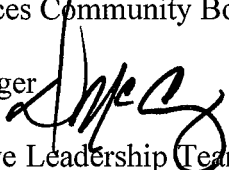


**City of San Antonio
City Manager's Office**

TO: 2022 Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Community Bond Committee

FROM: David McCary, Assistant City Manager 

COPY: Erik Walsh, City Manager; Executive Leadership Team; Homer Garcia III, Parks and Recreation Director; Razi Hosseini, Public Works Director

DATE: November 19, 2021

SUBJECT: **2022 PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACES COMMUNITY BOND COMMITTEE Meeting #2 Discussion Questions – Part 1**

This memo addresses Bond Committee Member questions from the Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces 2022 Community Bond Committee Meeting #2 held on November 16, 2021.

Submitted Committee Member Requests – November 17, 2021

District 1 Committee Member – Rachel Brehm

- 1. Can UTSA provide a utilization percentage of the public usage for the Roadrunner Athletics Center for Excellence (RACE) that received \$10M from the 2017-2022 Bond package? For example, how many public events have been held since the center's opening in August, and is there an estimate of how many members of our community have utilized the space since it has opened?**

Staff reached out to UTSA for assistance regarding response to this question. The funding agreement between the City and UTSA opened public access to both the athletic facilities at Park West and the Roadrunner Athletics Center of Excellence. Per the agreement, utilizing established rental costs, UTSA agreed to provide no-cost access for athletic competitions and community events for 40 days at Park West and 10 days at the Roadrunner Athletics Center of Excellence.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, limited indoor public gatherings have been held at the Roadrunner Athletics Center of Excellence, which follows NCAA and C-USA COVID-19 protocols for the health and safety of student athletes. It has still provided services for 350+ student athletes while abiding to all prescribed protocols. Additionally, while the grand opening for the Center was held on August 4, 2021, substantial completion did not occur until September 1, 2021. Progress is ongoing and UTSA anticipates an increase in community access and services in 2022.

During the fall, UTSA hosted various events including:

- Valero Texas Open staff and Trailblazers meeting
- UTSA Alumni Association Past Presidents meeting

- Tours of the Athletics Center of Excellence for the Athletic Business Show
- UTSA Alumni Association meeting
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes monthly meeting
- Networking events for Enterprise Holdings, US Dept of Homeland Security Secret Service Division, HEB, Northwestern Mutual, Vector Marketing and GM Financial
- Kinetic Kids volunteer training sessions
- Senior Games at Park West

Additionally, UTSA plans to host an increased number of varied community events, camps, clinics, and competitions in the near future.

2. Can UTSA also provide a percentage of the square footage of the RACE facility that is accessible for public use?

Staff reached out to UTSA for assistance regarding response to this question. More than 50% percent of the Roadrunner Athletics Center of Excellence (RACE) will be accessible for varied public use. City funding provided just under 25% of the Center's total funding. The City support was leveraged with significant fundraising to complete the Center. Also, UTSA Athletics provides ongoing maintenance and operation of the building at a cost just over \$700,000 per year.

District 5 Committee Member – Sarah Zimmerman

3. I would be willing to move to extend the meeting and stay longer OR add another meeting altogether in order to include all the citizens' comments AND have time to deliberate as a committee. The 'submit all the questions at the end' thing is an inadequate fix for the time constraints. I know many committee members agree we could extend a meeting or meet another time so that we don't have to shorten citizens' talking time or committee deliberations. I am going to urge our co-chairs to not use today's meeting as an excuse to shorten citizens' sharing time next time around.

This feedback has been captured and will be sent to the Co-Chairs.

4. I would like more information about which of the Activate SA funds can be spread out to transportation that Pauline talked about in citizens to be heard - especially concerning things related to the Greenway, since it's taking up such a big chunk of money so far.

At the October 27, 2021 Special Session, City Council approved the revised staff recommendations for total allocations for each proposition. Projects cannot be moved to another proposition at the Bond Committee level. The Bond Committee does have discretion to approve recommendations to modify projects and amounts within the proposition, so long as the total proposition total remains the same as was approved by City Council.

5. Palo Alto College did a needs assessment for their facility. Did UTSA do a needs assessment for their facility?

Staff reached out to UTSA for assistance regarding response to this question. Yes; Based on the availability and condition of the existing Convocation Center, the Athletics Department determined that a practice facility was necessary to accommodate various practices for volleyball, men's basketball, women's basketball and other, large-scale events. Furthermore, the construction of the practice facility will further advance gender equity/Title IX.

- 6. When is the bus tour? How can we provide input for which sites are on the bus tour? I would be interested in highlighting some south and west side parks as well as Mitchell Lake and Cassiano Park so that all members of the committee can see them.**

The bus tour is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2021. The Bond Committee will have a chance to comment on the lists of site visits from the staff recommended tour route. The City Manager's Office will be providing a formal list of sites to visit.

- 7. Do we have to fully fund the greenways in this bond? Would there be a way to prioritize some parts (the Salado creek part that's not connected, for example) and move some of the other parts to the next bond in order to free up bonds for other urgent needs?**

The 2022 Bond does not fully fund the greenway trails. The City Manager mentioned at Meeting #1 that the direction received from City Council during Council dialogue regarding the transition from Sales Tax funding was to fund the remainder of the trails over 2 bond cycles – the 2022 Bond and the 2027 Bond. The Ft. Sam Houston connection of Salado is funding with existing Sales Tax funding and the connection from Salado (South) to the San Antonio River Mission Trails is funding through the Bexar County/San Antonio River Authority approved funding plan. The 2022 Bond prioritizes trail projects that complete the overall ring of the trail system, increase overall connectivity, and access via 10-minute walk.

- 8. I would like to hear more about the struggles with parking at Pearsall Park.**

Pearsall Park is a regional park with many popular amenities that can place stress on available parking during peak hours. There are currently 5 parking lots at Pearsall Park with over 300 total parking spaces at lots by: trailhead, dog park, sports field area, and 2 lots at the main park. As part of the 2017 Bond, a new parking lot near the Leon Creek Greenway trailhead will come online with over 140 new spaces, in addition to other amenities. The project is currently under construction and anticipated to be completed by early calendar year 2022. The proposed Master Plan for the park identifies future development to include parking to support a sports complex (baseball and softball).

- 9. I would like to hear more about a citizen's advisory committee for the Parks and Rec department that includes environmental organizations when it comes to the layout and design of parks projects once the bond is passed.**

The Parks and Recreation Department currently has three citizen advisory boards:

- Conservation Advisory Board – serves in advisory capacity to provide input and guidance to staff and City Council on the development of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program charged with protecting the quality and quantity of water recharging into the Edwards Aquifer through the protection of land over the sensitive recharge and contributing zones via conservation easements or fee simple purchase. The board is composed of nine seats appointed by the City Council to include representatives from the San Antonio River Authority and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board – serves in advisory capacity to provide input and guidance to staff and City Council regarding development of linear parks along major creeks and rivers and their tributaries in the San Antonio area. The board reviews

trail planning and project status for the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System. The board is composed of eleven seats appointed by the City Council.

- Parks and Recreation Board – serves in an advisory capacity to staff and City Council, regarding parks, community recreational facilities and services, needs and desires, and recreation programming. The board is composed of eleven seats appointed by the City Council and ex-officio representatives from the San Antonio Parks Foundation and the San Antonio Conservation Society.

10. I would like more information about how we can advocate for a bike park, BMX or mountain biking, in the westside, possibly in the new addition to Normoyle Park, or even at one of our more underdeveloped parks that may have the space.

The 2022 Bond Staff Recommended Project includes \$6,750,000 to make Normoyle Park a regional park to add additional developed green space in an area of town that is underserved in this manner and historically has severed industrial use purposes and can accommodate a variety of amenities to include dog park, covered skate park, butterfly garden, restrooms, picnic area. There is sufficient proposed funding to include a bike challenge area and modify other potential amenities. The Bond Committee will recommend a list of proposed parks and total amount for City Council's consideration within the approved proposition totals. If the Bond Proposition passes during the election in May 2022, specifics such as exact amenities are determined during a public input design process for each Bond Project. Based on public input, final scope and specific design amenities are finalized before the project begins construction.

11. For the sake of transparency, I am a teacher at Tafolla Middle School in SAISD. I would be interested to know this info from other Bond Committee Members.

No Staff Response Needed.

District 7 Committee Member – Elena Guajardo

12. From the last bond, not all projects have been completed. With increasing materials costs attributed to the pandemic, is there enough money to complete the projects and will there be any projected savings from the last bond?

