

**MINUTES  
CITIZENS BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2005  
THOMPSON CONFERENCE CENTER, RM. 2.110**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dr. Charles Akins	Steve Martin
Diane Akers	Richard Moya
Glen Coleman	Nell Penridge
David Hartman	Leslie Pool
Jon Hockenyos	Rod Reyna
Leonard Huber	Sal Valdez
Perry Lorenz	

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

Major David Balagia	Wendy Scaperotta
Charles Bergh	Stacey Scheffel
David Blanchard	Beth Ann Sprengel
Jo Carol Bradshaw	Mike Trimble
Danny Burnett	Gretchen Vaden
Ken Gaede	Jim Wancer
Joe Gieselman	Charlie Watts
Carol Joseph	Martin Zamzow
Don Martin	

**1. Citizens Communication**

Chairman Moya called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. He said that the Committee would begin with Citizen Communication and asked if any citizen would like to speak to the Committee.

Danny Burnett, with Dwyer Realty, commented about arterials associated with Wild Horse Ranch. Mr. Burnett commented that Dwyer Realty was interested in working with the County on proposed improvements in the Wild Horse Ranch subdivision. Additionally, Mr. Burnett submitted to the Committee maps and a spreadsheet showing additional improvements that have been identified in the surrounding East Austin-Manor area where he said there was a willingness to work with the County to complete the projects. The area that's covered in the spreadsheet and in the maps includes Shadow Glen, Presidential Meadows, Presidential Glen, and Wild Horse Creek. There are about 10,000 single-family homes, 4500 multi-family homes, and about 7 million square feet of commercial retail proposed for this area. He also provided a map of the proposed roadway system in the area.

Jim Walker, with the City of Austin Bond Advisory Committee, indicated that he and Leslie Pool have met outside of the respective committee meetings to share information and avoid duplicating work that has already been done by staff. When asked if she had any comments to add regarding their meeting, Leslie Pool stated that Jim had summarized it well, and that they would continue to share information. Mr. Walker stated that he was impressed with the County's bond Parks map and the coordination with other jurisdictions that it shows; he will encourage the City to do the

same kind of coordination to identify other jurisdictions' ideas about potential projects and opportunities.

Chairman Moya closed Citizen Communication. He moved to agenda item #2 to consider approval of minutes of June 7, 2005.

**2. Review and Consider Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2005; June 13, 2005; June 14, 2005; and June 16, 2005 Meetings**

Approval of June 7, 2005 Agenda Minutes: Mr. Sal Valdez stated that he would like to make a correction to the June 7, 2005 minutes, on page two. Mr. Valdez noted that the minutes did not accurately reflect what he stated in the June 7th meeting and requested that the section be stricken in its entirety. At Chairman Moya's suggestion, Mr. Valdez made the motion to approve the June 7, 2005 Agenda Minutes as amended to strike his comment in its entirety. Dr. Akins seconded the motion. Chairman Moya asked if there were any more amendments to be made to the June 7 minutes. He proceeded with a vote when the committee indicated that there were none. The June 7, 2005 minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of June 13, 2005 Public Meeting Minutes: Chairman Moya proceeded to the review and approval of minutes for the June 13, 2005 Public Meeting held in Pflugerville. Mr. Rod Reyna stated that he had additions to the June 13<sup>th</sup> minutes and would pass them to the Chair for his review. Ms. Nell Penridge made the motion to accept the changes as corrected by Mr. Reyna. Mr. Reyna stated that there are about 16 corrections or additions to what was said in the meeting.

When asked by Mr. Gieselman to discuss the nature of the corrections, Mr. Reyna said that corrections and revisions to the minutes could be verified against the audiotapes on file with staff. He asked the Chair to review his written corrections instead of having him describe them because there were numerous changes.

When given the paper with Mr. Reyna's revisions, Mr. Moya stated that there were a lot of additions but that the committee needed to go through each one. Mr. Joe Gieselman asked if there was a deficiency in how we did the minutes and whether it was reflective of all the meeting minutes. Mr. Reyna stated that the corrections had to do with different things said by Committee members, Chair or staff, which may have been misheard on audiotape because it's hard to hear sometimes. He also noted that he has suggested before that using a laptop at the committee meetings, instead of hand writing notes, might facilitate the minute preparation process; minutes could be typed as the meeting progressed and the audio could be used to fill in gaps.

