

**BOND ELECTION ADVISORY TASK FORCE
MINUTES****REGULAR MEETING
July 21, 2017**

The Bond Election Advisory Task Force convened in a regular meeting on July 21, 2017 in Austin, Texas.

Staff called the meeting to order at 2:04 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

Brion Oaks, Equity Officer

CALL TO ORDER**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Michael Cannetti, Barton Creek Conservancy, spoke on the staff recommended initial starting point. He also noted that there is an opportunity for a feasibility study for the dams at the pool in order to repair/replace them, per the Barton Springs Master Plan from 2008. `

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were approved on Member DasGupta's motion, seconded by Member Rodriguez, on a 10-0-2 vote, with Chair Nuckols and Member Smith off the dais.

3. NEW BUSINESS – BRIEFINGS**a. STAFF UPDATE ON CITY'S EQUITY TOOL**

Brion Oaks, the City's Equity Officer, presented an update on the development of the equity tool, including some of the challenges to equity in the City, and how the tool will help address equity issues in Austin. He spoke on how building a framework for equity was key to being successful at addressing inequities in Austin. Mr. Oaks also touched on the Equity Action Team, a diverse and inclusive team of over 110 stakeholders. He laid out the timeline for the implementation of the Equity tool for departments, and provided six steps for the Task Force to utilize as they evaluate the bond package. Mr. Oaks then answered questions from the Task Force Members.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**a. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FORMING BOND COMMITTEES**

City staff presented allocations to working groups based on the bond categories previously presented by staff. Task Force members made changes to the allocations. Staff then committed to circulating the final allocation to the Task Force. The Task Force members then appointed chairs of each working group

b. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES, PRIORITIZATION METRICS, OR OTHER CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING AND RANKING BOND PROJECTS**

The Task Force discussed creating metrics for prioritizing bond projects. Task Force Member DasGupta spoke on wanting to measure the benefits of the projects for the public, and that he was compiling questions toward that goal. Task Force Member Twidwell suggested that the members watch the Council presentation from June to get insight into what the Councilmember priorities are.

c. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

Carla Steffen presented a high level overview of staff's recommendation for public engagement, including the suggestion that the Task Force focus on their subcommittee meetings through the summer and early fall, with directed community engagement in the fall. She discussed the conflicting engagement efforts occurring in the City right now, including the budget, codeNEXT, and the City Manager search. Ms. Steffen also discussed the types of public engagement in which the Task Force can engage, such as town halls, district meetings, and open houses. The Task Force then asked questions of staff.

5. FUTURE AGENDAS

6. ADJOURN

Staff adjourned the meeting at 4:04 PM without objection