

City of Round Rock  
Bond Advisory Commission Meeting  
May 15, 2013

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The Round Rock Bond Advisory Commission met on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at Fire Station #6, located at 2919 Joe DiMaggio Blvd.

CALL SESSION TO ORDER – 11:30 a.m.

Chairman Freeman called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Those members present were Chairman Freeman, Commissioner Baese, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Culpepper, Commissioner Hickman, Commissioner Holcomb, Commissioner Honeycutt, Commissioner Land, Commission Nagle, Commissioner Sanchez, Commissioner Scott, and Commissioner Weber. Also present at the meeting were City Manager Steve Norwood, Assistant City Manager Laurie Hadley, and Assistant City Manager Bryan Williams. Commissioner Torres was absent from this meeting.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

There were no citizens wishing to speak at this meeting.

D1. Consider approval of the minutes for the May 8, 2013 meeting.

Commissioner Honeycutt moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion.

11 Ayes

0 Nays

2 Absent

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sanchez arrived to the meeting after the approval of the minutes.

PRESENTATIONS:

E1. Consider follow up discussion and possible action with regards to items discussed at previous Bond Commission meetings to wit: the Library Department, the Fire Department, the Police and Fire training facility, a performing arts center, and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Steve Norwood, City Manager introduced the item and explained that each director will go over their items and review each proposed bond project and the costs associated with each. He then turned the presentation over to Michelle Cervantes, Library Director. Ms. Cervantes went over a summary of the library recommendations for proposed projects and the estimated costs for each recommendation.

Those recommendations include building a new main library – 60,000 sq. ft. building, building a branch, remodeling the existing building to 14,000 sq. ft. to become a branch library, and obtaining a Book Mobile. Commissioners asked for some clarification regarding the remodeling the current library. Discussion also revolved around what would be done with the remaining square footage if the current library is remodeled to 14,000 square feet. Commissioners discussed what the future of the library will look like. Commissioner Honeycutt asked what the current downtown library would sell for if it wasn't used anymore. Ms. Cervantes also clarified to the Commissioners that the figures provided do not include any land costs.

Chairman Freeman wrapped up the discussion on the library and moved on to Fire Stations.

Assistant Fire Chief Billy Wusterhausen went over the proposed needs of the fire department which includes the remodeling of Station 1, rebuilding Station 3 and the addition of two new fire stations – one in the southeast and one in the northwest. Chief Wusterhausen explained that they made a change regarding the new stations and decided it would be better to put a new station in the northwest first to meet immediate needs rather than in the northeast for future needs.

Police Chief Tim Ryle then discussed and reviewed the needs of the police and fire training facility and re-emphasized that this item is for the future and current needs. He and Chief Wusterhausen went over the costs of the proposed training facility. Commissioners asked questions regarding if the facility could be utilized by other agencies. Chief Ryle said it could, but the City's needs would always come first. He also reminded the commission that the City already owns all the land needed for the training facility.

The Commission moved on to Parks and Recreation after the discussion on the training facility. Rick Atkins, Parks and Recreation Director reviewed each of the nine projects and the estimated capital and operations and maintenance costs associated with each one. Those projects include the Heritage Trail on Brushy Creek, Brushy Creek Trail – Veterans Park to Rabb Park, Lake Creek Trail from Round Rock West to Centennial Plaza, Rock'N River Phase 2, PARD Repair and Replacement Program, Old Settlers multipurpose field complex, Old Settlers adult softball complex, westside metro park (Behrens Ranch), and Old Settlers soccer complex field renovations.

Lastly, Scot Wilkinson review their proposal for an arts facility and recommended a 42,000 to 50,000 square foot facility that would seat 500-700 plus amenities including a 100-200 seat black box, exhibit/catering hall and visual art gallery. Commissioners asked about finding someone to fund a majority or it instead of the City.

E2. Consider a presentation and discussion regarding the methodology for recommending projects to be included in the bond proposal.

This item was not discussed.

E3. Consider discussion regarding tours of the Library, Parks and Recreation, Fire Stations, and Police Department training as requested by Commission members.

Discussion revolved around when to do tours for those that want to go. It was decided that instead of having a meeting on May 22, tours would be done and limited to 6 commissioners.

OTHER BUSINESS:

F1. Consider a discussion regarding items to be included on the next meeting agenda.

The next meeting will be May 29, 2013 and the topic and location are still to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara L. White, TRMC, City Clerk