Mr. Gieselman stated that we also had written public testimonies at the office that need to be added to the record. Ms. Scaperotta replied that she believes we captured almost everything in the packets we sent out. Chairman Moya made a motion to have the corrections and written testimonies included in the approved minutes.

Mr. Reyna further stated that he would like the corrections be compared to the audiotape to ensure that they were accurate. Ms. Jo Carol Bradshaw, staff, asked if the members wanted the minutes to be real detailed with everything that is said because Mr. Reyna's amendments were additions and not corrections.

Mr. Reyna stated that he has both additions and corrections to the minutes. He noted that in one instance, he amended the minutes by adding that the committee members made reports and gave updates on their subcommittee's work after the staff presentations were made because it was not included in the original minutes, and not including this information in the minutes indicates to the public that Committee Members did not participate in this way. He further noted that this may seem like a small thing, but he thought it was important.

After some discussion, Chairman Moya requested that someone make a motion to approve the minutes of June 13<sup>th</sup> at Pflugerville Justice Center to include changes as submitted by Mr. Reyna and to include the written testimonials submitted at that meeting as part of the minutes. At that time, it was seconded by Mr. Hartman to approve the minutes as amended by Mr. Reyna.

Ms. Pool asked if a summary of Mr. Jeff Jack's (with Envision Central Texas) comments could be added to the June 14, 2005 Public Meeting Minutes. She stated that she would like to have it described in the minutes in more detail than it currently is.

Ms. Penridge stated that there was some confusion as to which minutes were being discussed. She also asked if all the minutes were being discussed. Chairman Moya clarified that the committee was currently discussing the June 13<sup>th</sup> minutes only and asked for a member of the committee to make a motion to accept the June 13<sup>th</sup> minutes. Mr. Valdez motioned to approve the June 13<sup>th</sup> minutes as amended to include both Mr. Reyna's edits (in italicized bold typeface so that committee members will be able to identify amendments to the original minutes) and any written statement or documentation presented at that particular meeting. Ms. Penridge withdrew her initial motion to accept the minutes and seconded Mr. Valdez's motion to accept the June 13<sup>th</sup> minutes. Chairman Moya motioned to approve the June 13<sup>th</sup> minutes. The minutes were approved with no opposition.

Chairman Moya stated that before discussing any more minutes, there was another citizen that wanted to speak before the Committee. He also noted that too much time was being spent on approving minutes.

#### Continuation of Citizen Communication

Larry Beard discussed Project #6, in support of the Decker Lake Road Extension, and provided a map in support of Item No. 6, Decker Lake Road Extension. Mr. Beard stated he was the owner of the property along the Decker Lake Road alignment and was interested in working with the County on the Decker Lake project. Additionally, Mr. Beard felt that the cost estimate provided by the County on the project was too high and the project could be completed for less comparing the estimate to the level of improving a section of IH 35.

Approval of June 14, 2005 Public Meeting Minutes: Chairman Moya proceeded to approving the minutes for the June 14, 2005 Public Meeting held at the Travis County Commissioners' Courtroom. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Mr. Lorenz motioned to approve the minutes for this public meeting that he had chaired. Ms. Pool seconded the motion with the amendment that a more detail description of Jeff Jack's comments be included in the minutes. Chairman Moya asked if his comments were included in the minutes. Ms. Bradshaw answered that Jeff Jack's comments were not detailed in the minutes and that she would add more detail. Chairman Moya motioned to approve the Tuesday's, June 14<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously with the requested amendment.

Mr. Glen Coleman asked if the Committee had ended their period of public comment. Chairman Moya said yes, unless someone wanted to speak. Mr. Glenn Coleman stated any party wanting to act on a public/private partnership needed to act, and that time was of the essence and the sooner something concrete was produced, the easier it would be for all of the members on the committee to make decisions on how to prioritize the project.

