

**BOND ELECTION ADVISORY TASK FORCE
MINUTES****REGULAR MEETING
June 16, 2017**

The Bond Election Advisory Task Force convened in a regular meeting on June 16, 2017 in Austin, Texas.

Staff called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM

Board Members in Attendance:

Jeremiah Bentley	Herbert “Ken” Rigsbee
Bruce Evans	Santiago Rodriguez
Sumit DasGupta	Jeff Smith
Estrella de Leon	Rachel Stone
Tom Nuckols	Dorsey Twidwell
Joh McNabb	

Staff in Attendance:

Carla Steffen, Convention Center
Katy Zamesnik, Financial Services

CALL TO ORDER**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Stephen Kreger spoke on the need for funding at Gus Garcia, and asked the Task Force a question regarding PARD’s approach to including Gus Garcia in the bond submittal. He questioned if the Task Force would support something that wasn’t on staff’s recommendation.

Ricio Villalobos, Texas Appleseed, spoke on the need for affordability and mobility in the 2018 bond program, and noted that the \$85 million number was too low.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. The minutes as amended to reflect the election of the Chair and Vice Chair for April 27, 2017 were approved on DasGupta’s motion, Evan’s second, on a 8-0 vote, with Members Stone, de Leon, Walker, and Bentley off the dais.

3. NEW BUSINESS – BRIEFINGS**a. STAFF BRIEFING ON BOND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

Carla Steffen, Bond Program Coordinator, presented a comprehensive overview of the initial bond program recommendation, including history, how the recommendation was developed, and a detailed look at recommendations by category. She then answered questions from the Task Force Members (Members).

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT (RELATED TO ITEM 3A)**
- b. Sumit DasGupta shared a list of criteria that he would like the departments to answer for each of their projects, with the goal to ascertain the critical nature of each project and how completely they have been evaluated. He discussed the putting projects into three groups, with group 1 being most critical.

The Task Force then also discussed the subcommittees and how to receive public input on the staff initial recommended starting point. Staff committed to coordinating with the Public Information Office to provide some options for the Task Force to track/receive feedback from the public as well.

5. FUTURE AGENDAS

The Task Force discussed the following items for the next meeting:

- Creation of subcommittees
- Feedback from departments on the questions asked from the Task Force
- Presentation from the Equity Office on the Equity Tool
- PIO presentation on community engagement tools

6. ADJOURN

Staff adjourned the meeting at 2:49 PM without objection