As it relates to the 2017 Bond Proposition 3 – Parks, Recreation, and Open Space, there are no known budget shortfalls other than the Phase 2 ask for Hemisfair Civic Park. Staff continue to scope projects to the available budget, in alignment with the public input design process. Any savings encountered in projects have been minimal and the practice remains to spend dollars to the lowest point possible by adding small features such as drinking fountains or site furniture to spend any remaining small amount of funds.

13. Looking at other revenue sources, does the Parks Foundation contribute any revenue to the parks? I have to learn more about the Parks Foundation.

Yes. The San Antonio Parks Foundation (SAPF) is a non-profit organization, which provides enhancements to city parks. SAPF receives corporate and foundation grants and individual gifts to support various park projects and enhancements. Through an agreement with the City, SAPF hosts three large-scale events on behalf of the City (Celebrate San Antonio: New Year's Eve, July 4th Celebration, and Jazz'SAlive) for which the proceeds are utilized to support the operating budget and additional park projects. Over the past few years SAPF has funded improvements at Pearsall, Pytel, and MLK Parks. Most recently, they have funded and

implemented an augmented reality application which guides a tour through the Japanese Tea Garden.

- 14. On the ActivateSA website it notes that the Executive Director, Kari Kuwamura, "returned to serve her hometown as the Program Manager for the City of San Antonio's Park and Recreation Department". Is this true? Per their Facebook, she started with ActivateSA on September 2, 2021. When did she leave the COSA and what was the timeframe for the 10 ActivateSA Bond proposals to be received to COSA? If this is a "volunteer led" group as per their website, is the Executive Director a paid position and if yes how do they raise funds to pay her?**

Staff reached out to ActivateSA to assist in response for this question. ActivateSA was formed in 2019 by a coalition of volunteer community advocates working to implement bold new active transportation infrastructure through advocacy, consensus-building, and technical design. At this time, members began conversations with community members, neighborhood associations, and major institutions to find potential projects and connections to make their neighborhoods more active and accessible for all ages and all abilities.

ActivateSA is a nonprofit organization whose operations are funded by San Antonio area charitable foundations. Kari Kuwamura was recently hired as ActivateSA's first Executive Director after an intensive nationwide search. Previously, Kari served as a Program Manager for the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department where she was responsible for managing education and recreation-based curriculum for community centers across San Antonio. Kari separated from the City in mid-August 2021 and had no interaction with ActivateSA or their affiliates until her initial interview. ActivateSA submitted their proposals to the City in June 2021, before the hire of the Executive Director position.

- 15. Has the Parks staff done a cost summary to add shade over the shallow part of the Woodlawn Lake Pool? I've been told from the D7 staff that there is not enough money from the \$450,000 Park Maintenance Budget to pool upgrades to include shade on the kids shallow part of the pool. I'm asking for a cost estimate for shade over the shallow part of the pool. Perhaps similar to Elmendorf Pool.**

Staff estimate the cost to provide a shade canopy over the shallow part of the Woodlawn Lake Park Pool to be approximately \$390,000 - \$400,000. The estimate includes a 30' x 60' trussed, four-post, fabric shade canopy with that spans the width of the pool. The estimated cost is site specific and is impacted by the large truss required to span the width of the swimming pool.

- 16. Asking for a cost estimate for shade over the playground equipment near the bathroom.** Staff estimates approximately \$120,000 to provide shade over the playground adjacent to the Woodlawn Lake Park Pool and \$170,000 to provide shade over the playground near the Woodlawn Lake Park Island House.

- 17. Please forward a note in the 48-hour response that the Cassiano Park restroom renovations was \$350,000 from the FY 2022 Parks schedule maintenance budget. Kudos to Parks for that completion!**

From FY2015 – FY2020 more than \$365,000 have been spent on improvements such as parking lot repairs, security lighting, basketball resurfacing and new picnic area improvements.

In the current FY2022 Parks and Recreation budget, Parks prioritized a scheduled maintenance project at Cassiano Park for restroom renovations in the amount of \$350,000 to expand restroom capacity within the existing footprint. Additionally, the District 5 Council Office allocated \$230,000 in FY22 funding for shade at the pool.

18. Medical Center Greenway Trails, I see they are requesting \$1.9M. They came last night so just confirming this is a new ask? I did see in regional or D8.

There was no public comment in Meeting #2 regarding an ask for Medical Center Greenway Trails ask of \$1.9 M. Staff recommended \$3,250,000 of 2022 Bond funding for development of the Medical Center Area Park, a project request from the San Antonio Medical Center Alliance whom presented as an outside agency in Meeting #2. This project also includes an additional \$2,850,000 in leveraged funding from the San Antonio medical Foundation and the Medical Center Alliance. Additionally, there is a \$11,919,490 project as part of the linear greenway trails recommendation that would link the new park site via Huebner Creek. In the Meeting #1 Staff Presentation on November 9, 2021, the Medical Center Area Park is listed as a District 8 Project and the Hubner Creek to Medical Center Trail and Park Phase 1 (Floyd Curl to Eckhert) is listed as a District 7 & 8 project.

19. Just a question for me, Old Spanish Trails Park request. I know this project to be a large retention pond and have large soccer facility. Was there a previous vision to build this out or is this a new request?

The proposed scope and request for funds in the 2017 Bond by the Urban Soccer Leadership Academy, a sports tenant at Old Spanish Trails Park, constructed: conversion of the Stormwater Basins (originally constructed by the County and deeded to the City) into 10-acres of sports fields with lighting, new soils and turf, bleachers, maintenance equipment storage, new irrigation system and fencing to open a pedestrian connection from Renner Drive to the VIA bus stop on Fredericksburg Road. The request for funds in the 2022 Bond from the same organization includes additional park improvements for improved safety and wellness, a Cafe College and Wellness Center, a Concessions, Restroom, Office and Storage Building, and a Pavilion. The proposed scope as part of their 2022 Bond request was not included in the Master Plan developed for the 2017 Bond but provides additional safety measures in response to having occupied this new park and encountering security challenges. This project request is currently not on the Staff Recommendation list but can be included with Bond Committee action.

20. Again a question for me, # 34 Citywide Golf Course Improvements. In my term I think I remember we sold Golf facilities to a non-profit so that Parks was getting out of the Golf business. Did we sell to this Municipal Golf Association of San Antonio? If yes, are they not making enough to do the improvements and rehab?

In 2007, the City entered into an agreement with the Municipal Golf Association – San Antonio to operate and maintain the 8 municipally-owned golf courses. These golf courses remain City property, and capital improvements to courses are shared by both MGA-SA and the City.

21. I'm going through my notes and the new asks are

- Greater Love Ministries for \$1M
- Cassiano Park I think the ask is \$5M

- **Something about softball but I did not get a specific park or location(s)**
- **#32 Mitchell Lake Wetlands \$12m**
- **# 43 Medical Center Greenway \$1.9M**

Attachment A is a summary of public comments received including project requests, support or opposition of projects, and any other general comments.

22. Do the co-chairs of the committee get to vote?

Per advisement of the City Attorney's Office, Committee Co-Chairs can vote.

23. It was voiced at the end of the meeting there is not sufficient time for bond members to comment or have questions. Can it be established that more time be added to our last meeting so there is time for discussion and vote. Suggest no staff overview and give the committee time to discuss and vote. Would this need to be a motion from a committee member?

A motion can be made to extend the meeting. This feedback has been captured and will be sent to the Co-Chairs.

District 9 Committee Member– Arthur Downey

24. I hope staff will be providing us with a synopsis of the organizational and individual projects that were discussed last night, to include whether it was a new ask or a project already on our proposed funded list (and if on the list if it involved an increase in funding).

Attachment A is a summary of public comments received including project requests, support or opposition of projects, and any other general comments.

District 9 Committee Member – Talat Shah

25. UTSA Athletic Practice Facility - Is there a portion of this project being funded by the UT system? If so, how much? If not, why not? Their materials state additional funds will be raised through philanthropic sources.

The \$10,000,000 request for the UTSA Basketball & Volleyball Practice Facility is to fund a portion of the total facility cost of \$29,500,000. Information received from UTSA states that the remaining amount is to be funded by Bexar County and potentially through financing by the Roadrunner Foundation.

