



MINUTES
CITIZEN BOND COMMITTEE
MANSKE LIBRARY AUDITORIUM
13613 WEBB CHAPEL
FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS 75234
February 9, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Interim Chair Michelle Holmes, Marcus Miller, Tamara Cleghorn, Rodger Cramer, Jorge Gonzalez, David Merritt, Nic Rady, Joan O'Shea, Vincent Montenegro, Michael Driskell, James Webb, Timothy Yarbrough, Collin Eddy, Meredith MacLeod, John Speed, and Bronson Blackson.

Members Absent: Martina De Los Santos

Staff Present: Shawna Eikenberry Management Analyst, Amy Piukana City Secretary, John Land Managing Director of Operations and Charles Cox Managing Director Administration

1. CALL TO ORDER –

Chairperson Michelle Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS –

Each Board Member introduced themselves and provided a brief description regarding their experience.

3. OATH OF OFFICE –

City Secretary Amy Piukana provided the oath of office to all members present.

4. PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Public Safety
- Quality of Life

Management Analyst, Shawna Eikenberry reviewed the committee's purpose and goals. Ms. Eikenberry noted the City Council has indicated two categories of potential bond initiatives. Ms. Eikenberry explained the first is Public Safety which includes Justice Center Improvements, Fire Station #2 Relocation, and the Animal Shelter Expansion. The second is the Quality of Life potential bond which includes the Trails Master Plan Implementation, Neighborhood Infrastructure, Dangerous and Distressed Property, a Farmers Market, and Apartment Redevelopment. Chairperson Michelle Holmes briefed the committee regarding structure.

Nic Rady provided a brief summary of his review of the following items: Parks and Recreation Trails Master Plan, Four Corners Commercial Development, Central Area Plan, Residential Development Plan, Incentive Programs, and Public Works items.

The Committee discussed the need for an update regarding Bond structure and tax impacts to homeowners. Mr. Merritt reminded the committee of time constraints and the need to address and prepare for either a November 2016 Bond Election or May 2017 Bond Election. Chairperson Michelle Holmes reminded the committee to manage expectations as a group and noted the option of establishing subcommittees assist with researching projects.

Ms. Eikenberry explained staff's role, noting staff will be available to answer questions and assist with costs associated with the Bond Committee projects.

The committee discussed consolidating items into groups to allow better focus and review. Chairperson Holmes asked staff provide the committee with bond training at the next meeting. Ms. Holmes asked that future discussion items include the following topic items: Central Area to include four corners, Trail Master Plan, Residential Development to include landscape initiatives, Cookscreek with a naturalization initiative and distressed properties.

The Committee had discussion regarding the creation of a Community Outreach group, noting the possibility of using the Next Door website to communicate with residents and utilizing the City Manager's weekly update newsletters. Ms. Holmes added the Community Outreach Group could market the use of links to the Citizen Bond Committee and members could choose the option to provide their contact email address. The committee asked staff to provide bond training and history, reviewing the bond process, identifying any crisis and or growth areas and asked staff to provide demographic information. Ms. Eikenberry noted that email links of recent projects would be sent to all members for review.

Bronson Blackson advised the committee to consider council expectations, committee expectations, and community expectations.

Managing Director John Land explained Staff would provide an overview of the state of the city so everyone has the same foundation. This would include how do we become a community of choice and allow more productive meetings and review the dynamics of the city.

5. CONSIDER BOND COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND APPOINT OFFICERS

a. Select Chairperson –

Motion made by Tamara Cleghorn to nominate Michelle Holmes as the permanent Chairperson for the Citizen Bond Committee. Motion seconded by Bronson Blackson.

Motion approved unanimously.

b. Select Vice-Chairperson –

Motion by Michelle Holmes to appoint Nic Rady as Vice Chairman. Motion seconded by Bronson Blackson.

Motion approved unanimously.

c. Consider Sub-Committee structure and appointments –

Motion made by Nic Rady to appoint Tamara Cleghorn as Secretary. Motion seconded by Bronson Blackson.

Motion approved unanimously.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS –

The Citizen Bond Committee agreed to meet Thursdays at 7 p.m., site to be determined, with the exception of Thursday, February 18, 2016, noting this meeting will begin at 6 p.m., due to the state of the city briefing.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion to adjourn made by Bronson Blackson. Motion seconded by Nic Rady.
Motion approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.


Chair

Attest:


Secretary