

From: Karen Sonleitner
To: Bergh, Charles
Date: 7/21/2005 11:51:09 AM
Subject: Fwd: Open Space and Natural Areas

>>> <lakers@semanticdesigns.com> 7/21/2005 11:00 AM >>>
From: Larry Akers
Email: lakers@semanticdesigns.com

Honorable Commissioners: I support the citizen bond advisory committee's recommendation of bond packages of \$30.5M for parks and \$60M for open space acquisition, and I hope you will, too. Please place these items on the upcoming bond election ballot. Thank you. Larry Akers

From: Karen Sonleitner
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>>> <garret@groktankmedia.com> 7/20/2005 9:49 PM >>>
From: Garret Nick
Email: garret@groktankmedia.com

i strongly support any bond package that creates money for the park system of austin. the natural beauty of this area is the #1 reason i'm here and it is what makes austin unique and wonderful. thanks. garret

From: Karen Sonleitner
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>>> <rodolfo@valleyresearch.com> 7/20/2005 9:39 PM >>>
From: Rodolfo Carrera
Email: rodolfo@valleyresearch.com

Dear Travis County Commissioners, I write to encourage you to follow the citizen bond committee recommendations in supporting parks and open space bonds. Respectfully, Rodolfo Carrera, Ph.D. 3100 Manchaca Road Austin, TX-78704

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>>> <greams@earthlink.net> 7/20/2005 8:59 PM >>>
From: Gail J. Reams
Email: greams@earthlink.net

Please support parks, open space, and natural areas in the November bond election. Thank you. Sincerely, Gail J. Reams 3114 West Ave. Austin, TX 78705-2123

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>>> <mmehdy@ccwf.cc.utexas.edu> 7/20/2005 8:11 PM >>>
From: Mona Mehdy
Email: mmehdy@ccwf.cc.utexas.edu

I am writing in strong support of the proposal to place a bond measure for purchase of parkland and openspace, habitat in Travis County for the November election. With the rapid growth of Austin and surrounding communities, it is vital to purchase these public trust lands while they are still available and to enrich our county and protect our natural resources.

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>>> <ric@direcway.com> 7/20/2005 8:50 PM >>>
From: Ric Sternberg
Email: ric@direcway.com

Please follow the citizen bond committee recommendations for protection of open space and parks. Thanks. Ric Sternberg

From: Karen Sonleitner
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>>> <dandew@austin.rr.com> 7/20/2005 6:24 PM >>>
From: Daniel Dewberry
Email: dandew@austin.rr.com

I support the citizen bond advisory committee that has recommended \$30.5 million in bond funds for parks projects and \$60 million for protection of open space and natural areas. These issues are very important to me and my family.

From: Karen Sonleitner
To: Bergh, Charles
Date: 7/22/2005 12:28:52 PM
Subject: Fwd: Open Space and Natural Areas

>>> <pat@sosalliance.org> 7/22/2005 11:43 AM >>>
From: Pat Gordon-Brodnax
Email: pat@sosalliance.org

I support the citizen bond advisory committee's recommendation of \$30.5 million in bond funds for parks projects and \$60 million for protection of open space and natural areas.

From: Karen Sonleitner
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>>> <ehspease@aol.com> 7/22/2005 10:27 AM >>>
From: allyson pease
Email: ehspase@aol.com

The citizen bond advisory committee has recommended \$30.5 million in bond funds for parks projects and \$60 million for protection of open space and natural areas. Please follow the citizen bond committee recommendations. Help keep us great! Thank you, allyson pease

From: Karen Sonleitner
To: Bergh, Charles
Date: 7/22/2005 11:17:01 AM
Subject: Fwd: Open Space and Natural Areas

>>> <swaffar@lostinaustin.com> 7/22/2005 10:57 AM >>>
From: Bob Swaffar
Email: swaffar@lostinaustin.com

Commissioners, Please emphasize open space and parks in the Travis County bond elections. Thanks, Bob Swaffar

From: Karen Sonleitner
To: Bergh, Charles; Gieselman, Joe
Date: 8/8/2005 12:43:05 PM
Subject: Fwd: Buying a park area PLEASE.

For the bond file---parks and roads combined.