Staff reached out to UTSA for additional assistance regarding response to this question. No portion of the UTSA Basketball & Volleyball Practice Facility will be funded by the UT System. Texas public universities cannot use Legislative state revenue bonds or the UT System Permanent University Fund (PUF) for intercollegiate athletic facilities. The Texas Legislature will not authorize, nor appropriate funds, for the operations or building of intercollegiate athletic facilities. Legislative funds (revenue bonds) can only be used for the construction of classrooms and laboratories. Under the Texas Constitution, the PUF can only be used for the construction or rehabilitation of classroom buildings and laboratories.

- 26. BMX in Pearsall Park - Point of clarification. BMX was included in the prior bond cycle, but the citizens group is asking for an additional \$500,000 to also build a Pump Track. Is that correct?**

The addition of a BMX facility has been a potential amenity improvement outline in Park's Master Plan most recently updated in 2012. Every time bond funding has been identified for the park to date, the public input process has driven the elements of the Master Plan that were to be included as part of a bond project. The staff recommended \$1,500,000 of 2022 Bond funding allocated for Pearsall Park could fund the addition of a BMX facility, subject to the approval of the community during the public input design process. A bicycle pump track is currently under construction as part of the 2017 Bond project and is scheduled for completion in late Spring 2022.

- 27. The Restoration Mile Proposal at McAllister Park - Would this be a new additional project and not included in the original proposed allocation of \$1.25 million to McAllister Park? Or could it be included in the McAllister allocation?**

The project mentioned during Citizens to be Heard was an alternate suggestion to an existing Mud Creek trail project currently in design and scheduled for funding as part of the Bexar County/San Antonio River Authority 10-year program. The project design included input from the community during a public meeting held on October 4, 2021.

- 28. Linear Greenway Trails - How much of the \$110 million dollar allocation would actually build out the original Peak Greenway Plan and how much is for additional new projects?**

The Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System is a growing network of hike-and-bike trails that include a "ring" around the city, as well as a myriad of neighborhood infill connections to the larger "ring." Neighborhood infill connections and other projects such as lighting pilot projects have varied based on land acquisitions, community and neighborhood input, and other factors. Projects C and D on *Attachment B* are ActivateSA projects that align with the City's Howard W. Peak Greenway Trail System plan. On *Attachment B*, Priority Projects H, K, L, M, N, O are projects that have been added recently in an effort to continue to enhance the trail user experience, increase connectivity, and access via the 10-minute walk initiative.

- 29. There seem to be some projects which would be relevant to other bond categories. For example, the proposed Medical Center Area Park has some drainage considerations as I understand it. Similarly, the community centers such as those proposed for District 1 and District 4 might be shared between Facilities and Parks. Is there a mechanism to coordinate funding across areas as appropriate?**

Staff have placed projects into the propositions that they have traditionally been located, or those where most of the use is identified. At the October 27, 2021 Special Session, City Council approved the revised staff recommendations for total allocations for each proposition. Projects cannot be moved to another proposition at the Bond Committee level. The Bond Committee does have discretion to approve recommendation to modify projects and amounts within the proposition, so long as the total proposition total remains the same as was approved by City Council.

Other Questions Submitted by Committee Members

- 30. How can we better understand or have delineated the linear greenways via the transportation/streets/sidewalks vs. parks? Was it accurate that Parks Dept. would become responsible to maintain the transportation/streets/sidewalks?**

Attachment B identifies the linear greenway trail projects that are COSA vs. ActivateSA as well as part of the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System (park) or street connections. The City's Public Works Department will maintain the street trail connection projects as Public Works oversees all Right-of-Way.

- 31. What bike trails and bike courses exist in San Antonio now, is there a map?**

The Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System is a hike-and-bike system that currently consists of 86 miles of completed trail and trail maps and trailhead locations can be accessed on the Parks and Recreation Department's website at www.saparksandrec.com. The Parks and Recreation also has a memorandum of understanding with South Texas Off Road Mountainbikers (STORM) to construct and maintain a number of off-road biking trails at a number of City parks including McAllister Park, O.P. Schnabel Park, Pearsall Park, just to name a few. Additionally, the approved Conceptual Plan for O.P. Schnabel Park includes a network of paved bicycle trails. Eisenhower Park has natural-surface trails that are planned but have not yet been funded.

Within the City's parks system, there is a bicycle pump track at McAllister Park, a cyclo-cross track at LBJ Park and a bicycle pump track and bicycle skills area currently under construction at Pearsall Park anticipated for completion in early calendar year 2022.

- 32. What was the cost for shade at Elmendorf? Wondering if there are any cost estimates that have been done at Woodlawn Lake pool.**

The cost for the shade canopies was estimated to be at \$150,000 for the two canopies. Staff estimate the cost to provide a shade canopy over the shallow part of the Woodlawn Lake Park Pool to be approximately \$390,000 - \$400,000. The estimate includes a larger 30' x 60' trussed, four-post, fabric shade canopy with that spans the width of the pool. The estimated cost is site specific and is impacted by the large truss required to span the width of the large swimming pool.

Public Comment

Attachment C is the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space public comments submitted through the SA Speak Up Portal from Monday, November 9 to Friday, November 18.

Pending Questions and Requests

Attachment D is the list of pending committee member questions and requests, which were submitted after November 17, 2021.

2022-2027 Bond Program
Parks, Recreation Open Spaces Meeting #2, November 16, 2021

Public Comments									
Project Requests									
District	Requestor Name	Organization/Agency	Request Type	Project Name	Summary of Comments/Project Scope	Total Requested Amount	Recommended 2022 Bond Project	2022 Bond Project	Recommended 2022 Bond Amount
2	Melissa Arnell	Greater Love Ministries	Project Request	Greater Love Multi-Generational Center	Request additional funding to complete Greater Love Multi-Generational Center. Funding was allocated as part of 2017 Bond Program - Facilities Proposition, however due to cost inflation project funding is not enough to complete project.	\$ 1,000,000	No	New Project Request	
5	Amelia Valdez	Friends at Cassiano Park	Project Request	Cassiano Park	General park improvements to Cassiano Park to include changing rooms, pavilion, lighting, basketball court and pool upgrades.	\$ 5,000,000	No	New Project Request	
3 & 8	Patsy Inglet & Britt Coleman	Mitchell Lake Audubon Center	Project Request	Mitchell Lake Wetlands	Requesting funding for Mitchell Lake improvements to potentially include new entrance gate renovation, trail renovation, parking lot expansion, pavilion, observation, rest area and signage.	\$ 12,000,000	No	New Project Request	
3	Terence White Sr.	Word of Deliverance Ministry	Project Request	Alzheimer Respite Care Center	Purchased a property in Brooks City Base Area and need additional funding to construct Alzheimer Respite Care Center.	\$ 2,500,000	No	New Project Request	
5 & 10	Stan Richardson	San Antonio Softball Association	Project Request	Alva Joe Fisher and Kennedy Softball Complexes	Improvements to upgrade Alva Joe Fisher (10700 Nacogdoches Rd, 7817) and Kennedy (3101 Roselawn, 78226) softball complexes.	\$ -	No	New Project Request	
5	Charley Lopez		Project Request	Apache Greenway Trail Expansion and Inner City Park Development	Expansion of Apache Greenway Trails to include connection to a new bike park to support mountain biking in 78207 area.	\$ -	No	New Project Request	
7	Kyle Pelvecchio		Project Request	O.P. Schnabel (Bike Park)	O.P. Schnabel to include additional bike park trails.	\$ -	Yes	O.P. Schnabel Park	\$ 1,675,000
6	Hector Santos	Edgewood Youth Athletic Association	Project Request	Cuellar Park	Improve sport complex - expand parking lot, two more athletic fields to be added for youth sports.	\$ -	Yes	Cuellar Park	\$ 500,000
9 & 10	Fred Chase	Friends at McAllister Park	Project Request	McAllister Park	Improve the remaining undeveloped natural parcel/area "Mud Creek" in McAllister Park. Known as "The Restoration Mile", support an improved plan for the mud creek greenway through McAllister Park. Improved plan includes a natural surface adaptive wilderness trail and ADA surface	\$ -	Yes	McAllister Park	\$ 1,250,000
4	Jerry Fields	SA Bike Motocross	Project Request	Pearsall Park (BMX Course)	Advocate for BMX course at Pearsall Park as part of master plan.	\$ 500,000	Yes	Pearsall Park	\$ 1,500,000
4	Pedro Cortez	SPORTi	Project Request	Pearsall Park (Expansion of Parking)	Support funding for expansion of parking lot at Pearsall Park.		Yes	Pearsall Park	\$ 1,500,000

2022-2027 Bond Program
Parks, Recreation Open Spaces Meeting #2, November 16, 2021

