

**PUBLIC MEETINGS
TRAVIS COUNTY BOND PROGRAM
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2005
PFLUGERVILLE JUSTICE CENTER (COURTROOM)
1611 E. PFENNING LANE
7:00 PM**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

**Rod Reyna - Chair
Glenn Coleman
Steve Martin**

**Nell Penridge
Leslie Pool**

CITIZENS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

**Allegra Azulaz
Kendella Baker
Major David Balagia
Charles Bergh
Theldon Bohls
Pat Bowman
Jo Carol Bradshaw
David Boris
Neil Cable
David Calabuig
Cat Callen
Cheryl Chunco
Barbara Cilley
Sylvia Crisp
Eleanor Dambrosio
Harry Douglas
Ken Gaede**

**Sally Gannaway
Joe Gieselman
Mark Gladney
Jack Gullahorn
Mike Jeter
Brunner Grau
Kirk Holladay
Carol Joseph
Ron Kinney
Nishant Kukadia
Lonnie Logan
Olle Lorehn
Vernagene Mott
Tommy Nobles
Kelly Page
Camille Pridgen
Nancy Ramsey**

**Jeff Reeb
Gary Robertson
Starlet Sattler
Wendy Scaperotta
Stacey Scheffel
Van Short
Jeff Sims
Commissioner Sonleitner
Robert Starden
Mark Stefanov
Mark Strama
Mike Trimble
Gretchen Vaden
Charlie Watts
Nathan Weiss
Gloria Wuthrich**

1. Open House of Project Information

Committee member Mr. Rod Reyna opened the meeting at 7:18pm, **after public had a chance to review display materials and ask questions of staff.** He then asked for all citizens representing the northern part of Travis County (TC) to raise their hands. At that time, approximately 20 citizens raised their hands. **He then asked for those from other areas of the county to raise their hands.** Mr. Reyna then asked for all of TC staff to raise their hands as an informal introduction.

2. BCAC Introductions

Mr. Reyna introduced Representative Mark **Strama**, and Travis County Commissioner Sonleitner, Precinct 2 by asking them to stand. He also asked the TC Bond Committee Members to introduce themselves.

Mr. Steve Martin introduced himself as being a part of Precinct 3, representing the sub-committee for Jails. Mr. Glenn Coleman introduced himself as being appointed by Precinct 2, representing the sub-committee for Roads & Mobility Improvements, Ms. Leslie Pool introduced herself as being appointed by Precinct 2 also, representing Parks & Open Space, and finally, Ms. Nell Penridge introduced herself as being appointed by Precinct 3, also representing Roads & Mobility Improvements. Mr. Reyna introduced himself as the appointee for Precinct 2, and the Chair for the meeting, he also stated that they were all a part of a 14-member committee that has met a total of 10 times.

Mr. Reyna stated that the purpose for the public meeting was to **learn about the 50** proposed county projects that add up to approximately \$450 million dollars. He then introduced Chief Chuck Hooker, Mayor Cat Callen, Councilman Mark Gladney, and the residents of inside and outside the Pflugerville city limits.

Mr. Reyna read the mission of the meeting to provide context for what the meetings are about. He then read and stated that the County is calling forth a Bond Election in 2005, and that Bond Elections are used to authorize the sale of bonds to fund capital improvements as opposed to ongoing operations. He said we have three main areas for **50** proposed projects. There's #1 Jails & Public Safety, #2 Infrastructure including Transportation & Drainage, and #3 Parks & Open Space. He said the total cost to fund all of these proposed projects is about \$450 million dollars. Travis County's financial capacity will allow for \$100 million in projects to be funded without a tax increase – which is key. **Taxes would have to be raised 1 cent per \$100 to gain \$70 million more in bond funds.**

Mr. Reyna stated that the Citizen's Bond Committee is working to develop a prioritized list of projects based in part on input from County staff, and the community at large. He said depending on the outcome of this process, which should end by August, the Citizen's Bond Committee might recommend that the County ask voters for additional resources beyond the \$100 million dollars, **or not ask for a bond election at all.**

3. Project Presentations – County Staff

- * Jail Facility Replacement and Improvement Projects, was presented by Mr. Mike Trimble, Criminal Justice Planning Coordinator.
Mr. Trimble introduced Major Balagia, Travis County Sheriff Office
- * Subdivision Drainage Improvement Projects and Flood Plain Mitigation, was presented by Ms. Stacey Scheffel, Floodplain Administrator, TNR
- * Mobility Improvements and Right-of-Way Acquisition, was presented by Mr. Charlie Watts, Planner, TNR
- * Park and Open Space Improvements and Land Acquisition, was presented by Ms. Wendy Scaperotta, Planner, TNR

Mr. Reyna had subcommittee members follow-up each presentation with an update on their work, or add any further comments.

4. Receive Public Comments – Bond Committee

Written Public Comments will be scanned and posted on the Travis County Website. Following is a list of citizens that signed up and spoke on this meeting.

Prior to the speakers coming forth, Representative Strama asked a process question: He said that if there are \$400 million dollars worth of potential projects that are going to be cut back to \$100 million dollars, those of us who live here in Northeast have about \$100 million dollars of projects just for Northeast, so there's our recommendation. He asked whether the committee has to incorporate feedback from the rest of the County, or is it logical to think that we're probably going to get \$25 million of the \$100 million, or do we get more with a stronger argument? Mr. Reyna stated that sometimes people might be interested in one **project**, but there are many things that need to be done in the County, and **it is the committee's, commissioners', and public's job to define what is most important.** He then introduced Commissioner Sonleitner **to comment on how money may be spent.** Commissioner Sonleitner stated that this is the her third bond election that she has gone through, and stated that just because there are four Precincts, they don't take it and divide it by four and say pick your stuff. We really try to build a bond election that is balanced, and try to meet the needs of all Precincts.

Speakers:

Jack Gullahorn – Roads: Gregg Lane

Olle Lorehn – Jails

Vernagene Mott – Drainage

Tommy Nobles – Roads / Floodplain

Robert Starden – Parks: Southwest Metro

Sylvia Crisp – Mobility Project #16 & #17

Pat Bowman – Roads: Gattis School Road

David Calaburg – Roads: Heatherwilde (Comm. Sonleitner stated that Heatherwilde is already funded by Travis County, but we need participation from partner. Mr. Gieselman said we are real close to coming to an agreement)

Sally Gannaway – Roads / Parks

Cat Callen – Parks / Roads

Cheryl Chunco – Reimers Ranch / SW Metro Park

Mike Jeter – Roads: Gregg & Howard Lane

5. Other items / Next Steps

Mr. Reyna stated that the committees would be touring **proposed project areas**, and asked citizens to let them know if they had places in mind they wanted the committee to visit. **He mentioned that proposed project material, committee member emails, and more are on the County Website.**

6. Next Meeting

Mr. Reyna announced the next meeting to be on June 14, 2005 at 6:30pm, **as well as others listed on press release.**

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 9:12 p.m.