



MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 16, 2014

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting

The Bond Oversight Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in City Hall Boards and Commission Room #1101, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

Chair Dave Sullivan called the Committee Meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Dave Sullivan (Chair), Moses Garcia (Vice Chair)
Karen Friese, Paige Hill-Oliverio, Jennifer McPhail, Beverly Silas

Committee Member Tyler Anderson was not in attendance.

Staff in Attendance:

Mike Trimble, Susan Daniels (Liaison) and staff presenters listed in Agenda item 3 below.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from the January 15, 2014 meeting was made by Committee Member Chair Sullivan and approved in a 5-0 vote with Committee member Silas not yet in attendance and Committee Member Anderson absent.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No one signed up to speak.

3. NEW BUSINESS - BRIEFINGS

A. General Obligation Bond Programs – Overview and Progress:

- i. Betsy Spenser and Rebecca Giello, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department (NHCD), presented an update on the 2006 Bond Prop. 5: Affordable housing progress to date and an overview of the 2013 Affordable Housing Bond Program. They touched on the three main investment areas, expected timeframe for delivering the bond program, implementation planning, anticipated spending plans, project prioritization process, scoring criteria and Program benefits/outcomes to be achieved. One primary resource that will influence the implementation of the 2013 Bond Program will be the Comprehensive Housing Market Study that is currently underway and due for completion and release this summer. They answered questions regarding the Architectural Barriers Removal (ABR) program versus the home repair program (Go! Repair Program) funding sources, the challenges faced by landlord

participation and sign-off for ABR projects, and the need for outreach and education of available resources for the community to participate in programs funded through the bond. Also discussed were funding constraints at the federal level and the impact to local communities; siting the critical nature of local funding and flexibility in criteria for use of local funds versus the higher level of restrictions tied to federal funding sources. Key to the success is preventing loss of affordable housing stock and the ability to reach deep affordability, long-term affordability and geographic dispersion. They agreed to send a copy of the Comprehensive Housing Market Study to the BOC when it is completed.

- ii. Rob Spillar, Austin Transportation Department (ATD), presented an update to the I-35 Capital Area Improvement Program (otherwise known as Mobility35). He touched on the Program partners, scope, impact, “future transportation corridors” concept, phases and milestones, community input, the toolkit of improvements and potential projects, and return on investment for leveraging funds. He highlighted the iterative process of determining best fit improvements that weigh the problem solving costs/benefits to a variety of modes of travel. He also described the best practices that are being evaluated and potential use of innovative designs at key intersections or segments of right-of-way. The Committee stressed the importance of sidewalks and safe travel by bicyclist, pedestrians and the ADA community, specifically siting the Oltorf intersection and nearby destinations. A question from the Committee was asked regarding use of I-35 as an emergency evacuation route and one member stated the importance of project awareness and requested the team look at engaging the public with educational project signage along I-35 prior to construction phase.

Here is a link to ATD’s 2013 Annual Report:

http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/AMP_Report_2013_Online_Final.pdf

B. General Obligation Bond Programs – Communications and Reporting:

- i. Susan Daniels, Capital Planning Office, gave a summary of the quarterly Bond Programs Report which includes a combination of financial status of active Bond Programs, highlights of program-level activity and status updates of select projects funded through the 2006, 2010, 2012 Bond Programs. This report dated April 16, 2014 includes financial data for the second fiscal quarter of FY2014, which ended on March 31, 2014. Committee Chair Dave Sullivan suggested that it would be beneficial for policy-makers if the Report included additional information regarding “outcomes” of bond programs through visual charting or dashboards, similar to how the spending information is displayed.

- C. Charles Purma, Communications & Technology Management Department, presented an overview of the City’s web portal for Capital Improvements Visualization, Information and Communication (CIVIC). He provided a “walk-through” of the site and an update on the development of future phased improvements, including Phase 2 – inclusion of all GO Bond projects along with additional data availability, Phase 3 – reporting by Council district and a final phase to include all active CIP projects. Committee members offered congratulatory and very favorable remarks regarding CIVIC. Committee members requested additional links to Bond Oversight Committee and other City documents and materials be incorporated into future phases of the project.

D. Capital Improvements Program:

- i. Mike Trimble and Annick Beaudet , Capital Planning Office, gave an overview of the DRAFT Long-range Capital Improvement Program Strategic Plan. The plan was created to further align the City's CIP investments with the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and related City priorities. The DRAFT Long-Range CIP Strategic Plan looks out into a 10-year planning horizon and provides the basis for identifying both ongoing capital needs and strategic opportunities for CIP investment over the long term. Committee members requested a future briefing on the Plan and its components.

Here is a link to CPO's 2013 Capital Improvement Program Annual Report:

http://issuu.com/capitalplanning/docs/2013_cip_annual_report

E. Committee Member Briefing:

- i. Committee Chair Dave Sullivan briefed the Committee on the work progress made by the Boards and Commissions Transition Task Force. He spoke of the Task Force's process and recommendation timeline, which includes a final report to Mayor and Council within the next month. The Task Force is considering making recommendations that would affect the Bond Oversight Committee and Chair Sullivan explained a possible new configuration. He also let the Committee know how they could give direct input into the Task Force's process.

4. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

No citizens signed up to speak on specific items below.

- A. Recommendations associated with the City's CIVIC web portal: No formal action was taken on this item.
- B. Recommendations associated with the Boards and Commissions Transition Task Force: No formal action was taken on this item.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Current economic climate and effects on construction costs
- Operations and Maintenance impacts of Bond program implementation
- NHCD's Market Housing Study
- Dove Springs Recreation Center project update
- Other items as requested

6. ADJOURN

- Chair Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. without objection.