Public Comments									
Project Support									
District	Requestor Name		Request Type	Project Name	Summary of Comments/Project Scope	Total Requested Amount	Recommended 2022 Bond Project	2022 Bond Project	Recommended 2022 Bond Amount
7	Maribel Gardea		Project Support	Hemisfair Civic Park	Support funding for Hemisfair Civic Park.		Yes	Hemisfair Civic Park	\$ 18,000,000
1	Paula Sullivan	Bombay Bicycle Club	Project Support	Hemisfair Civic Park	Support funding for Hemisfair Civic Park.		Yes	Hemisfair Civic Park	\$ 18,000,000
5	Faith Radle	Galaxy Productions	Project Support	Hemisfair Civic Park	Support funding for Hemisfair Civic Park.		Yes	Hemisfair Civic Park	\$ 18,000,000
1	Chris Holder		Project Support	Hemisfair Civic Park & Tower Park	Support funding for Hemisfair Civic Park.		Yes	Hemisfair Civic Park	\$ 18,000,000
1	Jeff Moore	San Antonio Social Ride	Project Support	Linear Greenway Trails	Support funding for Linear Greenway Trails		Yes	Linear Greenway Trails	\$ 110,000,000
3	Russell Crosier	Bike San Antonio	Project Support	Linear Greenway Trails	Support funding for Linear Greenway Trails		Yes	Linear Greenway Trails	\$ 110,000,000
Not Provided	Simon Garcia	TDTP	Project Support	Linear Greenway Trails	Support funding for Linear Greenway Trails		Yes	Linear Greenway Trails	\$ 110,000,000
10	Pauline "Doris" Buechete		Project Support	Linear Greenway Trails	Support funding for Linear Greenway Trails		Yes	Linear Greenway Trails	\$ 110,000,000
10	Bryan Martin	Bike San Antonio	Project Support	Linear Greenway Trails (Flyway)	Support funding for Linear Greenway Trails		Yes	Linear Greenway Trails	\$ 110,000,000
7	Karen Leija	Black Girls Do Bike	Project Support	Linear Greenway Trails (Medina to Military Hwy)	Support funding for Linear Greenway Trails		Yes	Linear Greenway Trails	\$ 110,000,000
1	Martin Gutierrez	SA Hispanic Chamber	Project Support	Regional and Citywide Projects	Support funding for investment in regional and citywide projects.		Yes	Regional & Citywide	\$ 52,500,000
1	Maura Bobbitt		Project Support	Sunken Garden Theater	Support funding Sunken Garden Theater.		Yes	Sunken Garden Theatre	\$ 10,000,000
8	Charlene Mass	UTSA	Project Support	UTSA Basketball & Volleyball Practice Facility	Support funding for UTSA basketball and volleyball practice facility.		Yes	UTSA Basketball & Volleyball Practice Facility	\$ 10,000,000
10	Jennie Carns	SA Sports	Project Support	UTSA Basketball & Volleyball Practice Facility	Support funding for UTSA basketball and volleyball practice facility.		Yes	UTSA Basketball & Volleyball Practice Facility	\$ 10,000,000
Project Opposition									
District	Requestor Name		Request Type	Project Name	Summary of Comments/Project Scope	Total Requested Amount	Recommended 2022 Bond Project	2022 Bond Project	Recommended 2022 Bond Amount
9	Colleen Waguspack		Project Opposition	Opposition to Active SA (\$26 Million)	Active SA \$26 million should be funded by transportation not park dollars. Recommend redirecting funding towards Parks.	\$ (26,000,000)	Yes	Remove \$26M from Linear Greenway Trails	\$ 110,000,000
Other Comments									
District	Requestor Name		Request Type	Project Name	Summary of Comments				
Not Provided	Rick Trevino		Other	Transparency	Request for a motion from committee members for transparency to disclose and make public committee member's employer and job title.				
1 & 2	Alicia Garlac	Friends of the Migratory Birds in SA	Other	Citizen Advisory Committee	Create citizen advisory committee to oversee parks and recreation development to minimize removal or impacts to natural areas, e.g. tree removal.				
7	Steve Avery		Other	Permeable ground cover	Vocalize support of Woodlawn Lake Park and request new development/projects be permeable.				

Attachment B

2022 - 2027 Bond Program
Linear Greenway Trails (In Priority Order)

Recommended Project	Project Type	Priority	Miles	District	Total	System Impact
Leon Creek Greenway <i>(Highway 16 to Medina River Greenway)</i>	Park	A	6.4	3, 4	\$ 21,151,350	Finishes the HWP GW circle (minus last section around Lackland AFB). Requires an amendment to the Toyota deed restrictions.
Culebra-Helotes Connector Trail <i>(Culebra Trailhead to Helotes Creek)</i>	Park	B	1.7	6	\$ 8,222,588	Connects Culebra Creek Park and 2.3 miles of Greenway Trail on Culebra/Helotes to the Leon Greenway.
Leon Greenway Connection <i>(via Port San Antonio - Camargo Park to Pearsall Park) Design & Partnership Agreements (no construction)</i>	Street	C	Design Only	4, 5	\$ 1,886,500	ActivateSA Project - Dual Purpose w/ City. Design and Feasibility Only - Prepares this project for construction at next funding opportunity (completes the HWP GW circle).
Huebner Creek to Medical Center Trail & Park Phase 1 <i>(Floyd Curl to Eckert Road)</i>	Park	D	1.0	7, 8	\$ 11,919,490	ActivateSA Project - Dual Purpose w/ City. Ties to Floyd Curl Green Street. Meets 10-minute walk goals for a largenumber of residents in the Medical Center.
Zarzamora Creek Greenway <i>(Ingram Road to Jane Dubel Park)</i>	Park	E	1.8	7	\$ 6,450,510	Creates linkages from two Parks (Jane Dubel and Joan Price) into the Westside Creeks Greenway Trail System. Few (if any) land acquisitions required.
Beitel Creek Greenway <i>(Thousand Oaks to LBJ Park)</i>	Park	F	2.7	2, 10	\$ 13,550,900	Connects existing greenway trail at Longhorn Quarry into the Salado Creek Greenway Trail System. Few (if any) land acquisitions required.
French Creek Greenway <i>(OP Schnabel Park to Loop 1604)</i>	Park	G	2.8	7, 8	\$ 10,277,960	Meets 10-minute walk goals for a significant number of residents near Loop 1604.
Hays Street Bridge Connection <i>(to Downtown and to Lockwood Park)</i>	Street	H	0.8	1, 2	\$ 9,356,314	ActivateSA Project - Provides important pedestrian/bike link from the Eastside into Downtown. Includes lighting design under I-37.
Citywide Greenway Connections & Enhancements	Park	I	1.0	CW	\$ 5,742,275	Meets park access goals by building several small connector trails. Fills in gaps in trail amenities.
Maverick Creek Greenway <i>(UTSA Boulevard to Loop 1604)</i>	Park	J	0.8	8	\$ 4,001,844	Meets walkability goals, as there are currently no sidewalks along east side of Babcock Road, for UTSA students walking or biking.
Westside Creeks <i>Lighting Pilot Project</i>	Park	K		1, 3, 5, 6, 7	\$ 3,553,550	Lighting would facilitate commuting before and after current sunrise to sunset hours along Westside Creeks greenways (alt transit objectives). Responsive to Trail Survey feedback.
Leon Creek Greenway <i>Pedestrian Side Path Pilot Project</i>	Park	L		7, 8	\$ 4,013,289	Responsive to Trail Survey feedback regarding trail congestion, user conflicts, etc. in a heavily used section of greenway trail.
Brooks Greenline Connection to Salado Creek Greenway <i>Design & Partnership Agreements (no construction)</i>	Street	M	Design Only	3	\$ 1,219,900	ActivateSA Project - Connects Salado Creek Greenway to San Antonio River (Mission Reach) via Brooks Greenline Trail.
Flyway (Salado to Olmos Basin) <i>Design & Partnership Agreements (no construction)</i>	Street	N	Design Only	1, 9, 10	\$ 2,442,000	ActivateSA Project - Connects Olmos Basin Greenway Trail to Salado Creek Greenway via route beside 281 and Wetmore.
West College Link <i>St. Mary's University & Memorial High School to Zarzamora Creek Street Connection (via Memorial Street)</i>	Street	O	0.8	5	\$ 4,659,530	Provides a direct, walkable trail connection between St. Marys University and the Westside Creeks Greenway Trail system, also providing access to Memorial High School and surrounding residents.
Westside Creeks <i>Neighborhood Connectivity Improvements</i>	Park	P	0.5	1, 3, 5, 6, 7	\$ 1,552,000	Improves connectivity among the Westside Creeks Greenway Trail System and the surrounding network of Westside streets and sidewalks.