Mr. Coleman addressed the comment to Mr. Gieselman and stated that throughout the entire process the committee has held discussions about the public/private commitments. He further stated that he assumed that there is a formal commitment required by the County that is demonstrated by some type of formal document.

Mr. Gieselman stated that the document was a contract, which is called a "Terms of Agreement". The question is whether or not the County will need a contract in place prior to the election. He said that time is running out and whether the County would risk going to into a November election without a contract in place is questionable.

Approval of June 16, 2005 Public Meeting Minutes: Chairman Moya asked if there were any more questions and then proceeded to approving the minutes for the Thursday, June 16, 2005 Public Meeting held in Del Valle. Ms. Penridge motioned to approve the minutes as written stating that she attended that meeting. Mr. Valdez seconded the motion. Chairman Moya called for a vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **3. Discuss the results of the Public Meetings**

Chairman Moya asked if anyone would like to give a report on any of the public meetings that were held. Ms. Pool stated that the citizen's were very informative and that it was good to hear from all them. Dr. Akins stated that he and other committee members were present at Precinct One on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the meeting was very interesting. Persons who came forth stated their concerns about the Howard Lane Extension. There were also a variety of concerns from Precinct One. There was only one comment about the jail. For the most part, the comments were from skateboarders, who had a nice presentation that included a video that was viewed in part; the skateboarders were assured that the committee received their message. Dr. Akins hoped that the subcommittees would consider the concerns voiced at Precinct One.

Ms. Penridge asked whether the committee was to consider items that were not on the list of projects. Chairman Moya replied that it is up to the committee to consider any and everything, and that a proposed project doesn't have to be on the list. Ms. Pool asked which items Ms. Penridge was considering. Ms. Penridge replied that she was thinking of the Austin-San Antonio Corridor

Council's proposed Hike & Bike Trail along the new SH 130 corridor that would use right-of-way along SH 130 to create a continuous path and trail.

Mr. Perry Lorenz stated that he attended the downtown meeting held on June 14<sup>th</sup> and listened to Jeff Jack's comments, presented from the perspective of Envision Central Texas. He first said the committee gave Mr. Jack all the time he needed to speak, and Mr. Jack pointed out that the County has the opportunity to set infrastructure in places that are consciously chosen for development. Mr. Lorenz also explained that Mr. Jack questioned why the County is presuming that Austin is going to grow like crazy, and why, if we look at what Envision Central Texas told us, would the County be spending money to put infrastructure in SW Travis County. Mr. Lorenz further explained that Mr. Jack believes that the cycle of building infrastructure that, in turn, requires an increased population to support it causes the problem. Mr. Lorenz said that this was the essence of Mr. Jack's comments.

Mr. Lorenz went on to say that there were approximately 33 speakers at the downtown meeting. About 24 speakers were present and specifically spoke in support of Reimer's Ranch. The citizens were very well organized. Four or five were there about Reimer's and open space needs in general. One citizen spoke about Howard Lane. There were no comments about the jail.

Chairman Moya asked if there were any additional comments about the public meetings. He noted that there were only two more meetings before they reported to Commissioners' Court. This meant that one of those two meetings was that night, and he emphasized that the subcommittees needed to finalize and prioritize their projects.

Chairman Moya also asked that each subcommittee prioritize their projects so that other members could review and vote on them. He stated that the committee needs to move quickly between now and July 19<sup>th</sup> when the second report will be made to the Commissioners' Court and a final report due on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Gieselman stated that the final report follows the public hearings. For the public hearings, the Committee would be presenting to the public the Committee's best guess of what was to be included in the bond package, and then receive testimony from the public on the Committee's recommended bond package. It was clarified further that the Committee would consider the public hearings input when making their final recommendations for the \$100 million bond proposition to the Commissioners' Court.

Ms. Pool asked if the Committee should have discussions about how the \$100 million might be allocated to certain types of projects such as parks or drainage projects. She further asked if they should consider the amount of dollars allocated to each project or just a list with rankings and numbers assigned.

