

**Travis County 2005 Bond Public Hearing • Speaker Summary**  
**Thursday, August 4, 2005 • Pct. 3 Travis County Office Complex**

NAME	COMMENTS
1. Britt Jones	Citizen supports Reimer's Ranch and the Skateboard Park proposal. He first thanked the bond committee for the opportunity to speak. He is a board member of the Austin Ryder's Bike Club, and referenced Reimer's Ranch as being the jewel of Travis County. He spoke of how beautiful the rock climbing area was, and that the fishing there was unlike any other county had to offer. Mr. Jones stated that besides a few of the minor amenities, he'd like the Park to stay as natural as possible.
2. Christopher Klinger	Student at the University of Texas is in favor of keeping Reimer's Ranch on the proposed bond list of projects. He said it's the most gorgeous place he's ever been in his life. He would hate to see it disappear for the citizen's now, and for generations to come.
3. Charlie McCabe	Citizen supports all park and open space projects. This is the last chance to purchase land in Travis County.
4. David Houston	Citizen supports the acquisition of Reimer's Ranch. Citizen was born and raised in Austin Texas, and highly promotes family values. He says that Reimer's Ranch is the crown jewel in the State of Texas; it's a valuable resource. He spoke of the Monarch butterfly using Reimer's as a resting place on it's way to Mexico in the fall. Asked the bond committee to take this project as a very important research.
5. Valarie Bristol	Citizen is in support of the acquisition to purchase Reimer's Ranch. She was privileged to work on a project next to Reimer's Ranch, and recognized the real beauty. Ms. Bristol also said that Pogue Hollow is a wonderful canyon also, and hope to see it added to the Reimer's Ranch package. She said that Reimer's Ranch is an amazing resource for outdoors, and we need to make sure our children and grandchildren have a beautiful place to live, so please help us get the whole package.
6. Amy Wanamaker	Citizen works for the Trust for Public Land, and supports the bond package for Open Space as well as the \$60 million Stand-Alone project. She says in 5 to 7 years from now we'll be looking at an entirely different place out the window, one way or the other, and we can decide which direction we want that to go.

7. John Hutchinson	<p>Citizen supports the reinstatement of Arterial A. He said on yesterday he found out that in Northeast Travis County, along the corridor of SH-130, there are going to be 40 thousand houses built. He said right now all roads run east/west, and we're asking the County to help us finish a project that goes from Parmer Ln. down to Hwy. 290. He expressed that all roads lead to Springdale Rd. and cars have to come through his neighborhood to get to Hwy 290, which cause problems.</p> <p>Citizen asked to please reinstate.</p>
8. Angela Michaels	<p>Citizen is in favor of Walnut Creek Erosion project and the reinstatement of Arterial A to the bond package. Several Walnut Creek residents signed a petition that indicates they support and need funding and construction of Arterial A. Their neighborhood is suffering with tremendous traffic.</p>
9. Kristina Kubeck	<p>Citizen has lived in Walnut Place since 1976, and supports the reinstatement of Arterial A. She states that she has actively fought the landfill issues for many years, and contrary to misleading statements, the County does not have the authority to revoke permits. Funding for a north/south arterial road must be secured now, traffic will be over-whelming. She said a decision this big should be made by everyone and not manipulated. Ms. Kubeck asked the bond committee to keep Arterial A in this years bond package.</p>
10. Joyce Thoresen	<p>Citizen supports the reinstatement of Arterial A. She also represented her son who lives on Quietie Drive, in favor of the flood plain "buyout" project.</p>
11. Dick Kallerman	<p>Citizen is in support of the \$60 million Stand-Alone project for Natural areas.</p>
12. Luke Bowman	<p>Citizen is in support of Open Space and Reimer's Ranch. States that it is a one- time opportunity.</p>
13. Colin Clark	<p>Citizen supports Parks &amp; Open Space and the \$60 million Stand-Alone proposal to protect natural areas and water quality. He stated that the \$600 hundred thousand recommended for engineering on Reimer's Peacock Road would be better used to buy a conservation easement from land owners in that area. He handed out a report to the bond committee that shows economic advantages of protecting natural areas and open space.</p>
14. Jane Norwood	<p>Citizen loves the untouched land, and supports Parks &amp; Open Space, as well as the \$60 million Stand-Alone project and parks/natural areas.</p>
15. Sarah Baker	<p>Citizen who works at Save our Spring Alliance, is in favor of the \$60 million Stand-Alone project, and the proposal for Parks &amp; Open space. Encourages the bond committee to put both propositions in their final recommendations.</p>

