

**Travis County 2005 Bond Public Meeting • Speaker Summary
Tuesday, June 14, 2005 • Travis County Commissioners' Courtroom**

NAME	COMMENT
1. Carry Jackson	Is in favor of investing more money in a skate park for the growing skateboard community.
2. Jerri Brown	Is in favor of the bond for open space acquisition for all of Travis County. Ask that priority be given to the purchase of open space because land will become more expensive. Is interested in preserving native habitat, endangered species, natural beauty and quality of life.
3. Jeb Boyt	Is in favor of open space acquisition in general, and the Onion Creek Greenway project in particular. Is in favor of SW Metro Park/Reimer's Ranch land acquisition also.
4. Colin Clark	A Save Our Spring's (SOS's) representative who is in favor of open space and parkland for the County. Referring to a comparison report that shows Austin's amount of open space compared with other cities (Phoenix, Denver, Seattle and Raleigh), he noted that that Austin has much less. He is in favor of a proposition for acquiring open space that gives the voters the opportunity to vote for as much money needed.
5. Shudde Fath	Feels that if there were more parks and open space, there's a possibility that less money would need to be spent on jails and sheriffs/deputies. Is in favor of acquiring more open space.
6. James McNally	Supports the purchase of Reimer's Ranch.
7. Isaac Hoefling	Supports the purchase of land for public skate parks.
8. Susan Bright	Is encouraging the bond committee to get as much open space as possible.
9. Gene Lowenthal	Is in favor of acquiring open space throughout Travis County. He stated that Travis County is growing rapidly and feels that action is required now so that future generations don't regret the loss of open space. He asked that we look at it as an investment.
10. Dennis Miller	Is in favor of acquiring open space for parks, especially Reimer's Ranch.
11. Karen Williamson	Is in favor of purchasing open space land especially for a public skate park.
12. Seth Johnson	Is concerned about children spending their time on the couch playing video games. Is also concerned about fields not being used regularly, and taxpayer money be wasted on watering them. He noted that a skateboard facility would be used many hours throughout the week. He's in favor of acquiring open space for public parks, for skateboarding, rock climbing, mountain biking and swimming.
14. Hayden Custer	Keeps getting kicked out of every place that he skates. He just wants a place to skate, and that's not too crowded.
15. Portia Milligan	Would like to have a skate park built so that kids have a safe place to go, aren't influenced by the "street", where people can monitor their surroundings, and they won't get hit by a car.

16. Mike Milligan Supports having a skateboard park where kids don't get hit by cars, concerned about safety.
17. Kevin Lewis Supports all propositions for open space used for parkland.
18. Jason Perez Is in favor of open space, and in favor of saving Reimers Ranch.
19. Scott Isgitt Is in favor of saving Reimers Ranch.
20. Dason Whitsett Is in support of open space, especially Reimers Ranch.
21. James Faerber Supports purchase of Reimers Ranch. Would like to see it become a County park that people can use, and to preserve its ecology.
22. Charlie McCabe Is in full support of parks and open space.
23. James MacKay Supports open spaces, Reimers Ranch in particular.
24. Alexandria Garcia Strongly supports open space. She's a nurse and is concerned with high levels of diabetes and other diseases. Feels that this would be a great place for families to enjoy nature and be active, which may help prevent some medical conditions.
25. Jack Gullahorn Is representing himself and Gregg Lane Neighborhood Association. Supports projects #20, #21, and #5 (Howard Lane I, Howard Lane II and Cameron Rd.). He asked the committee to prioritize these 3 projects.
26. Trey Graves Is in favor of open spaces, especially Reimers Ranch.