

**PUBLIC HEARING
TRAVIS COUNTY BOND PROGRAM
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2005
BATY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (CAFETERIA)
2101 FARO DRIVE
6:30 PM**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

**Richard Moya - Chair
Nell Penridge**

John Hockenyos

CITIZENS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

**Major Balagia
Charles Betts
Mike Blizzard
Jo Carol Bradshaw
Jason Cheng
Corey Fields
Justin Fried
Joe Gieselman
Comm. Margaret Gomez
Norma Gonzalez
John Hutchinson
Michael Inabinet
Carol Joseph
Kristina Kubeck**

**Brent Luck
Angela Michaels
Wendy Scaperotta
Stacey Scheffel
Kristina Kubeck
Bill Scheftaul
Glen Shield
Justin Spillman
Tracy Terrill
Mike Trimble
Roy Turley
Bob Turner
Joyce Thoreson
Charlie Watts**

1. Open House of Project Information

Chairman Richard Moya opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m., after the public had time to review Project displays. Chairman Moya thanked the citizens for attending the hearings and acknowledged Commissioner Margaret Gomez. He asked her if she had any comments before proceeding with the agenda.

Commissioner Gomez thanked the citizens for their participation in the public hearings. She said that comments received that night would be taken back to the full Citizens Bond Advisory Committee (CBAC), who would make a final report on the public hearing findings and their recommendations to the Commissioners Court.

2. BCAC Introductions

Chairman Moya introduced the committee members that were in attendance. He explained that all comments were being tape-recorded in the public hearing process, and asked everyone to move closer to the front. He stated that committee member Sal Valdez was not be able to attend that evening, and asked other committee members to introduce themselves.

Mr. John Hockenyos introduced himself, thanked the citizens for their participation, and said that he was interested in hearing their comments. Chairman Richard Moya re-introduced himself and hoped that the citizens had an opportunity to review the displays. He explained that County staff would make a short presentation on the projects being recommended by the CBAC for the possible November bond election. Chairman Moya proceeded to the next agenda item.

3. Project Presentations – County Staff:

- **Jail Facility Replacement Improvement Project**, was presented by Mr. Mike Trimble, Criminal Justice Planning Coordinator. Mr. Trimble introduced Major Balagia from the Travis County Sheriff Department.

Chairman Moya asked if there were any additional questions about this project and announced the next speaker.

- **Subdivision Drainage Improvement Projects & Flood Plain Mitigation, was presented by Bob Turner, TNR and Stacey Scheffel, TNR**

Chairman Moya asked if there were any additional questions about this project and announced the next speaker.

- **Mobility Improvements & Right-of-Way acquisitions** presented by Charlie Watts, TNR

Chairman Moya asked if there were any additional questions about this project. A citizen asked what the plans were for the Bradshaw Road (South Pleasant Valley) project.

Mr. Watts explained that the Committee did not recommend this project. Staff had initially identified it as a road needing to be upgraded to a four-lane divided, but it was not currently included in the bond proposal.

The same citizen asked the status of Zachary Scott tract, and whether it would be acquired. Mr. Watts responded that the City would be acquiring right-of-way for that project. He said that the City of Austin has also identified it as a need, and that the City and county may work together on this project.

- **Parks and Open Space Improvements & Land Acquisition**, was presented by Ms. Wendy Scaperotta, TNR

Chairman Moya asked if there were any additional questions about this project.

A citizen asked if the water quality protection agreements included purchasing land. Ms. Scaperotta said that the agreement could be accomplished with either fee simple purchase of land or purchase of a conservation easement on the land. In either case, the County would prefer having public access to the land.

Mr. Moya introduced committee member Nell Penridge who had arrived. Chairman Moya asked if there were any questions about this project and proceeded to the next item.

4. Receive Public Comments – Bond Committee

Chairman Moya requested that citizens sign up if they would like to speak. Public comments were taken in the numerical order signed up.

Speakers:

John Hutchinson – Arterial A & Walnut Creek #6

Angela Michaels – Arterial A & Walnut Creek #6

Joyce Thoresen – Arterial A

Kristina Kubeck – Arterial A Mobility Project #1 & Drainage Project #6, Quietie Dr./Walnut Creek

Glen Shield – Precinct Four Roads

Corey Fields – Parks & Recreation

Mike Blizzard - \$60 million for natural areas

5. Other items / Next Steps

Mr. Moya announced that two more public hearings would be held: one at the east Travis County Satellite One office, close to the Arterial A project site, on Wednesday, August 3rd, and the last meeting would be held Thursday, August 4th in at the Precinct Three Travis County Office Complex. He noted that after these meetings were completed, the entire bond committee would meet August 9th at the Joe C. Thompson Center to revise their recommendations if needed. He noted that this meeting is open to the public.

He also told everyone that their final presentation of recommendations to the Commissioners Court would be held on Tuesday, August 16th at Travis County Commissioner's Courtroom, at approximately 10 a.m. He explained that the Commissioners Court would make the final decisions on which projects to include in the bond package, and that there was still time to comment. Citizens could also contact their Commissioner or County Judge. Chairman Moya thanked the audience for the comments and concluded the meeting.

6. Next Meeting

East Travis County Precinct One on Wednesday, August 3, 2005.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.