



Go Bond Committee Agenda Minutes

October 16, 2024 5:30 PM

17221 East 23rd St S, Independence, MO 64057

ROLL CALL

5:32 Meeting called to Order

Chairman Doug Cowan appeared via Teams

Those present: Glenda Bailey, Kate Beem, Larry Blick, GK Callahan, Michele Crumbaugh, Shannon Driscoll, Danielle Dupree, Jana Evans, Kelly Freeland, Dale Herl, Jeff McLaughlin, Teri Mertel, Randall Pratt, Jeff Rogers and Lucy Young

Chairman Doug Cowan thanked everyone and staff for attending the tour of buildings and structures that need repair.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from the September 18, 2024, meeting.

Lucy Young asked that the discussion of the abated properties that are eligible for the GO Bond be included in the minutes from the last meeting. The committee would like to know if properties that have a tax abatement would see an increase in their property tax if the GO Bond were approved.

A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made by Lucy Young and seconded by Michelle Crumbaugh. There was no discussion beyond Lucy's request. All ayes; no nays. Passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

1. Overview of costs and projects

Zach Walker, City Manager gave a review of the initial allocation.
He encouraged the Committee to stay below the \$300M threshold in their recommendation.

2. Update regarding the Justice Center/Recreation Center and the masterplan of the Square.

Revised Justice Center Cost - \$125M

All operational divisions are consolidated on Justice Center Campus

Current decentralization cost: \$57,661

New campus without centralization: \$185,058

Revised Justice Center Cost Estimate B - \$96.5M

Included: IUC Renovations, site work, Court/PD/Detention Unit Additions

Not included: Dog kennel, Bomb/Crash.Motorcycle units, SWAT, Tech Bay, firing range, carports

Revised Community Center Cost Estimate - \$84,025,676 - \$93,891,551

3. Dot Ranking System

Committee member GK Callahan led the dot ranking discussion and exercise.

Committee members broke into four groups to discuss their thoughts on what items should be prioritized for general obligation bond items. Each person was given three dots to vote or place on the items they felt were priority items.

4. Review outcome of rankings

Results:

Police - 15

Curbs and sidewalks – 8

Tie for 3rd Community Center, Bridges, culverts, animal shelter

Street Improvement - 3

Historic Sites - 2

Parks Improvement Program – 2

Other discussion:

Asking for too much may weaken the vote for the GO bond all together.

Police is a priority and headquarters is a definite choice

There is concern that the community won't back it if half of the money is going to one item of funding

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting 10/30/24 at 530

Danielle Dupree moved to adjourn the meeting

Jeff Rogers 2nd

Meeting adjourned 8:01 pm

1. The next meeting is on October 30, 2024