

To: Mayor and Council

From: Beverly Silas, Chair, 2006 Bond Oversight Committee

Date: June 30, 2008

RE: Proposed Bond Appropriation/Sale Schedule for the 2006 Bond Program

At the June 2 meeting of the City of Austin 2006 Bond Oversight Committee, the committee voted unanimously to support the City Manager's 2006 Bond Appropriation Sale Schedule with the following recommendations:

#### Proposition 1

- ✚ Add \$6 million in additional funding for new sidewalks to be identified over the next 3 years

\$5 million was reallocated in the FY09 budget to bring non-ADA compliant sidewalk locations into compliancy. Public Works is currently developing estimates from a list of various stakeholders to prioritize locations (list of locations suggested to date is attached).

#### Proposition 3

- ✚ Whenever possible, the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) should pursue shade "opportunities" adjacent to pools. This could/would include, but not be limited to trees, structures, sails, etc.

On a case by case basis PARC seeks to provide shade for users of pools, water play features, and their immediate surroundings. Shade cloth structures are generally preferred over trees due to the immediacy of their effect and long term maintenance considerations. Plans currently being prepared for pool enhancements give high priority to the physical comfort of users and observers. Each project site is being assessed for shade opportunities according to project scope and budget."

#### Proposition 5

- ✚ Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) should confirm their best efforts in canvassing the nation for innovative solutions to the challenge of delivering affordable housing to Austin with limited funding. The top 25 cities in the nation have the same challenge as Austin. How are they leveraging their dollars?
- ✚ We further request NHCD to put in writing their commitment to require all housing projects that receive General Obligation (GO) bond funding to accept Section 8 vouchers. This would confirm the COA's commitment to the affordable housing initiative.

This has been done (see attached page from the guidelines).