

Special Citizens Bond Advisory Committee Meeting
June 20, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

The Special Citizens Bond Advisory Committee of the City of Denton, Texas, convened in a meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2019, in the City Council Work Session Room, at Main City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Committee members: Tammy Bradley, Peggy Capps, John Crew, Karen Devinney, Pati Haworth, Nanci Kimmey, Diana Leggett, Queen Janata Montgomery, Susan Parker, Eric Pruett, Suzanne Rumohr, Janet Shelton, Patrick Smith, and Nathan Tune.

ABSENT: Jennifer Collins, Tim Crouch, Cody Lewis, Kate Lynass, and Randy Robinson.

STAFF PRESENT: Todd Hileman, City Manager, Sara Hensley, Assistant City Manager, Antonio Puente, Jr., Chief Financial Officer, David Gaines, Director of Finance, Gary Packan, Director of Parks and Recreation, Laura Behrens, Brian Hogan, Assistant Controller, Ryan Adams, Deputy Director of Public Affairs and IGR, Jenny Wang, Accountant, Randee Klingele, Senior Treasury Analyst, and Theresa Jaworski, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary.

Patrick Smith, Committee Chair, brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

OPEN MEETING:

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. CBAC19-014** – Consider approval of the Special Citizens Bond Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 6, 2019.

Janet Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes. Suzanne Rumohr seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

- B. CBAC19-011** – Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding Public Art funding for Consideration in the proposed 2019 Bond Program.

David Gaines, Director of Finance, shared information on Public Art funding that was included in Bond Programs for 2012 and 2014. Each of the programs were handled differently with \$400,000 for the 2012 Bond Program Public Art for Transportation.

The 2014 Bond Program had multiple propositions with funding for Public Art for Public Safety with pieces that included the 911 Memorial Bell Tower and the PD Brick Sculptures.

Public Art for Parks included sculptures for Morales, James Surls, Dog Park, and Vela Soccer Park. Additional funding for the sculptures was furnished by the Hotel Occupancy Tax and there will be an additional \$30,000 for Public Art that will be issued next year.

Gaines went over the changes in the Public Art Policy in 2013, when the City Council approved a revised policy, and followed with information on comparison cities that considered public art bond programs, the Council's direction for public art inclusion, the options to consider, and possible changes that the Committee might recommend to the City Council.

The Committee discussed the options for art projects not necessarily earmarked for a particular use not under the restrictions on the current bond programs and the flexibility under another proposition, if the Committee wanted to pursue that option, the Public Art Committee that reviews and recommends options for art pieces, the Art Committee, the opportunity to suggest pieces for that committee to consider, the next steps in considering the two options in funding the Public Art Policy included in the Council's direction, how the 2% plays into the remodel of the Police Department, and the plan to discuss these options in upcoming meetings in keeping the policy.

C. CBAC19-012 – Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding an Open Space program for consideration in the proposed 2019 Bond Program.

Gary Packan, Director of Parks, presented information on Park's land acquisition for future bond programs, reasons for land acquisitions, the acquisition mechanisms with financial resources, Parks planning efforts on the Urban Forest Plan, Park's Master Plan, Identifying potential Parks property, Park's new algorithm using a scorecard process and ranks various considerations to determine the high priorities, and the adoption of the "10-Minute Walk" launched by National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) and Trust for Public Lands in 2017. This is a tool for establishing park space within a 10 minute walk or one-half mile radius for every resident of the United States.

Packan also explained the rewriting the ordinance for Parks Land acquisition and development with information on how the developers pay for park land through donations of land and build the park for the City, and the potential growth and development that could benefit the Development Park Fund. Packan also went over the City's zones with future population and park land needs, future Southwest and East and West lake Parks, the trail to lake connectivity, land considerations, and proposed bond options and impacts.

The Committee discussed the future locations of parks, the undeveloped parks, trail opportunities, environmentally sensitive areas (ESA), the future location of Rayzor Ranch Park, areas being considered for parks, contemplation of the ETJ for park land, potential use of land originally purchased for wastewater department, and how Parks works with the Parks Board and City Council on land acquisition.

The Committee also discussed the overlay for the development plan and green spaces, and additional information in the interactive map located on the COD website, consideration given to partnering with schools, universities or groups with land that will not be developed for possible Park's use, the direction of Wildlife corridors, 915 Funding and the distance that the developers funding can be utilized, possibility of condemned property acquisition, and the possibility of working with the County on their long term plan, with a co-easement trail identified along the Union Pacific Railroad going under 35E.

D. – CBAC19-013 – Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding a Sidewalk and Streetlight programs for consideration in the proposed 2019 Bond Program.

Committee Chair Pat Smith stated that a Staff wanted to table this item until next week and offered the opportunity for the members to ask questions on Sidewalks and Streetlights for staff to be prepared with responses.

The Committee requested staff's research on the lighting and a list of the priorities.

Smith explained the advantage of placing the items on the agenda for the next week, allowing everyone to come prepared to address the policy and staff time to gather information requested by the Committee.

2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Gaines advised that next week's agenda will include Public Art, Streets, Street Lighting, Sidewalks, and any other outstanding questions from other presentations on Public Safety or Streets and bring those back to the Committee so that by next week, we've looked at everything presented and can use the remaining meetings for follow-up and in July, schedule some public meetings and invite the community.

Smith asked about the status of a request made in an earlier meeting for a list of areas being considered for street lights and sidewalks.

Gaines answered that information from the presentation given previously, as well as, the information requested on the areas considered for street lights and sidewalks will be included in the binder under designated sections.

The Committee and staff discussed the Park presentation, the bond program under consideration and how it relates to land acquisition for Parks. With the City Council's interest in open spaces, a charge was included for the Committee to consider a third proposition for open space. It is not included in the current recommendation.

If the Committee chooses to stay at \$210 million, there would be a financial discussion and it would result in a third proposition.

Todd Hileman, City Manager clarified the Committee's ability to move funds around, if some of the projects could wait for the next bond package, put more into streets or substitute some open space acquisition or lighting, and their full ability to do that. The Council wanted the Committee to think about it. With the street lighting plan, all of the new streets that Todd Estes is currently overseeing; Mayhill, McKinney, and some of the things that the City is controlling, have streetlights included. University, 2499, and Teasley, are state projects that no longer include installing lights.

The Committee also asked if a rendering of what the street lights would look like could be shared with the Committee.

Upon a motion by Pati Haworth and a second by Diane Leggett, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

The Special Citizens Advisory Bond Committee Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2019, were approved on July 11, 2019.



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