16. Gene Lowenthal	Citizen supports the proposal of \$30 million for parks, \$7 million for Reimer's Ranch and \$60 million Stand-Alone proposal to acquire natural spaces.
17. Christy Muse	Citizen supports the acquisition of Reimer's Ranch and the \$60 million Stand-Alone proposal. Asked the bond committee to reconsider or to reevaluate the need for the Reimer's Peacock Road.
18. Carole Willard	Citizen lives on Hamilton Pool Rd. in which she travels up and down sometimes 8 to 10 times a day. She has teenage children and expresses how extremely dangerous Hamilton Pool road is. Her impression was that Hamilton Pool was a priority road to be improved, much more greater than just the bicycle lanes. Ms. Willard states that everyone is so excited about the purchase of Reimer's Ranch and she is also, but this will increase traffic on Hamilton Pool Rd making it more dangerous and more fatal. She says Hamilton Pool road needs to be widened to 4 lanes and have cross-turn lanes in the middle. She wants to know why it's only going to be improved to just bike lanes when it's so incredibly dangerous, and she would also like the County to think about potential lawsuits, fatalities, and misallocation of funds not being put toward safety.
19. Stephen Nash	Citizen is against building Peacock Rd. He states that it is a safety hazard, and would like to see officers on patrol duty to monitor the roads.
20. Robert Starcher	Citizen supports the proposal for Parks & Open Space, primarily Reimer's Ranch. To date he has collected 2500 signatures in support of Reimer's Ranch.
21. Steven Atherton	Citizen supports Parks & Open Space, primarily Reimer's Ranch, and ask that we do our best to preserve it.
22. Hill Abell	Mountain biker is in favor of Reimer's Ranch Proposal and the \$60 million Stand-Alone proposal for natural space protection, but states that the entire bond package is important.
23. Craig Smith	Citizen is the director of the Edwards Aquifer. He supports the Stand-Alone \$60 million bond propositions for natural areas and various park propositions. He believes that this is the last chance to preserve land.
24. Pepper Morris	Citizen is on the Hill Country Alliance board of directors. He supports the acquisition of Reimer's Ranch and the \$60 million Stand-Alone proposition.

25. Dan Rogers	Life long citizen states that the purchase and construction of Reimer's Ranch will promote mobility problems. He says that \$55 million dollars is insufficient for mobility problems our County faces. He said if a \$115 million dollar total bond project is all that's desired to be put up, we should consider putting additional road projects up for vote to the general public, as with the land and open space purchases. Citizen's will surely support it.
26. Mara Eurich	Citizen lives on Hamilton Pool road expresses she misses camping at Reimer's Ranch, and supports the acquisition of Reimer's Ranch. She states that the parks are over worked therefore not servicing the Community; we need more.
27. Hugh Winkler	Citizen is in favor of Open Space and acquiring Reimer's Ranch. It's important to acquire Pogue Creek and spend money on water quality agreements. Would like to see bike lanes on Hamilton Pool Rd. Also stated that the money used for engineering Hamilton Pool Rd could be better spent. He also stated that it is interesting to see Peacock road open up when it's been a private road for so long.
28. George Cofer	Citizen is the director of the Hill Country Alliance, and in support of the \$60 million Stand-Alone proposition as well as Parks & Open Space. Expresses this may be the last opportunity to purchase at these prices.
29. Pat Peacock Harrison	Citizen says that Peacock/Reimer's Rd has been open for a long time, and maintained by the county. She said it was a problem for us as ranchers because the gates kept being left open. It's not as big of an issue now because of they have a wild life preserve option. She said, personally, it is an infringement on us because of the traffic, but it's a wonderful access to Hwy.71, and a wonderful way for the bikers to get through to Hwy.71. She feels it's a win/win situation.
30. David Willie	Citizen supports the acquisition of Reimer's Ranch. Asked the bond committee to do what they can to save it.