



Finance Review Task Force

Meeting #7

Monday, June 8, 2009

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Town Hall – Development Services Building

San Tan Conference Room

Committee Members:

Carlos Acuna	Present
Dru D. Alberti	Present
Kyle Robinson	Absent
Rustyn Sherer	Present
Michael Shirley	Present
Steve Sossaman	Present
David Weiss	Present

Town Staff Members:

Barb Sena, Budget Administrator	Present
Creighton Wright, Parks & Rec. Asst. Director	Absent
Debbie Gomez, Parks & Rec. Director	Present
Dick Schaner, Transportation Director	Present
Gregory Flynn, Financial Services Analyst	Present
Lisa Padilla, Special Projects Manager	Present
Mike Pacelli, Asst. Public Works Director	Absent
Patrick Flynn, Assistant Town Manager	Present
Shane Dille, Deputy Town Manager/Acting PW Director	Present
Tracy Corman, Senior Management Assistant	Present
Troy White, Parks Planning & Development Manager	Present
Yolanda Bracamonte, Controller	Absent

Lance Decker, LL Decker & Associates, Inc.	Present
Lois Reilly, LL Decker & Associates, Inc.	Present

Public/Observers:

No Public/Observers.

Call to Order:

Chairman Sossaman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Public Comment:

Chairman Steve Sossaman asked if any public/observers were present. No comment from the public was received.

Items for Discussion

Item A: Consideration and possible approval of May 9, 2009 meeting minutes

Chairman Sossaman asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Rustyn Sherer made a motion to approve the minutes and Carlos Acuna seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Review, discussion and possible action on the final rating sheet

Chairman Sossaman thanked the committee for their hard work and participation. Chairman Sossaman stated that the Task Force would go through the report page by page and asked everyone to state their comments or questions on each draft recommendation.

The Task Force discussed the rating sheet and final report. The comments on each recommendation are included in the discussion under Agenda Item C.

Item C: Discussion of, and possible action on, the draft Council Report: Key Points, Recommendations, Observations, and Suggestions

The Task Force reviewed the draft of the final report page by page. The comments and discussion on each recommendation is listed below by recommendation number.

Recommendation #1: Chairman Sossaman stated that this recommendation had a 3 – 3 tie and did not receive a majority, and asked why or if it should be included. Tracy responded that the vote was 3 – 3 for a general obligation bond for Parks, and 3 – 1 for a general obligation bond for Transportation. Chairman Sossaman asked if the staff comments were referring to one or the other. Patrick said that the staff comments reflect the Town's bonding capacity, and was a one time (based on .50) revenue that could be used for parks and/or transportation. This could be split up into 15 million for Parks and 15 million for Transportation; or 30 million for one of them. Chairman Sossaman confirmed that the Task Force's support was for transportation capital improvement.

The Task Force discussed whether or not to leave the estimated revenue or savings in the report, and decided to leave it in.

David stated that the Task Force voted against raising the sales tax rate, but there are some staff comments on Recommendations #1 and #17 regarding sales tax that may be conflicting. David wanted to show that the committee did not support the sales tax increase, but still show the pros or cons of not increasing it. Chairman Sossaman recommended wording as follows: "was considered by committee but did not receive support because..." or "not endorsing because...". David emphasized that he feels it's important to show both sides. The members decided to remove the sales tax comment from Recommendation #1 and leave it in Recommendation #17.

Dru commented that there should be a statement added to the comments under Recommendation #1 that shows how split the Task Force was on recommending a general

obligation bond for Parks. The members decided to add this comment underneath the recommendation as a separate note.

Recommendation #2: No comments.

Recommendation #3: No comments.

Recommendation #4: Lance pointed out that this could have a Parks or Transportation component in it. The members confirmed that it is intended for Parks only.

Recommendation #5: Dru stated that this recommendation was intended to be for an annual pass for the Community Arena at Horseshoe Park as an option, not an individual daily user fee. She asked if that would change the estimated revenue numbers? Patrick responded that yes it would because the estimates were based on the amount of average daily users. Estimated revenues for an annual pass would be undetermined.

Recommendation #6: No comments.

Recommendation #7: No comments.

