

**PUBLIC MEETINGS  
TRAVIS COUNTY BOND PROGRAM  
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2005  
TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM  
314 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
6:30 PM**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Perry Lorenz - Chair  
Dr. Charles Akins  
Leonard Huber**

**Steve Martin  
Leslie Pool**

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

**Brian Barnhart  
Charles Bergh  
David Blakenship  
Roni Boer  
Jeff Boyt  
Jo Carol Bradshaw  
Jerri Brown  
Neil Cable  
Jason Cheng  
Cliff Davis  
Bright Dornblaser  
Gary Ellis  
Bruce Evans  
Shudde Fatif  
Alexandra Garcia  
Scott Garlington  
Joe Gieselman  
John Glaze  
Jack Gullahorn**

**Sheriff Gregg Hamilton  
Quince Lee Hebert  
Isaac Hoefling  
Kirk Holladay  
Choo Kim-Ishitt  
Scott Ishitt  
Cary Jackson  
Carol Joseph  
Ben Kanderowicz  
Abby LaFevers  
Kevin Lewis  
Gene Lowenthal  
Brent Luck  
Charlie McCabe  
James McKay  
Dennis Miller  
Kevin Miller  
Warner Miller  
Kevin Paul Mouton**

**Stan Ostrum  
Kelly Page  
Chris Palmer  
Jason Perez  
Shane Poole  
Selena Pang  
Kai Pang-Whitsett  
Judi Rankartz  
Wendy Scaperotta  
Stacey Scheffel  
Michael Sieben  
Mamic Stefanov  
Mike Trimble  
Robbin Trusty  
Eric Thronson  
Dason Whitsett  
Karen Williamson  
Charlie Watts**

**1. Open House of Project Information**

Committee member Mr. Perry Lorenz opened the meeting at 7:13pm, and started by reading the mission of the Public Meetings.

**2. BCAC Introductions**

Mr. Lorenz introduced himself as Vice-Chair of the Bond Committee and a member of the Parks and Open Space Sub-committee, he also asked the committee members to introduce themselves. Ms. Leslie Pool introduced herself as being appointed by Precinct 2, and representing the Parks & Open Space sub-committee, Leonard Huber introduced himself as being appointed by Precinct 3, and representing the Mobility and Drainage sub-committee. Dr. Charles Akins introduced himself as being appointed by Precinct 1, serving on the Jail sub-committee.

Next, Mr. Lorenz invited the citizens to take a moment to visit the posted display that would be discussed on that evening. The citizens agreed that they did not need additional time to view the displays. Mr. Lorenz announced that we were having technical difficulties and that we would start with agenda item #4, Public comments and Speakers, and come back to agenda item #3, Project Presentations by County staff. See Agenda Item #4 for speakers.

### **3. Project Presentations – County Staff**

- 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
- 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

### **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:

Carry Jackson – Parks: Skateboard Park  
Jeri Brown – Open Space: All Open Space / SW Metro Park  
Jeb Boyt – Parks & Open Space: Reimer’s Ranch  
Colin Clark – Open Space  
Shudde Fath – Open Space  
James McNally – Open Space: Reimer’s Ranch  
Isaac Hoefling – Parks: Skateboard & Bike Park  
Susan Bright – Open Space: Reimer’s Ranch  
Gene Lowenthal – Open Space  
Dennis Warner – Open Space: Reimer’s Ranch  
Kevin Miller – Open Space: Reimer’s Ranch  
Kevin Lewis - Open Space: Reimer’s Ranch  
Jason Perez – Parks – SW Metro  
Scott Isgitt - Open Space: Reimer’s Ranch  
Dason Whisett - Open Space: Reimer’s Ranch  
James Faerber - Open Space: Reimer’s Ranch  
Charlie McCare – Parks: East & West  
James MacKay - Open Space: Reimer’s Ranch  
Alexandria Garcia - Open Space: Reimer’s Ranch  
Jack Gullahorn – Project #20, #21, #5: Gregg Ln. & Howard Ln.  
Trey Graves - Open Space: Reimer’s Ranch  
Calvin Miller – Parks: Skateboard Park  
Dennis Miller - Open Space: Reimer’s Ranch

Seth Johnson - Parks: Skateboard Park  
Karen Williamson - Parks: Skateboard Park  
Hayden Custer - Parks: Skateboard Park  
Lendar Milligan - Parks: Skateboard Park  
Mike Milligan - Parks: Skateboard Park

**Perry Lorenz asked Jeff Jack, who is associated with Envision Central Texas) and was sitting in the audience, if he had any comments. Mr. Jack began by saying that the one thing that strikes him about what we're doing in Central Texas, Austin, and Travis County particularly, is that we're believing that population projections that have been generated over time and established for the last ten years are what we need to plan for. He asked whether the carrying capacity of our region with regard to water and drainage has been determined; whether we know what is sustainable in our region; and at what point do we become dependent on growth, i.e., we need to encourage people to move to our community so we can pay off our capital investments in infrastructure. He said that in all that he's seen tonight it is evident that there will be a lot of work out there for architects, but questioned whether we are building a future for Travis County and the City of Austin that's truly sustainable. Is this he future for Central Texas? He said we're basing all of this investment of taxpayer dollars on the belief that we're going to have this exponential growth over the next twenty to forty years and there's nothing we can do about it. Mr. Jack went on to say that he questions that assumption, and whether or not we're prudent shepherds of our taxpayer dollars by creating a massive infrastructure through not only the County's bond package but the City proposed one as well. Mr. Jack said that he truly understands the drainage and flood issues, and he probably is the only one present that has designed a jail, so he understands the need. He finished by asking if we wanted Austin to just continue to grow, and stated that there is no vision in the County's bond program of what Austin should be.**

Following the final speech, Mr. Lorenz presented agenda item #3, Project Presentations by County staff.

**5. Other items / Next Steps**

No other items discussed

**6. Next Meeting**

Next meeting was announced to be June 16, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

**7. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.