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Date/Time Submitted	Name	Council District	Comments
11/09/2021 02:03	lydia kelly	District 3	The person speaking on behalf of hemisphere claimed that the streets in side hemisphere are complete streets. That is not a true statement. They may be safe for people on bikes because the speed limit is so low but the picture he showed did not show a street that had a bicycle facility on it. The people on bicycles and the cars were sharing the lanes. Technically that is not a complete street. I would be interested in knowing how many of the streets that are up for a vote have either a protected bike lane Or at the very least and identified bike lane with a stripe. And I'd also like to know how wide the bike lanes are. Thank you very much
11/09/2021 23:31	Liz nEIRA	District 4	Please support our district. We need a center where our needs are met. A space at PAC provides a safe space for myself and my grandkids. PAC has it's own police department 24hrs and we have access to all the amenities on campus like the fitness trail and library.
11/09/2021 23:46	Jacob Gregoire	District 5	while I believe that bike friendly greenways and public transit routes would be a great amenities, I firmly believe that equity, in terms of infrastructure and flood prevention, should be the priority in districts that have been historically "under-served" during previous bond allocations.
11/10/2021 00:28		District 9	McAllister Park Little League complex upgrades
11/10/2021 01:47	Mica Glover	District 8	Why is the funding of developing the former golf course now part of OP Schnabel park? We purchased the land and if we don't fund now the land will sit unused for more than 7 years. We had public meetings and funded design proposals and residents have shown they more from op park.
11/10/2021 03:20	Connie	I'm unsure	Please expand our mountain bike trails. Make us the Bentonville of the south. That will lead to more tourism revenue and healthier citizens.
11/10/2021 03:51	Anne Kinsey	District 10	As a parent, coach, and lifelong bicycle rider, there is great joy in seeing more kids on bikes, more safe community settings for learning basic to advance bike handling safety skills and being with others who feel the empowerment and freedom that riding bikes together creates. I strongly support and advocate for riding for healthy habits, protecting and enjoying riding outside, and sharing the love for cycling and all it brings for strong bodies, minds, character and community. I whole heartedly support the O.P. Schnabel Bike Park and Expansion and know it will be used and appreciated by so many In San Antonio and beyond. Please move forward with full support for the project. Sincerely, Anne Kinsey Pres of the Board for Team Enduro Lab, a youth development enduro mountain biking team insta: teamendurolab. And also Pres of Board and Team Director of Alamo Heights Mules Cycling Team of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association, a youth development moutain biking team for 6th-12th graders.
11/10/2021 04:15	Gino Alfredo	I'm unsure	OP expansion- I believe a world class progression Mtb park would be very beneficial to our community. Not only for the locals to progress their skills but for our city to be a destination for travelers to come visit and experience as well. San Antonio does not have anything of this kind similar to The Rail yard in Rogers Arkansas. Most of the people I have met in the MTB community have to travel for these parks me personally have gone 4 times and would love it if we had this right here in our community. Imagine what this sport has done and how fast it is growing locally, it is not only riding a bike it's exercise, enjoying the outdoors and also helps mentally. I think we deserve to have a great place to do this here in our hometown. Thank you.

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11/10/2021 06:18	Vanessa	District 6	Please fix heritage duck pond regarding the cleanliness of the water it needs more flow
11/10/2021 12:56	Ms. Lesa Rathjen	District 1	I would like to see the continued improvement of biking areas to include improvements in the skills course at McAllister park and other trails. I travel to Bentonville Arkansas frequently to ride my bike. I would like San Antonio to have similar trails
11/11/2021 14:45		I'm unsure	I wish to address Bike Park OP Expansion.
11/11/2021 15:00	Josh Murguia	District 6	I believe San Antonio would benefit from a gravity fed bike park with jump line ranging from green to double black. It would get many kids outside and could be a fantastic place for kids and adults to train for one day competitions.
11/12/2021 11:44	Lindal Hardwick	District 9	Yes - for the McAllister park Mud Creek extension as you (Brandon Ross) have proposed it be constructed.
11/12/2021 21:34	Josh Olivarez	District 5	It would be nice to see a community like Bentonville, Arkansas. They have a very big mountain bike community that I think will do wonders here. Since Covid, the numbers have skyrocketed for people wanting to buy bikes and ride the trails. Please visit this website to see how they live in Bentonville. https://www.visitbentonville.com/bike/trail-maps/off-road/
11/14/2021 19:34		District 8	As a long time citizen of San Antonio I would like to see money put towards STORM biking project such as additional trails, bike park building and expansions of our existing parks. Our family utilizes the current trails and parks many times a week and they are becoming more and more crowded as the sport becomes more popular. We often go out of town and even out of state to other larger biking areas as there is limited opportunities here currently. I feel it would bring people into our city and will be a great asset to the community. Please consider allocating money to STORM for use in expanding our biking opportunities. Thank you
11/15/2021 15:12	Dorothy Cary		Mental illness for senior citizens who live alone in senior citizens housing communities. Our facilities are still isolating us from one another. No activities or support systems or even encouragement after family deaths, sickness, loneliness after the Covid and so many deaths. Our economic situations are terrible. We feel hopeless. This office doesn't understand how important our mental state is. Please contact doctors, counselors, activities for a better atmosphere. Depression is CS on the rampage here. We are old, not dead yet. We've paid our dues for many years for our little monthly check. Please help us. Thank you and God Bless.
11/15/2021 21:28	Elaine Ortiz	District 3	I would like to see 5DIAMONDS Little League in Stinson Park get \$600,000 to complete Phase 2 of paved parking and \$200,000 for lights and canopies / shade for remaining 2 fields.
11/15/2021 21:42		District 3	SA 5 Diamonds Little League in Stinson Park I would like to see 5DIAMONDS Little League in Stinson Park (District 3) get \$600,000 to complete Phase 2 of paved parking and \$200,000 for lights and canopies / shade for remaining 2 fields.
11/15/2021 21:55	Elizabeth Martinez	District 3	I would like to see 5DIAMONDS Little League in Stinson Park (District 3) get \$600,000 to complete Phase 2 of paved parking and \$200,000 for lights and canopies / shade for remaining 2 fields. Thank you
11/16/2021 04:49	Suzie Aldous	District 6	The far west side is lacking in hiking and biking trails. We are the fastest growing area. The traffic is getting worse and we have no other way to get to work aside from driving. The Culebra trail is only 2 miles long. The trails also provide a safe place for people to exercise. I had the opportunity to move away from San Antonio but didn't because of the trails. They make San Antonio unique. Please continue to expand them so that we can ride our bikes to work or just ride safely.

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11/16/2021 15:59	Wendy Lyons	District 1	Fund the greenways and safer bike options for the streets!
11/16/2021 20:01	Ralph Guerra	District 6	I would like to comment on the need for more Mountain Biking trails, skill park features & mountain biking family attractions. We have been growing as cycling city. If the Tour de France people have noticed us, we must be doing something right. Mountain biking, trail riding is great for overall health. If we want to model ourselves after the big cities, this will really grab someone's attention. I would also love to see a bicycle museum because we have come along way & we will still be going for a long time. 😊
11/16/2021 20:04	Liz nEIRA	District 9	Dear Bond Committee: In 2017 bond, we supported UTSA with \$10M for their Athletic Complex. This complex cannot be used by the general public nor it's parking facilities. I am a previous alumnus of UTSA. Now in 2022, we want to allocate another \$10M for a complex that again has absolutely no access to the community! A total of \$20 million for more than 80% of students who do not reside in San Antonio, attended a SA high School, nor their parents paid SA property taxes. I do NOT want to pay for another UTSA athletics complex for the 80% of students who come from other cities!! If this is UTSA model, let them leverage dollars with state legislature. UTSA is funded by Texas legislature and receive funding yearly, we as a city should not support when we already support them by usage of Alamodome. I would rather support my local community college who is funded by my property tax funds and I am able to utilize their facilities. These facilities are used by student Athletes who are recruited from outside of San Antonio. I do not want my tax payer dollars funding students who do not live nor grew up in San Antonio. UTSA Basketball/Volleyball Practice Facility - 2022 UTSA Quick Factual data: Fact 1: UTSA Men's basketball team student roster were scouted from outside of San Antonio. 100% of the entire team roster are students who were recruited from outside of San Antonio. None of these students are from San Antonio nor attended a high school in San Antonio!! They were recruited from cities such as Houston, Las Vegas, etc. See current UTSA Men's Basketball roster: https://goutsa.com/sports/mens-basketball/roster (I will fund based off percentage; sine none of the team roster is from San Antonio = \$0 funding) Fact 2: Women's Basketball: None (Zero!!) of the Women's Basketball roster attended a high school in the City of San Antonio city limits. Only 20% (3 out of 15) of the women's basket ball team are from a school in surrounding counties of San Antonino (Judson ISD). Eighty percent 80% of the entire team roster are recruited from outside of San Antonino. None of these students attended a school in San Antonio nor are residents of San Antonio. Their parents never paid taxes to San Antonio, why would I want to give my taxpayer dollars to an outside city! See roster: https://goutsa.com/sports/womens-basketball/roster Fact 3: Women's Volleyball. Only 4 students or 20% (4 out of 19 team roster) of the entire women's volleyball team roster are from San Antonio high schools. 80% (15 students) of the team roster are students who were recruited and lived in cities such as Houston, Austin, and other states. Their parents never paid any taxes to our city. I will not support my tax payer dollars funding over 80% of students who never grew up in San Antonio nor attended a high school in San Antonio. See Team roster:

