

# **Travis County 2005 Bond Public Meeting • Speaker Summary**

## **Tuesday, June 22, 2005 • Precinct One Satellite Service Center**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
1. David Gunlock	Lives in Precinct One, and says that most park activities are aimed towards the younger generation but seniors need recreation, too. He would like a shuffleboard court provided in an area park. Against jail improvements, saying that prisoners should not be treated like guests.
2. John Bird	Lives on Gregg Lane, and thinks that County shouldn't spend their money on Improvement #20 (Howard Lane I).
3. Gayle Hanna	Lives on Gregg Lane and asks that committee prioritize projects #5, #20, and #21 (Howard Lane I, Howard Lane II and Cameron Road). Our community will be over taken by traffic from future development if these projects are not approved. Their neighborhood will suffer.
4. Pete Winstead	Talked about Howard Lane extension. Says that he has worked on 4 major toll roads in Central Texas, and the biggest one was SH130, which is a \$1.5 billion dollar roadway that has several east, west arterial connections. A major one is Howard Lane. He discussed the need for transportation improvements in the area. He represents some of the landowners along Howard Lane II and offered to work with the County in completing the project.
5. Glenn Hodges	Made a presentation and talked about the overpass interchange that TTA has already built and funded. He said that they are now waiting for Howard Lane to arrive and for the County to do it's part. He said the State has already done it's part, and referenced a letter from the Mayor of Austin to Judge Biscoe in which the Mayor said the City would complete it's part which is about \$6 million dollars.
6. Karen Williamson	Introduced herself as a skateboard mom. Says that her teens, as well as other teens, are very active in the community. She is in favor of a skateboard park, and suggests that any location is a good location because there is need everywhere.
7. Ross Milloy	Is a resident of Travis County for more than 35 years and is focused on infrastructure development. He talked about SH130 being the largest project in Texas history, \$36.5 billion dollars and that he's concerned about how it will look in 30 years. He also described a trail proposal, prepared by the Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council Land and Green Space Committee, to the committee, asking them to consider adding it to the bond package.
8. Dan Chinde Hill	Asks that the committee prioritize Arterial A. This project will alleviate some of the 290 E. and Dessau Road traffic.
9. Bill Meckafy	Says he's for parks, and against the Arterial A project.
10. Charlie Jackson	Is in favor of parks in general, and a skateboard park in particular. There are millions of people in the area but not one skate-park. Make Austin a destination for people to visit by providing a great skate park. Either of the two Metro parks that have been discussed as a home for a skate park would be good.

11. Kathryn Nichols  
Says that people living in the Austin and Bastrop communities are interested in protecting the Colorado River. Is in favor of parks and open space projects, providing green infrastructure, and protecting natural areas. From the perspective of protecting the Colorado River, she supports the Onion Creek Greenway project. When asked by the committee about appropriate activities for the elderly, she replied that trails are good for people of all ages. She also noted there is need for parks on the east side.
12. Larry Beard  
Lives across the street from Walter E. Long Park. He stated that Austin is short on roads traveling east to west, but \$1.5 billion dollars is being spent on a corridor running north and south. Proposes to work with Travis County and the City of Austin on completing connection of Decker Lake Road to SH130. Lives on a ranch, and is willing to dedicate his property for this project. Needs to make eastside living conditions similar to living conditions on the Westside, like at Barton Creek.
13. Duncan Chiles  
Supports Reimers Ranch and Hamilton Pool. Rock climbing is good at Reimers and there are few other places to climb in the area. Of the two places to climb in Austin, -- Reimers and the Greenbelt -- Reimer's is much easier to access.
14. Trek English  
Would like to see both young and old using parks. Her two concerns: She's against Arterial "A", but supports Drainage and Flooding Project #6. She presented a map that shows homes in Walnut Place and Chimney Hill that will be affected by drainage problems if project #6 is not a priority
15. Joyce Best  
Supports Trek English, and passed out pictures. She says trucks pass 24/7.
16. Dennis Miller  
Says we need to procure open space now, and he supports shuffleboard for seniors. He thinks the County has a wonderful park system that we need to build on. He's concerned about the future of his kids and kids-kids.
17. Seth Johnson  
Who saw the article in the newspaper "Go Skateboarding Day?" Kids came from all over the region. He noted that no one's asking the Committee for baseball or soccer fields to be in the bond proposal. Suggests that \$500 thousand to \$1 million needs to be dedicated to build a skate board park. Supports the Reimers Ranch proposal and shuffleboard for seniors.
18. Adam Young  
Supports the health, well being and happiness of children
19. Joe Rich  
BMX bike rider moved here eight years ago. He's not trail biker but instead uses the same type of facility as skateboarders use. He said he doesn't think of it as a sport, in which competition takes places. He says biking and skating are positive individual activities, and supports the building of a skate park.
20. Melanie McAfee  
Opposes Arterial "A" (Project #1), and in favor of Drainage and Flood project #6.
21. Christopher Pappas  
Supports skateboarding. Thinks skate parks need to be "street oriented" with interesting architecture, like stairs and rails. He said it would be good if they could make the design of the park a kind of democratic "pasta" where skateboarders have a hand in it's design. He also said when skater's go downtown to skate because of they like it's "street" design, they are hauled off by police for damaging people's property. He says that the Austin Police Department supports a more formal place to skate. Finally, he and his friend Calvin showed skateboard video that focused on design.