>>> "Rolando Sada Jr." <rollotex@yahoo.com> 8/7/2005 8:45 PM >>>
I would like for you to do this purchase of lands near the Hamiton pool park. I would love to visit the Reimers Fish camp as soon as Available. With the added traffic I hope you improve the road there, perhaps even re opening the old peacock Rd that was once there as a shortcut from 71.
Rolando Sada Jr.
(512) 731-6799.

From: Karen Sonleitner
To: Bergh, Charles
Date: 8/8/2005 12:32:22 PM
Subject: Fwd: Parks and Natural Areas

For the public file.....

>>> <hill@bicyclesportshop.com> 8/8/2005 12:29 PM >>>
From: Hill Abell
Email: hill@bicyclesportshop.com

Thank you for your work on crafting the bond package recommendation to the County Commissioners. Please ask the commissioners to include \$30.5 million for parks and \$60 million for the acquisition of natural areas and water quality protection lands.

From: Scheleen Walker
To: Carol Joseph; Charles Bergh; Charlie Watts; Joe Gieselman;
John Kuhl; Leroy Click; Roy Turley; Wendy Scaperotta
Date: 8/8/2005 11:02:33 AM
Subject: Groups back open space plan at bond hearing

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Groups back open space plan at bond hearing

A large contingent of those who support the open space proposal - a possible \$60 million amendment on the upcoming Travis County Bond Election ballot - showed up at a bond advisory committee hearing Thursday night in Southwest Travis County.

While the county proposes that the main portion of the bond issue—some \$100 million for roads, drainage and infrastructure—be revenue neutral and paid for by general revenue funds, the open space proposal would be funded by a one-cent increase in the county tax rate. The \$60 million generated by that would be earmarked for Travis County Commissioners to purchase unspecified open space for the purpose of preservation.

Those who support the open space proposal encompass a broad cross-section of similar, but varying groups, including the SOS Alliance, the Sierra Club, the Trust for Public Land, the Hill County Alliance, and those who participated in the Southwest Travis County Dialogue. As Colin Clark of SOS pointed out, the Southwest Travis County Dialogue's report recommended 6,000 acres of open land be preserved in Southwest Travis County alone.

"Clearly there's a need in the community," said Clark, adding that the need crosses all precinct lines. "The Trust for Public Land, which spoke earlier, conducted a survey that showed very strong support for a ballot initiative on open space. If you put it on the ballot, there's a good chance you could get it approved."

Former County Commissioner Valerie Bristol spoke firmly in favor of the open space proposal, talking about the possible purchase of Pogue Hollow. Roads and drainage and the jail are important, Bristol said, but the open space option made it a full package.

Dick Kallerman of the Sierra Club said committee members should look at the bottom line. An open space initiative raises the value of land around it, he said, and the county could return to create a possible future development plan, eventually selling the land to developers with conservation or development easements.

"We might very likely get our money back in the future," Kallerman said. "You should be looking at it as a good solid financial investment."

Others spoke to the heritage of the area, the beauty of the Pedernales River and the success of Reimer's Park. The only real disagreement was among some speakers who supported the expansion of Hamilton Pool Road and those who opposed the expansion of the roadways out to Reimer's Park. Hamilton Pool Road is on the list of projects. Many participants in the Southwest Dialogue were opposed to the road's expansion. Committee member Lelie Poole said the improvements are to upgrade safety for bicyclists, not to increase vehicle capacity.

Wednesday night's hearing was a bit more contentious, a room full of people in Precinct 1 who wanted to testify on the viability of Arterial A. Arterial A would be a north-south corridor from Parmer Lane to US 290 in a high-growth

corridor. Speakers were split on the proposal because of the possible relocation of a local landfill. The Walnut Place Neighborhood Association wants the corridor; those neighborhoods who might be the future neighbor of a new landfill were opposed to the project..

From: Karen Sonleitner
To: Bergh, Charles; Gieselman, Joe
Date: 8/8/2005 2:25:20 PM
Subject: Fwd: bond issues

For the bond file---both parks and roads.

>>> Matthews Properties <matthewsproperties@yahoo.com> 8/8/2005 2:11 PM >>>
I support purchasing the Reimer's land for a park. Unfortunately Hamilton Pool Road is getting very dangerous and needs a lot of improvements. By opening the Peacock/Reimers Road some of these problems with all the traffic on Hamilton Pool Road might be held off till you can get improvements on HPR approved.

Stephen Harrison
Peacock Ranch
659-7076