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			https://goutsa.com/sports/womens-volleyball/roster Fact 4: Facility Usage (RACE Facility & new proposed facility): Usage: only student athletes can utilize Multipurpose arena; general students can't access the facilities. Their website states "commitment as an urban serving, community-engaged university, UTSA will make RACE available for public use, including for athletics camps and clinics," but their facility use policies and procedure state otherwise. You can't even get a membership if you are not an alumni, staff, or student. Fact 5: To add to the insult, parking is not "FREE." I just called a month ago and they said I can't park in their parking lot nor use their facility unless I am an UTSA ATHLETE!!! The public cannot access this complex nor the proposed complex. Even Parking will cost you \$82 a month or \$2.50 an hour!! https://www.utsa.edu/campuservices/parking/Regs/Appendix.html#a1-2 Look at the facts starting with UTSA's facility usage policy and procedure and Parking policy & procedure. Please look at MOU between COSA & UTSA to ensure executed MOU aligns with UTSA's policy & procedures. I WILL VOTE NO FOR THE ENTIRE BOND PROJECT IF THIS ITEM MAKES IT TO THE LIST!!! I will not support a bond project where more than 80% of the people who will be utilizing the facility reside and grew up in other cities and states. 80% of those students parents NEVER paid property taxes and I will not support a project with such a waste in funding. If you approve this project, a total of \$20 Million would be allocated to serve less than 4 (\$4M for 4 students) tax paying students/families, with over 80% (\$16M) of the funding supporting students and their families that are from other cities such as Houston, Dallas, etc. and other outside state, who NEVER paid taxes. VOTE NO FOR UTSA – Please reallocate these dollars for projects that serve a larger population. This is not a good use of our city Bond dollars.
11/16/2021 20:22	Diane Tudyk	District 3	Please, please, please continue to support the greenways in San Antonio. I find it repulsive that now the Northside Salado and Leon Creek are connected and trails are abundant on that side of town how now the city is thinking of backing off. Backing off before other lesser served areas are given the same beautiful greenways. The Southside/Westside need those same opportunities for families to use and have that are car free and safe AND close to their homes. There is a divide in San Antonio. The haves and the have nots. The same sides of town are given less than the others. We own homes in Northside and Southside so we are keenly aware of the differences. Please encourage your peers to support these greenways for ALL of San Antonio!
11/16/2021 20:27	Theresa A. Ybanez	District 3	My name is Terry Ybanez and I'm a District 3 resident, President of the Mission San Jose Neighborhood Association and a member of the Tier 1 Neighborhood Coalition Steering Committee. I'm here to speak in support of the Civic Park project included in the Bond. What I like about Hemisfair is that it's walkable and accessible for those who need it most. I frequently visit the park for community events like Dia de los Muertos and Luminaria. I love that Hemisfair is totally accessible and you can walk to it from the surrounding neighborhoods.

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			There are no barriers to access for lower income families. In fact, you see families of all backgrounds spending time together at Hemisfair. Hemisfair is not a gated community or private park. It's open and made for the public. That's a goal that all of the projects included in the Bond should try to reach. I'm excited to see this new park at Hemisfair and encourage the committee to keep it in the Bond. Sincerely, Theresa A. Ybanez Artist & Educator; My name is Theresa A. Ybanez. I am President of Mission San Jose Neighborhood Association and a member of Tier 1 Neighborhood Coalition. Mission San Jose Neighborhood Association supports the 8 projects recommended for District 3. We especially support the District 3 Aquatics Facility. This is a project that we requested in the 2017 bond so we are very pleased to see this project on the list in Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces. It is a facility that is greatly needed for our Southside Residences to use year round. We hope that it could be a natatorium like what is in District 5. Many of our Senior residents and youth have requested access to a public pool
11/16/2021 21:19	Calvin Morett	District 7	In support of District 4's project: Multigen Center Facility at Palo Alto College. In objection of UTSA's proposed athletics facility. These funds should be reallocated to fund the Multigen Center Building for Palo Alto College, as this community desperately needs a facility like this. The Multigen facility could serve over 18,000 Southside residents in a year vs. the small number of athletes at UTSA.
11/16/2021 22:20	ALDO SIERRA	District 5	Approve bonds for anything MTB/Trails. Most if not all of my exercising is done on outdoor trails be it single track green belts/ parks or paved trails. More of this is always good for future generations to come.
11/16/2021 22:48		I'm unsure	Cities all over the United States are finding out at the fastest way to increase a city's Revenue is to invest in the Open Spaces. The popularity of mountain biking has grown by Leaps and Bounds. People are traveling two mountain bike. It's all about the money in the fastest way for the city to make money is to invest in mountain biking Open Spaces. https://publicinterestdesign.wvu.edu/files/d/339c0a85-382f-4786-bfb6-b9055c74aa7e/economic-impacts-of-mountain-biking-and-bike-trail-systems-in-west-virginia-051619.pdf
11/16/2021 22:50	Ron Robbiano	District 10	I am writing you today to support the projects for the Proposed 2022-2027 Bond Program O.P. Schnabel Park Expansion property McAllister Park bike skills course MTB trail system in Pearsall Park Eisenhower Park expansion property HWP Greenway funding I would also like to express sincere gratitude on behalf of the San Antonio Kids on Bikes organization for the forward thinking that has brought so many more cycling opportunities for the youth of San Antonio. Getting More Kids on Bikes and out of the house is great for the families, communities and future of our city! These world class facilities will continue to attract more people to our city for recreation. They will also make it a more attractive place to live and raise families.
11/16/2021 23:03	Samuel Allega	District 8	I'm writing to support the development of the projected mountain bike parks around San Antonio. I've been a resident of this beautiful city for over 7 years. My friends and family I've met through the mountain bike community have been longing for more progressive mountain bike features bike parks in San Antonio similar to the parks in cities like Bentonville, Arkansas and Asheville, North Carolina. In 2017 alone, mountain bike tourism generated \$137 million dollars in revenue for NW Arkansas. This is a very profitable venture for both the wealth and health of our