Chairman Moya stated that the Committee should receive a report from each subcommittee that includes the price tag of each project on the list. A decision will be made based on the subcommittee reports as a whole. Mr. Lorenz stated that the Committee is not bound to \$100 million and the Committee should be prepared for that.

Mr. Hartman stated he has a concern in developing a list of items because he wasn't present at each public meeting, but he would like to hear what the northeast precincts had to say about some of

projects in their area. He said he wanted to develop a list with due haste but needed more time to review the minutes of the public meetings to gain more information.

Chairman Moya stated that when the Committee meets again on July 12<sup>th</sup>, there should be some direction for the Committee. The Committee isn't bound to just \$100 million, and what the Committee was asked on the charter was to give some justification of why we need to go over \$100 million. The Committee should be able to demonstrate why it should exceed \$100 million. It will be up to the entire board to state why it needs to exceed that amount. The Commissioners' Court will then make the final decision about the bond package.

Chairman Moya stated that the revised numbers from the consultant for the jail should be presented by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Trimble stated that they should have the revised numbers by July 12<sup>th</sup>, and that Mr. Ken Gaede, who is overseeing the project, will have those numbers ready for the Committee. He also asked Chairman Moya if HOK, who are jail facility consultants, could be allowed to present cost and any other backup information to the Commissioners' Court on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Gieselman stated that the Committee also needs the latest cost estimates for parks and drainage projects.

Ms. Penridge asked if it were possible to meet one more time between then and July 19<sup>th</sup> or meet twice that week, because she couldn't be present on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Moya asked the Committee if they could meet Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, in addition to the July 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hockenyos suggested that they would need an additional meeting just for the subcommittees to work through certain projects.

Chairman Moya stated that subcommittees could meet outside the regular meetings and doing so does not need a motion from the Committee. Subcommittees would need to also coordinate with staff when these meetings would be held. He further stated that members could attend a meeting without being on that subcommittee. Chairman Moya stated that the Committee would continue with the scheduled meetings on July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Moya suggested proceeding to Agenda Item Number #4. The committee broke into subcommittees at 6:45pm and resumed at 7:55pm.

**4. Review and Consider Information About the Proposed Projects During Subcommittee Meetings for the following topics:**

- Jail Facility Project
- Drainage, Bridge and Mobility Projects
- Parks & Open Space Projects

**5. Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on the Scope and Content of the Proposed 2005 Bond Program.**

See comments above.

**6. Discuss Proposed Schedule for Public Hearings (Week of July 25<sup>th</sup> or August 1<sup>st</sup>).**

Chairman Moya motioned that the Committee discuss the schedule for the next series of public hearings to be held after the July 19<sup>th</sup> report to the Court. Mr. Charlie Watts stated that the next five public hearings could be held at the same locations that the public meetings used. He further stated that they could start the first week of August.

Ms. Penridge asked if it were possible to repeat the same schedule from the previous public meetings and just change the dates beginning July 25<sup>th</sup>. She also asked if the meetings could start the week of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Moya stated that the public hearings needed to take place after the report to Commissioners' Court and the recommended start date of July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hockenyos asked for clarification on the process for making the final recommendation to Commissioners' Court, after holding a series of public hearing. Presumably, the public hearings would then have an impact on the report to Commissioners' Court and the Court would not take any action until the Committee is entirely finished. Mr. Gieselman answered that's usually the way it is. Ms. Penridge stated that the committee should make the report on July 19<sup>th</sup> and hold the public hearings after the report has been given.

Chairman Moya stated that the committee has to go before Commissioners' Court with the report by Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Penridge motioned that the committee meet at the Commissioner's Court on July 19<sup>th</sup> as scheduled. After discussion, Chairman Moya motioned for the public hearings to take place July 25<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Reyna asked if the public hearings were going to be held in the same places. Mr. Charlie Watts verified that the public hearings could be held the next week and take place in the same buildings. Chairman Moya asked the Committee to restart the motion for the public hearings, and to approve five (5) public hearings to take place beginning July 25<sup>th</sup> and completed the following week. He motioned to approve the schedule for the public hearings. There was no opposition.

## **7. Review and Discuss Next Meeting Agenda**

This item was previously discussed in Item No. 6.

## **8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.