

Citizens Bond Task Force

Meeting Date: May 15, 2017

Convened: 5:15 p.m. Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Michael Sorrell, Chair
Ryan Behring, District 1
Ben Leal, District 2
Greg Demus, District 3
David King, District 4
James Birdsong, District 5
Eva Elvove, District 6
Marion Williams, District 7
Zaphey Williams, District 8
Megan Airitam, District 9
Sam Merten, District 10
Phil Sahuc, District 11
Kristine Schwope, District 12
Claire Stanard, District 13
Philip Haigh, District 14

Committee Members Absent:

Chad West, District 1

1. Ryan Behring, District 1, (member of the Economic Development and Housing Subcommittee) filled in for Chad West, who was absent due to a prior commitment.
2. Committee Chair Reports – Each committee received a total of 30 minutes (including questions and answers)
 - A. The Streets Recommendation Presentation was presented by Vice Chair Tom DuPree in Chairperson Buzz Crutcher's absence.
 1. Read a report from Buzz Crutcher, Chair, on how the committee came to their recommendation
 2. \$20.7M for System-Wide Projects
 3. \$109.83M for System-Wide District Participation Projects
 - a. The Streets Subcommittee focused on projects that leveraged outside dollars. In total the projects leverage a total of \$121.45M
 4. \$289.5M for District Participation Projects
 - a. Distribution of dollars by district were determined by:
 - i. Available Non-System-Wide funds (\$399.3M) were allocated based on each Council District's percentage of total number of lane miles and unsatisfactory condition lane miles in each district.
 - ii. Weighted total (50% reduction) of System-wide District Participation projects calculated for each Council District.
 - iii. Weighted total of System-Wide District Participation projects for each Council District was then subtracted from the non-System-Wide

allocation for each Council District to obtain District Specific funding amounts.

- b. The Streets Subcommittee decided to only determine the amount of funding per Council District. The selection of the projects in each District would be determined by the individual City Councilmembers.
 - c. The Citizens Bond Task Force (CBTF) Members asked questions and made comments. All comments and questions focused on the following:
 - i. Allocating money for alley
 - i. Vice Chair Tom DuPree and staff explained they would defer to the City Councilmembers to select what projects to place in the District Funding Category
 - ii. The District distribution formula
 - i. Vice Chair Tom DuPree answered these questions and walked the CBTF through the formula
 - iii. System-Wide District Participation Projects were approved as recommended by staff
 - i. Vice Chair Tom Dupree explained that the committee didn't have the in-depth knowledge of the projects and these projects had been planned for the previous bond program recommendation and had been vetted.
- B. Economic and Housing Recommendation presentation was presented by Ross Williams, a member of the Economic Development/Housing Committee. The Chair, Albert Black, and Vice Chair, James Garner, were absent due to a scheduling conflict.
- 1. \$45M for Housing
 - a. Recommend the Citizens Bond Task Force use the bond funds for the following projects:
 - i. Mixed Income Housing Development
 - ii. Transit Oriented Development
 - iii. Permanent Supportive Housing
 - iv. Neighborhood Revitalization
 - v. Construction/Rehabilitation of Homeless Facilities
 - 2. \$15M for Economic Development
 - a. Recommend that the bond proceeds for economic development be deployed on projects that are consistent with the following:
 - i. New or redevelopment projects in commercial corridors and districts within targeted areas;
 - ii. Revitalizing and promoting the adaptive reuse of underutilized and obsolete commercial properties and facilities; and
 - iii. Transit-oriented developments.
 - iv. Health and wellness

3. They also recommended that Bond Funds possibly be used for a Housing Trust Fund.
 - a. A Housing Trust Fund had been set up in Austin in the late 1990's. The funds were primarily used for subsidized rental housing to make it more affordable.
 - b. The subcommittee posed this question to the City's Bond Counsel to see if Bond Funds could be used for a such a program. Bond Counsel indicated there were some legal concerns to whether Bond Funds could be used for a program like this.
 - c. The CBTF were concerned about using Bond Funds for a program that was not established. They also expressed concerns that this was more of a policy decision that would be outside their mission and scope.
 - d. The CBTF thanked the Economic Development and Housing Chair and Subcommittee members for their hard work.

C. Parks and Trails Recommendation Presentation – Hand out Only

1. The Parks Presentation included the original recommendation - \$120M

- a. \$59.7M in System-wide Projects
- b. \$37.6M in System-wide District Participation Projects
- c. \$22.8M in Council District Funding – District Specific Projects

2. The Parks and Trails recommendation also included an optional \$267.5M recommendation which included \$147.5M in match funding.

3. The CBTF thanked the Parks and Trails Chair and Subcommittee members for their hard work.

3. Discuss Guiding Principles

- A. Staff recapped the Public Input that was received at Town Halls back in October 2016 and what was considered top priority.
- B. Staff also recapped the bond program exercise Council went through back in September 2016 which showed how they prioritized funding for each proposition.
- C. This was the guiding principles for the establishing the recommended dollar amount for each proposition at the beginning of this process.
- D. Staff indicated there would be an opportunity to fluctuate somewhat on the allocations depending on what the CBTF wanted to do. City Council did set the direction for an \$800M Bond Program.

4. The CBTF reviewed the remaining schedule. The Town Halls were confirmed for May 22nd and May 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (City Council Chambers). They decided to change the May 17th and May 18th meeting start times from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.