

Economic Development, Housing, & Homeless Solutions 2024 Bond Task Force

Meeting Date: August 15, 2023	Convened: 6:08 p.m.	Adjourned: 7:54 p.m.
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Committee Members Present:

Committee Members Absent:

Chair - Tony Shidid	District 4 - Stephen Bradley
District 1 - Ashley Brundage	District 10 - Tip Housewright
District 2 - Michael Prezkwas	
District 3 - Greg Demus	
District 5 - David Fraire	
District 6 - Raul Reyes, Jr.	
District 7 - Jason Brown	
District 8 - Commissioner Lorie Blair	
District 9 - Ken Montgomery	
District 11 - Andrew Schildcrout	
District 12 - Michael Ross	
District 13 - Maureen Milligan	
District 14 - Anthony Page	

Staff Present

Guest

Christine Crossley
Gloria Sandoval
Renita Griggs
Della Lowe
Kristy Ramirez
David Noguera
Robin Bentley, Kevin Spath, Heather Lepasca, Maria Smith
Darwin Wade
Cynthia Rogers-Ellickson
Thor Erickson

Discussion Items:

This meeting had ten different discussion items/presentations.

1. Southern Gateway Park
2. The Water Commons
3. UNT Dallas
4. Pleasant Grove
5. International District
6. Hensley Field
7. Dallas Zoo
8. Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization update 2024 General Obligation Bond Program

9. Office of Homeless Solutions: update 2024 General Obligation Bond Program

April Allen, President & CEO of Southern Gateway Public Green Foundation, presented the 2 phases of Southern Gateway Park, funding, and the impact to the area. They have a \$25 million bond request for infrastructure and amenities.

David Marquis and Melody Ferguson from Matthews Southwest discussed the Dallas Water Commons project which will transform a wetland area to public park and flooding filtration system. They have a \$15 million bond request which will partly fund flood control.

Bob Mong, President of the University of Texas at Dallas, discussed the \$100 million dollar STEM facility to open in 2025-2026 and the law enforcement training facility. Senator Royce West spoke in support of UNT Dallas. President Mong stated that staff has requested \$20 million in bond funding for the UNT Dallas area known as University Hills.

Emily Hargrove presented the Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP) on St. Augustine and Kevin Spath with the Office of Economic Development discussed 9500 Bruton. Both sites are owned by the City of Dallas in Pleasant Grove and are planned for future development. Staff has requested \$20 million for Pleasant Grove developments including these two sites and the Bruton and Lake June DART Station multifamily developments.

Suzanne Smith discussed the Dallas International District, a 450-acre district formerly known as the Valley View Mall area. This will include a 20-acre park, housing, business, etc. A study confirmed by UTD states this will be a 40 to 1 return on investment. They have a \$20 million bond request to the highest and best use for funds

Robin Bentley, City of Dallas Director of Economics, presented the Hensley Field redevelopment project. Located at Dallas southwestern edge adjacent to Grand Prairie, this will be a mixed-used and mixed-income community. It will include business, groceries, Fire/EMS station, public school, housing, historic preservation, etc. Staff has requested \$20 million for the Hensley Field redevelopment.

Dawn Moore and Shawn Green presented the Dallas Zoo plan. Plans included expanding exhibits and parking. With the Southern Gateway Park, they expect to see an increase in attendance. They have a \$30 million bond request.

Thor Erickson, Assistant Director with the City of Dallas Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization department, reviewed the 2024 General Obligation Plan.

Christine Crossley, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions, presented update to the proposed 2024 General Obligation Plan.

Joli Robinson, CEO of Housing Forward, spoke in support of the homelessness proposition.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:54 p.m.