Recommendation #8: No comments.

Recommendation #9: No comments.

Recommendation #10: No comments.

Recommendation #11: Staff recommended including a staff comment stating “When re-examining the transportation development impact fee be cautious of unintended obligations.” The members agreed to add the comment.

Recommendation #12: No comments.

Recommendation #13: No comments.

Recommendation #14: Rustyn asked if the statement should say “strategically define heavy truck routes in an effort to mitigate /wear and tear on the roads” rather than “reduce heavy truck traffic.” Dick agreed that you couldn’t necessarily reduce truck traffic, but you can direct it. The members agreed to this change.

Recommendation #15: No comments.

Recommendation #16: No comments.

Recommendation #17: The members agreed to change the language to include an assessment of positive benefits and negative consequences of increasing the sales tax outside of the Town Center with respect to competition.

Recommendation #18: Debbie stated that we need to add CS (Cost Savings) for this item.

Recommendation #19: No comments.

Recommendation #20: The members decided to change this statement to “Continue to develop public/private partnerships for recreational programs.

Recommendation #21: The members decided to change this recommendation to: “Negotiate long term leases on Town owned land with non-profits such as YMCA (or other non-profits) that provide youth recreation programs.”

Recommendation #22: No comments.

Recommendation #23: No comments.

Recommendation #24: Chairman Sossaman stated that this is in the Best Practices section because we know the staff already does this and we want to reinforce that.

Recommendation #25: No comments.

Recommendation #26: No comments.

Recommendation #27: The members agreed to include a statement that this recommendation applies to both Parks and Recreation and Transportation.

Recommendation #28: No comments.

Recommendation #29: Debbie stated that the proposed timeline may not give us what we need, that inventory needs vary with growth. The members decided to add that is was to be done at a minimum every three years.

Recommendation #30: Rustyn stated that this is a best practice, and major theme of a lot of the Task Force’s discussion. Chairman Sossaman stated that cost/benefit analysis are often done before projects are approved, for example the Planning and Zoning Commission look at a cost/benefit analysis on annexations. Carlos asked if it will be clear to the Council that the committee is aware that some things are already being done. Chairman Sossaman stated that Council will check to see what is already being done. Carlos stated that we need to be sure that citizens could understand this in the report. The members decided to change the language to “Continue to conduct cost/benefit analysis on parks and recreation programs such as football, Little League, and youth soccer. Determine the full costs and full benefits of those programs to provide policy makers with data to improve the quality of decisions.”

Recommendation #31: No comments.

Recommendation #32: No comments.

Recommendation #33: No comments.

Chairman Sossaman stated that the committee could take a vote tonight on the changes to the document, and send it forward. Chairman Sossaman asked for a motion. Dru Alberti made a motion to send the final report forward with the changes. David Weiss seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item D: Review, discussion and possible action on the draft transmittal letter to Town Council

Rustyn asked whether the members wanted to include a statement regarding the use of triggers to be incorporated in planning, because it seemed to be a general theme of the Task Force's discussion. The members decided to include a bullet point in the letter regarding the use of triggers as standard operating procedures in planning.

Item E: Discussion of minority points of view

Chairman Sossaman asked if there was anything that anyone felt strongly about that didn't have a majority consensus. Dru mentioned the 3-3 tie on the general obligation bond for Parks discussed earlier. She stated that she felt strongly about it, and was fine with adding the comment as discussed under Recommendation #1. No other comments were made.

Chairman Sossaman thanked the committee for their invaluable service and taking time to do this for the community.

PLANNING FOR ACTION

ACTION PLAN		
	Who is responsible?	When will it be complete?
Change document per above	Tracy and Lois	

Announcements

Lance Decker took a picture of the committee members and then the committee and staff members.

Chairman Sossaman asked if anyone is allowed to attend the meeting with council. Patrick stated that staff will advise the members on when the meeting will be (probably in August).

Patrick thanked Chairman Sossaman and the rest of the committee for volunteering and giving their time.

Adjourn

Chairman Sossaman asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Rustyn Sherer, and seconded by Dru Alberti. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

This is the last meeting of the Finance Review Task Force.

Minutes approved on _____

Chairman Steve Sossaman

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