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			city and its citizens. Please support these projects and help turn San Antonio into one of the must visit mountain bike destinations in the US.
11/16/2021 23:16	Robert Knight	District 8	Please keep funding the green Ways. More and more people are using them all the time. And they cost a lot of money to create and it would be a shame not to keep them up!
11/16/2021 23:18		District 8	The greenways have been wonderful for our city. It has gotten a lot of people out exercising and doing things that are good for them. I'm sure it has brought a lot of tourists to our town. My husband and I have always gone on vacation and gone to places where they had bike trails like what we have built in San Antonio. Keep funding them at the rate you have been doing as we have commented many times that y'all are doing a great job in the upkeep of these trails.
11/16/2021 23:20	Steve Walker	District 9	San Antonio held a vote to change a tax from Greenway support to a job training program. My wife and I voted for this because we thought it was a worthy effort and promises were made to continue developing the parks and Greenways with other funds. Do not renege on these promises! I am a parks volunteer and frequently see how valuable this system is and how often it is used by local families and visitors. We must continue to support and expand this system as was promised. Please support this great San Antonio resource.
11/16/2021 23:22	Leticia Sanchez	District 5	I am a resident of District 5 and member of the Historic Westside Residents Association which represents residents who reside in the near Westside of the city. Our residents are very upset that the Howard Peak Greenway project is being included in the 2022 Bond when the funds for this project were promised to be included in the 2027 bond and NOT the 2022 Bond. Projects for D5 and to benefit our tax paying residents are continually promised to future bond cycles yet our projects are never included. A revitalization plan for Cassiano Park was on the original Park project list but has now been taken off. Improvements are made to the Hemisfair park in the millions of dollars but the City totally disregards the needs of our residents! The initial request for Cassiano park was less than one million dollars. Our tax paying residents should have access to swimming pools in the summer; however, the lack of funds for the Cassiano Park keeps our swimming pool closed keeping our children and residents from access to a pool. We're tired of hearing the Mayor and council members speak about the equity lens when it is apparent by the projects being proposed in this 2022 bond that there is no equity in funding allocations.
11/16/2021 23:23		District 3	I support all proposed mountain bike parks and trails, we need more of them in the area, keeps us healthy and keeps kids off of streets!
11/17/2021 00:14		I'm unsure	I am speaking towards the biking community in San Antonio, I firmly believe that new parts of parks will both provide entrance for new comers and at the same time give the current community something to look forward to. It would overall be great for our community. I watched the McAllister pump track be constructed and it is one of the more popular places for people to learn skills and hang out with other riders. I've also seen numerous kids out learning how to ride and jump there which is truly a testament to how everyone will be able to partake! Thanks!!
11/17/2021 00:28	Jon Hinojosa	District 7	Please focus the Bond funds to existing infrastructure needs of existing parks and green spaces in the most vulnerable council districts. The needs of preexisting issues outweighs new and expanding growth for established initiatives. Preexisting parks need parking, lighting, habitat restoration, and flood control that would be the best use of bond funds.
11/17/2021 01:10	Audrey Morales	District 7	Woodlawn Lake Park Bond. *Shade around the Park to include -over the shallow area of our pool and to include a Splash Pad. - around the areas where the community gathers during events by the basketball court and Island House with new trees

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			- the smaller playground, there is no cover and the metal gets very hot for the children who play there * Connectivity around the park - from Woodlawn Lake Park to the dog park, casting pond and Amaguirre Multicultural Center currently under construction - designated bike and running trail around the park to assist with the safety of our citizens changing N. Josephine Tobin into a one way street.
11/17/2021 01:25	Katherine Velasquez	District 2	We have a beautiful linear park with limited access to adjacent neighborhoods. I'd like to see connections in District 2 like I see up the trail at Laurens and Ira Lee. Residents in Salado Creek, East Terrell Hills, and Wilshire have to drive to trailheads when proper connections would allow walking or biking to the trail. Rittman and Eisenhower are no place for walking and cycling. A perfect connection for one side would be a brief trail at the end of Judivan to Holbrook. Additionally a way to reach John James Park from the Salado Creek trail that limits exposure to Rittman and walking on the street at Aina. Thank you.
11/17/2021 01:38	Sean Ziegler	District 10	I support the Linear Trails bond. Please approve so voters may also approve. Give \$1M to the greater love center. The Audubon center is fine for now. Don't approve the sunken gardens bond for now. We can't do everything at once. Please approve the improved plan for Mud Creek in McAllister park. No more concrete! Approve the Hemisfair park bond. The Zoo and Botanical Garden are good for now. Don't approve their bond. Let the State of Texas pay for UTSA's facility. Approve the bicycle challenge zone at Pearsall.
11/17/2021 01:44	Richard Garcia	District 5	We (residents/constituents) of District 5 need world class libraries and city parks. It is sad and very discouraging to see the have and the have nots in our City. The huge discrepancy between District 5 and other northside District 8, 9, and 10 is sad. There is absolutely no comparison between the libraries and City Parks in City Council District 5 and the other northside Districts- 8, 9, and 10. Why is that we (District 5) get the leftover crumbs and we (District 5) need to strongly advocate for ourselves because we are tax payers, registered voters, concerned citizens and therefore our children, grandchildren , families should get world class libraries, City parks, recreation facilities etc. i For example, the Memorial Public Library does not even have an emergency generator why is that , Mr. Ramiro Salazar?
11/17/2021 01:47	Scott Hougland	District 1	I support the inclusion of the following 2 projects in the list of approved project for this bond cycle. 1) Redesign + improvements to Pearsal Park Disc Golf Course 2) Design + installation of a new Championship caliber course on the east side to bring San Antonio up to par with other cities in Texas and across the nation.
11/17/2021 01:50	Arturo Garza jr	I'm unsure	Southside needs improvements to streets. Southside streets shall be more investigated to improve and get improvements to get these problems resolved
11/17/2021 02:08	Christina Ramon	District 6	Greenways- I would like to ask for continued funding for completion of the great greenways San Antonio has to offer. They provide a safe place for people to enjoy the outdoors, to walk run and cycle. As a cyclist, I feel the safest on the Greenways. I don't have to worry about getting struck by a car or getting attacked by a dog. The Greenways also provide a great way to connect with nature. It's a beautiful sight to see the wildlife on my rides. Connecting with nature has a calm, relaxing effect. I implore you to continue funding for this project.
11/17/2021 02:12	Ben Blount	District 9	I support the inclusion of the following 2 projects in the list of approved projects for this bond cycle. 1) Redesign + improvements to Pearsal Park Disc Golf Course 2) Design + installation of a new Championship caliber course on the east side to bring San Antonio up to par with other cities in Texas and across the nation."

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11/17/2021 03:10	Jeremy DeVere	I'm unsure	I support the inclusion of the following 2 projects in the list of approved projects for this bond cycle. 1) Redesign + improvements to Pearsal Park Disc Golf Course 2) Design + installation of a new Championship caliber course on the east side to bring San Antonio up to par with other cities in Texas and across the nation.
11/17/2021 03:11	Natalie Smith	District 8	I support on the current bike infrastructure efforts. As an avid cyclist who has ridden around SA for year both on and off road, I am facing the hard truth of our growing city - the roads are busier and my safety is at a risk at an increasing rate. Continuing to grow access to trails and skills development creates safer places for the community to enjoy riding outdoors.
11/17/2021 03:13	Michael Cole	I'm unsure	Me and my family ride the Leon creek green belt, OP Schnapel park and McAllister parks. We ride 2-3 days a week. We are also heavily involved with the local NICA team. My wife and I are coaches for the high school/middle school MTB representing athletes from various San Antonio schools. I want to know how our elective officials will ensure bond money continues to support our parks and trail systems.
11/17/2021 04:25	Cosima Colvin	District 1	Regardless of whether or not I'm in favor of the \$26 million request from ActivateSA, the fact that the chair of the ActivateSA board is a co-chair of the committee that is considering that request is an obvious conflict of interest. Whether it is legal or not for Jim Bailey to serve as co-chair, the image it projects and the mistrust that it sows should be a cause for concern. The fact that another ActivateSA Board member is co-chair of the Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks committee only adds to the concern that there is an inside game being played here. The suggestion made by a member of the public at tonight's meeting that bond committee members provide the name of their employer and their job title is reasonable and prudent. This should be done across the board for bond committees if transparency matters.
11/17/2021 05:08	Matthew M Yule	I'm unsure	I support the inclusion of the following 2 projects in the list of approved projects for this bond cycle. 1) Redesign + improvements to Pearsal Park Disc Golf Course 2) Design + installation of a new Championship caliber course on the east side to bring San Antonio up to par with other cities in Texas and across the nation."
11/17/2021 11:31	Amy M. Monahan		I support the inclusion of the following 2 projects in the list of approved projects for this bond cycle. 1) Redesign + improvements to Pearsal Park Disc Golf Course 2) Design + installation of a new Championship caliber course on the east side to bring San Antonio up to par with other cities in Texas and across the nation.
11/17/2021 13:51	Ron Mersinger	District 7	I support the inclusion of the following 2 projects in the list of approved projects for this bond cycle. 1) Redesign + improvements to Pearsal Park Disc Golf Course 2) Design + installation of a new Championship caliber course on the east side to bring San Antonio up to par with other cities in Texas and across the nation.
11/17/2021 14:54	Corban Pippin	I'm unsure	I support the inclusion of the following 2 projects in the list of approved projects for this bond cycle. 1) Redesign + improvements to Pearsal Park Disc Golf Course 2) Design + installation of a new Championship caliber course on the east side to bring San Antonio up to par with other cities in Texas and across the nation.
11/17/2021 15:51	Abel Salazar	District 7	I support the in inclusion of the following 2 projects in the list of approved projects for this bond cycle. 1. Redesign + improvements to Pearsall Park Disc Golf Course

