



FARMERS BRANCH

MINUTES
CITIZEN BOND COMMITTEE
RECREATION CENTER
14050 HEARTSIDE PLACE, OAK ROOM
FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS 75234

JUNE 23, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Michelle Holmes, Tamara Cleghorn, Rodger Cramer, Colin Eddy, John Speed, Michael Driskill, Martina De Los Santos, Marcus Miller, Meredith MacLeod, Joan O'Shea, Vincent Montenegro, James Webb, Tim Yarbrough, Nic Rady, David Merritt

Members Absent: Bronson Blackson, Jorge Gonzalez,

Staff Present: Shawna Eikenberry, Management Analyst,

Guests Present: Louise Henning, Arts & Culture Sub-committee Vice-Chair

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Michelle Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Jim Webb to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2016 Citizen Bond Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Joan O'Shea. *Motion approved unanimously with corrections.*

3. DISCUSS PROJECT/PROPOSAL EVALUATION BENCHMARKS

Ms. Holmes reported on her June 21st presentation to the City Council showing that the work of our Committee ties in with the most recent Citizen Satisfaction Survey but she reminded the Committee that we must narrow our scope of projects for the final proposal for City Council to consider on a May ballot. Ms. Holmes stated some projects could get funded later if they don't make the cut this time around. Projects less than \$1 million could be worked into the City budget. City Manager Charles Cox will speak at our July Committee meeting about City finances and how to brainstorm to create a proposal.

4. DISCUSS THE LISTENING MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 19, 2016 AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

Communications subcommittee chair Colin Eddy requested volunteer signups to work the Communications table at upcoming Taste & Tunes and Farmers Market events. He presented the results of the questionnaire soliciting project ideas from the community and gave an outline of his presentation for the July 19 Listening Meetings. Mr. Eddy requested the attendance of at least one member of each subcommittee to answer questions and discuss projects after the presentation. There will be a Communications meeting and all subcommittee chairs to create polling questions and provide final input for the presentation July 5 at 7 pm at the Recreation Center. All Committee members were encouraged to attend the Listening Meetings.

5. DISCUSS PROGRESS OF THE CITIZEN BOND SUB-COMMITTEES DESIGNATED TO CONSIDER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-RESIDENTIAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-COMMERCIAL, PARKS & RECREATION, ART & CULTURE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS AND PROPOSALS

Meredith MacLeod reported that the Public Safety subcommittee would have their first meeting in July, reviewing all recent idea questionnaires and surveys for any new ideas other than the new fire station.

Arts & Culture subcommittee chair John Speed reported on three projects: to be considered for the bond proposal: 1) Firehouse Theatre- completion of renovations, \$2 million budget, 2) Library expansion and modernization, \$13-\$16 million budget, and 3) Animal Adoption Center expansion, while creating a signature look and feel throughout the City tying into trails, parks and destinations.

Residential Economic Development subcommittee chair Nic Rady presented four possible projects for bond consideration: 1) Housing Demo/Rebuild Program Funding to provide incentives for homeowners to build new homes and refresh Farmers Branch housing stock, 2) Neighborhood Renaissance expansion to allow the City to purchase dilapidated properties, clear the properties and put them back on the market for sale to home buyers. 3) City/Neighborhood branding via street signs and stoplights, 4) Develop senior housing using under-utilized land; smaller more manageable homes with easier access to parks and recreation.

The Parks and Recreation subcommittee presented four projects for possible bond consideration: 1) Expansion of the Master Trails Plan in the Central Area, budget \$5 million, 2) John Burke Nature Preserve improvements, budget \$4 million, 3) Historical Park improvements including a multi-purpose event facility, reconfiguration of the park for lighting, parking, building upgrades, budget \$6—7 million. 4) The Grove improvements for walkability, permanent restroom facilities and playground to enhance Farmers Market, Taste & Tunes, other public activities/events, budget \$500K.

Marcus Miller reported from the Commercial Economic Development subcommittee two projects for possible bond consideration: 1) Mustang Station Improvements to create a destination including a parking garage to serve the Dart Station as well as Historical Park and Arts and Culture events, 2) The Four Corners SW corner improvements to promote private development.

Extensive discussion followed regarding how to present the above information at the Listening Meetings.

6. NEXT STEPS FOR SUBCOMMITTEES

All subcommittees are scheduled to complete their final meetings before the next meeting of the larger Citizen Bond Committee.

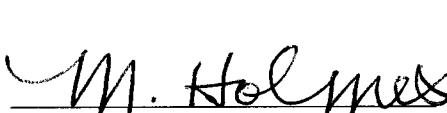
7. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

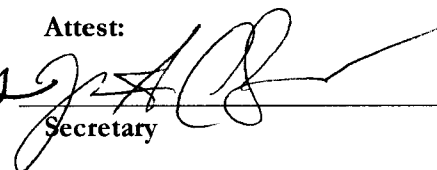
The next Committee meeting is July 28, 2016, at the Recreation Center, the final meeting before presenting a proposal to City Council.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Marcus Miller. Motion seconded by Nic Rady. *Motion approved unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Attest:


Chair


Secretary