

**PUBLIC MEETINGS
TRAVIS COUNTY BOND PROGRAM
JUNE 22, 2005
EAST TRAVIS COUNTY
PRECINCT ONE SATELLITE SERVICE CENTER
9301 JOHNNY MORRIS ROAD
6:30 PM**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

**Dr. Charles Akins - Chair
Diane Akers
Jim Davis**

**Nell Penridge
Rod Reyna**

TRAVIS COUNTY STAFF AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

**David Balagia
Larry Beard
Joyce Best
John Bird
Jo Carol Bradshaw
Glenn Bridges
Lisa Brown
Neil Cable
Sally Carrybell
Ron Davis, Commissioner
Trek English
Chris Fanuel
Jennifer Giles
David Gunlock
Gail L.Hammett
Cary Jackson
Seth Johnson
Carol Joseph
Ron L.Kinney**

**Mark McAfee
Melanie McAfee
Calvin Miller
Dennis Miller
Ross Milloy
Roy Mynier
Kathryn Nichols
Christopher Pappas
Dan Pyka
Joe Rich
Andy Rihn
Wendy Scaperotta
Stacey Scheffel
Sharon Stanley
Mike Trimble
Charlie Watts
Karen Williamson
Pete Winstead
Adam Young**

1. **Call to Order/Introductions** - Committee member Dr. Charles Akins called the meeting to order at 6:30, after the public had the opportunity to review display materials and question staff. Dr. Akins introduced himself to the public as a committee representative in Precinct One. He further explained that the public meetings were being held to allow for public input about proposed projects in the possible bond package. Dr. Akins proceeded to introduce committee members and Travis County staff. Dr. Akins recognized and introduced Commissioner Ron Davis of Precinct One.

Commissioner Davis gave recognition to volunteers on the Bond Committee for their hard work and diligence with respect to hearing citizen concerns and helping the bond package come forth.

Dr. Akins stated that staff would give a brief presentation. He recommended that citizens take the opportunity to view drawings and materials placed in the foyer and in the meeting room. He stated that we would then start with the project presentations from Travis County staff.

2. Project Presentations – County staff gave project presentations as follows:

- a. Jail Facility Replacement & Improvement Projects was presented by Mr. Mike Trimble, Criminal Justice Planning Coordinator.
- b. Subdivision Drainage Improvement Projects & Flood Plain Mitigation was presented by Stacey Scheffel, Transportation & Natural Resources
- c. Mobility Improvements and Right-of-Way Acquisition was presented by Charlie Watts, Transportation & Natural Resources
- d. Parks & Open Space Improvements and Land Acquisition was presented by Wendy Scaperotta, Transportation & Natural Resources

Committee member Rod Reyna gave a synopsis of the 15-member committee, all volunteers, that have met at least twelve times already. He said that the members are broken into three committees: Parks & Open Space, Drainage & Roads, and Jails. He also explained that this bond package consists of over 50 projects, totaling over \$450 million dollars, which needs to be condensed down to \$100 million if we don't want to raise taxes. He said that if we want to raise taxes (don't quote him on this – this is just an estimate), for every cent that taxes are raised, there would be about \$70 million dollars extra for a bond project. He said voter's need to decide which of the 50 projects they want, and expressed that projects are divided up by needs and not necessarily by Precinct. He also said that we can do a bond package, or we don't have to – you may want to do one higher than a \$100 million. Mr. Reyna then asked the other committee members to state the committee's they were working on.

3. Public Comments – Bond Committee members received public comments from the following speakers:

David Gunlock – Against Jails & For Parks, specifically shuffle boards

John Bird – Roads: Gregg Lane

Gayle Hanna – Roads: Project #5, #20, #21

Pete Winstead – Roads: Howard Lane Extension

Glenn Hodges – Howard Lane Extension

Karen Williamson – Parks & Open Space

Ross Milloy – Infrastructure & Roads: SH 130

Dan Chiride Hill-Arterial Lane "A"

Charlie Jackson – Parks & Skateboards

Kathryn Nichols – Parks & Open Space

Larry Beard – Roads: SH 130 & Parks, Decker Lake Rd.

Duncan Chiles – Parks: Reimers Ranch & Rock Climbing

Trek English –Drainage & Flooding #1 (Arterial A), #6 (Walnut Creek)

Joyce Best – # 1 (Arterial A)

Dennis Miller: Reimers Ranch

Seth Johnson - Parks & Skateboarding

Adam Young – Well being of children

Joe Rich – Parks & Skateboards

Ms. Mackaby – Roads

Christopher Pappas - Skate board Park – Made a skateboard video presentation.

At one point during the public comment period, Mr. Reyna asked how many people would be in favor of having a separate bond proposal for Open Space, which could mean limited use, and/or public access to it, not just open space to buy. Approximately 10 citizens raised they're hands in favor of the separate bond proposal, 0 against it, and about 4 to 6 citizens raised they're hands that were unsure.

Dr. Akins acknowledged receipt of a letter from Representative Dawna Dukes encouraging the inclusion of mobility projects within the bond package. Ms. Dukes supported projects #20 (Howard Lane I), #21 (Howard Lane II), and #26 (Pecan Street). Dr. Akins further stated that the committee members present at this public meeting will share this information with other members to ensure that citizens of this county will have a beneficial bond package. Dr. Akins also stated that there were several letters received from citizen's representing Arkansas Bend Park.

4. Next Meeting

This item was not discussed

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.