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			2. Design + installation of a new Championship Caliber course on the east side to bring San Antonio up to par with other cities in Texas and across the nation.
11/17/2021 16:24	Alan Janzen	District 10	I support the inclusion of the following two projects in the list of approved projects for this bond cycle. 1. Redesign and improvement to Pearsal Park Disc Golf Course. 2. Design and installation of a new championship caliber course on the east side to bring San Antonio up to par with other cities in Texas and across the nation. There are many additional park spaces that have available space for San Antonio's growing Disc Golf community. McAllister Park for example is a huge opportunity to grow the sport and make use of shared space for one of the fastest growing sports in the country. Disc golf is not only fun to play for San Antonio families, it is also easy to access (cheap), easy to play, and courses are cheap to maintain. Thank you for your consideration.
11/17/2021 16:48	James Jackson	District 8	Please fund the various mountain bike projects across town. Eisenhower, MacPark and OP. Mountain biking is growing in our city and showed itself to be a great attraction and community builder in cities across the country.
11/17/2021 17:31	Charity Harris	I'm unsure	The greenways need work there needs to be connections not just on the Northside but on everywhere in the city families and kids need a safe place to play and exercise
11/18/2021 04:10	Jason Rosales	District 8	I am in support of bike parks. There are so many benefits of providing these to communities. These are used by young and old and get more people outside and on bikes.
11/18/2021 06:39	Cory Trimble	I'm unsure	I support the inclusion of the following two projects in the list of approved projects for this bond cycle. 1) Redesign+improvements to Pearsall Park Disc Golf Course. 2) Design+installation of Championship caliber Disc Golf Course on the East side to bring San Antonio up to par with other cities in Texas and across the nation.
11/18/2021 16:06	Teresa O'Kelley	District 10	I appreciate that the City of San Antonio has been consistent in its commitment to healthy living for our community over the last several years. It has helped me lose weight and be a better person. Part of my routine includes enjoying disc golf courses. I get to walk in nature while having the challenge of a game. It's a fun way to work out. The reason I am reaching out today is because I support the inclusion of the following 2 projects in the list of approved projects for this bond cycle. 1) Redesign + improvements to Pearsal Park Disc Golf Course 2) Design + installation of a new Championship caliber course on the east side to bring San Antonio up to par with other cities in Texas and across the nation. The Disc Golf community is a growing sport. The inclusion of these projects will encourage tourism and bring income to our beautify city. We have a lot to offer for a variety of individuals, and by investing money in this initiative, you will be supporting your local citizens, as well as continuing to show San Antonio as a destination city. There are disc golf courses that are often used for championships and televised, your YouTube'd - this is basically advertising tourism in a different way I appreciate your time in hearing my voice. Thank you for your service to our city and our families.

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Ray Morales – District 5

1. First, I'd like to comment that it was a great disservice to our passionate organizations and citizen speakers to not be able to ask them questions after their presentations, and I would have preferred to extend our meeting time. That is why we are here, to listen to our community. In the future, I'd like the co-chairs to present to the committee the options for extending the meeting time, add an additional meeting, or have a virtual conversation at another time.
2. As some of the presentations did not address whether they were asking for new funding or, had been included on the requested parks project list, I'd like to request that city staff inform the committee about this request made of the presentations.
3. It is very confusing to have separate lists of the Nov 5, Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces (67 projects) and of the HWP Greenway Trails (16 projects), especially when the funding amounts AND the project names are different. Could a column be added to the Nov 5 list, (or latest list) identifying which projects are on the HWP Greenway Trails list? Realize that HWP designation may appear more than once as some HWP projects are on several council districts.
4. What was the original HWP bond funding and total projects requested, as a speaker mentioned in her presentation? Was this before Activate SA got involved?
5. How many of the HWP Greenway Trails (\$110m) are new parks, trailways, or connections? Not inclusive of improvements to existing, such as lighting, relieving trail congestion, user conflicts, etc..
6. How is security and maintenance going to be addressed, and funded for these new HWP Trail Projects? Will this require additional police patrols? Which city departments (or private org) will be responsible, or involved?
7. How many of the 67 projects requested for the 2022 parks proposition have links or are connected to any other of the 2022 bond propositions, such as Drainage, Facilities, Streets & Bridges?
8. Is there any new revenue, such as concession sales, venue rentals, parking fees, etc., projected from any of the 67 projects? Will the city keep the revenue or have agreements with concessionaires or vendors been made?
9. I would also like to advocate that a park user count, maybe a random count, or a remote electronic/digital counter for ea park or facility be employed. Some parks get heavy, or light use on different days or times. This would help determine maintenance, policy, security, updates required, etc., as well as what areas of the city need more recreational spaces.
10. Which of these projects mitigate flooding, are made inaccessible by low water crossings, or are made unusable by terrain that is affected by inclement weather?
11. What are the consequences for postponing some projects, such as Maverick Creek Greenway or Bonnie Conner Park? Will postponement affect drainage, ecology, safety?
12. If we get general or generic answers to any of these questions because the projects are not designed, are nascent and details are not available, why do we, as a city have a process that seeks funding for

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projects that have not been appropriately studied? I realize this is more of a City Council policy question but, the money and the debt obligations are real. City staff has to manage the money and has input into the process. There are too many opportunities for over funding, under funding, cost over runs, delays of design, unforeseen circumstances, corruption, etc., etc. *The city will still need to pay off the bonds, but the money will not have been spent on the projects as planned and promised.*

Chuck Saxer – District 8

13. Why are some ActivateSA trails projects being considered under the Parks Bond rather than the Streets & Sidewalks Bond when they are along city, county, state roads rather than creeks or other Greenways? I understand only Council can move a project from one category to another. How can we have clarity on this in the future before it gets to the Bond Committees?

14. An example is ActivateSA Flyway Trail would use 281 and Wetmore as the route. How is this a Parks Project (Greenway with current or future trees, and other Park features) rather than just a sidewalk and bike path which should be included in Street & Sidewalks?

15. Hays Street Bridge Trail appears to run along Hays Street using existing right away. How can a Greenway Trail be added? How will it go under I-37 and what all does that entail? What will it connect to?

16. Brooks Greenline Connection appears to be design only trail using a lot of city streets. Will it connect to Brooks Park? Isn't this just a cut through between a planned SARA trail segment and Mission Reach?

17. Since Trails along Streets and Sidewalks are considered Parks, will the Parks Department also be responsible for patrolling and maintenance? Will the 15mph Speed limit still apply? How is this going to work?

18. What are the plans to connect Huebner Creek to Medical Center with other Greenway Trails?

19. From November 12 Memo - Why is Brackenridge only CW Park and Hemisfair only Regional Park while numerous others should be considered? What does it take to get these classifications? What is the distinction between Parks and Facilities

Sean Christopher – District 10

Many cyclists expressed opinions about mountain biking. However, can we get it clarified that there are four main projects where the attention is desired most? These being:

20. completion of the Mountain Bike skills area at McAllister Park. The 2017 bond paid for the pump-track, but fell short of money for the outer perimeter where a progressive jump loop was planned to go. Is it anticipated that the 2022 bond will pay for the completion of this?

21. The purchase of the golf course land near O.P. Schnabel Park that is intended for an even larger Mountain Bike Skills Park. This doesn't seem to have a line item anywhere. The amount of funding is only a number, which makes its use vague. Can the people know when this will move past the planning stage?

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22. With the new Greenway expansion complete along the north side, Eisenhower Park is a target for Downhill and Enduro trails for Mountain Bikers, but again, I can't find a line item for this other than another amount for funding without mention what it will be used for. Can it be added along with the others?
23. Pearsall Park had a lot of advocacies mentioned from many citizens to be heard. However, again, we are unsure as to how much funding is being asked for besides the mentioned paved path and when any Mountain Bike Skills Area will move past a planning phase. Can that also be addressed?
24. Lastly my final question brings up an issue of public safety. A very energetic opinion was expressed about the safety of the trail system towards the end of the night. I occasionally see vehicles for Park Police driving down the road. Why are they not in the parks? Shouldn't they be on bikes patrolling the trails? Where is the funding to keep people safe? Is there any initiative to install downlighting along any trails? Even some form of lighting would help deter crime. Many other cities have this, why not us?

Not so much a question, but an obvious statement addressing Sunken Garden Theater: If a sizeable amount (half) of funding is not aimed at proper stewardship to maintain facilities, it will only fall into a state of decay all over again. Building with sustainable materials is one thing, but everything has a life-cycle. There must be some commitment included to pay for the maintaining of such facilities.