bond project is prohibited"

Mr. Reyna asked for clarity and asked if someone with a financial interest could go on a tour with us and show us around something that they had a financial interest in based on this.

Ms. Pool stated that if this person included the entire committee, that it might be okay, but if they were solely speaking with Rod about things he may be considering, that this is what the language is focusing on – a project.

The motion was once again moved by Mr. Huber and seconded by Ms. Pool to vote on the amended language. The committee unanimously voted by saying "aye".

Ms. Penridge clarified if Mr. Moya earlier stated that he spoke to the commissioner's court on this morning in regards to getting more money. Chairman Moya said no, that he had expressed to them that they had given them a charge to cover a \$450 million bond project that can't exceed \$100 million dollars. He said that sometimes you have to put more on the bond package because of the need, and that is the decision that the courts will ultimately have to make.

Mr. Hockenyos stated that he had spoken with the County's financial advisor, Ladd Patillo, who told him that \$84 thousand provided debt service on 1 million dollars of debt (predicated on a 20 year bond at five percent). Mr. Hockenyos stated that this is reasonably close to current market conditions (perhaps a slightly higher cost than the current situation). Mr. Moya said that he would get back with the committee with the tax rates for the County.

Mr. Reyna stated that we did not discuss the agenda for public meetings on item #7. Mr. Moya stated that there was an agenda in the packet, along with a press release that's going to go out.

Ms. Joseph stated that we normally have a five minute presentation by four different people, and that the whole idea is to answer as many questions as we can and give out a supplemental handout.

Mr. Reyna proposed that we prepare better and have things way ahead of time, and promote it heavily through the precincts. Mr. Reyna was very passionate about getting all the information out through the website. Ms. Joseph responded that once the Commissioners Court received their reports, which listed all of the projects and the conceptual cost, the presentation will be on the Website. She said she will speak to the attorney in reference to the power point presentations on what information can be posted on the website. She also said that the public meetings were posted in the American Statesman on Sunday and should be in the local papers soon. She stated that we also had a mail out of over 500 citizens, and that we're also trying to put it on Channel 17.

Mr. Reyna asked if the committee could receive the press release in electronic form, and Ms. Joseph said yes.

Ms. Pool made a motion to move the next two meetings from the original dates of June 21st and July 5th to June 28th and July 12th. Mr. Reyna seconded the motion, eight members voted for the change and four members opposed.

Mr. Lorenz asked if we would have any type of policy concerning the speakers. He said he liked three minutes and Mr. Moya agreed. At that time Mr. Lorenz made a motion to adopt policy in reference to the speakers having three minutes to speak unless in the event that someone else is present to speak also, in that event, speaker will have a maximum of six minutes to speak. Mr. Hockenyos seconded the motion. The committee did not vote on this motion but shared their thoughts and experiences of past speakers. Mr. Coleman made a motion and Mr. Lorenz seconded, to withdraw the motion to limit the speakers to three minutes. It was then motioned by Mr. Hockenyos and seconded by Ms. Penridge to assign a committee member to chair at each meeting to help facilitate the meeting with no limits on the speakers. The committee unanimously voted to move this motion.

5. Review and Consider Information About the Proposed Projects During Subcommittee Meetings for the following topics:

- **Jail Facility Project**
- **Drainage, Bridge And Mobility Projects**
- **Parks and Open Space Projects**

Members broke into subcommittees at 7:00 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.

6. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on Subcommittee Recommendations

There were no recommendations from the committee.

Mr. Hockenyos drafted a guidance statement for the public meetings that states what's going on, who we are, the dollar volume of proposed projects, etc.. He said that he would complete the statement and circulate it for approval.

7. Discuss the Agenda for the Public Meetings Scheduled on June 13th, June 14th, June 16th, June 22nd, and June 23rd.

Item #7 was discussed earlier in the meeting on item #5 to accommodate the members that had to leave early. Following are discussions for item #7:

Chairman Moya stated that we would like to have at least three or four board members at each of these meetings to listen to what the public has to say. He then asked for volunteers.

Ms. Pool asked if we needed to have a quorum at the meetings, and Mr. Moya said no. Mr. Hockenyos suggested that the members at least attend the public meetings in the precinct where the Commissioner appointed them. Mr. Moya agreed. Mr. Reyna suggested that a member from each subcommittee should attend also, if not the chair. Please see attachment for details.

The committee also discussed that the Del Valle tour was scheduled for June 16, 2005, which would not conflict with the public meetings.

8. Review and Discuss Next Meeting Agenda

Next meeting is June 28, 2005. Mr. Lorenz asked if staff could send an email stating who has signed up as chair for each meeting. Ms. Joseph said that staff would do that.

9. Adjourn

It was motioned by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Lorenz that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Attachment

Public Meetings (2005 CBAC Sign-Up Sheet) June 10, 2005

Northern Travis County (Pflugerville)– Monday, June 13, 2005

Rod Reyna - Chair
Glen Coleman
Steve Martin
Leslie Pool
Diane Akers

Downtown Austin (Commissioners' Courtroom) - Tuesday, June 14, 2005

Perry Lorenz - Chair
Dr. Charles Akins
Leonard Huber
Leslie Pool

Southeast Travis County (Del Valle High School) - Thursday, June 16, 2005

Richard Moya - Chair
Jon Hockenyos
Nell Penridge
Sal Valdez
Glen Coleman (possible)

East Travis County (Satellite One) - Wednesday, June 22, 2005

Dr. Charles Akins - Chair
Leslie Pool
Diane Akers
Jim Davis
Rod Reyna
Glen Coleman (possible)

West Travis County (Precinct Three Office Complex)- Thursday, June 23, 2005

Leonard Huber - Chair
David Hartman
Perry Lorenz
Diane Akers (possible)
Glen Coleman (possible)