

Bond Development Process

Capital Planning Office

Austin Neighborhoods Council

February 22, 2012

Council Directive/Task Force Charge

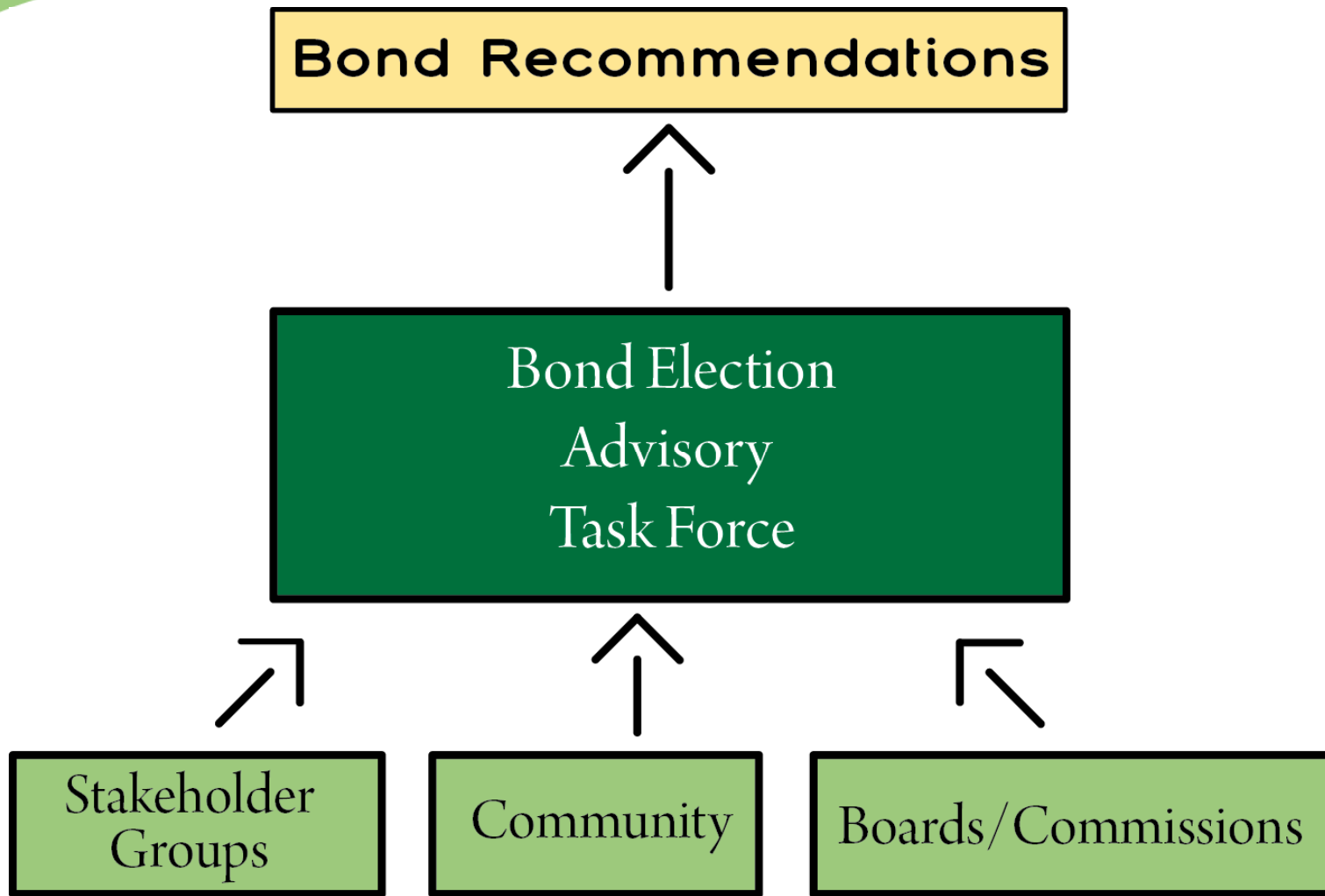
- Oct. 6, 2011 Council Resolution 2011006-057 established a **Bond Election Advisory Task Force**
 - To identify and prioritize bond funding for projects that will advance the vision of Imagine Austin
 - Work within the scope of a needs assessment and funding priorities to be recommended by City staff
 - Ensure recommended projects have adequate funding
 - Attend City Council public briefings on bond-related information
 - Conduct regular open and posted meetings to maximize citizen engagement
 - The Task Force will dissolve upon City Council's adoption of ballot language for the bond election

Bond Development Process

- **December:** Council approved Guiding Principles and associated funding criteria; Staff provides Needs Assessment/Debt Capacity briefing to Council
- **December/January:** Staff applies guiding principles and associated criteria to Needs Assessment projects/programs.
- **February 16:** Staff provides initial project/program lists to Task Force
- **February to April:** Task Force consideration of project/program lists; receives community input
- **May 2012:** Task Force provides recommendations to City Council

Community Engagement

- **Allow all Austinites to provide input and participate in the bond development process.**
 - Bond Election Advisory Task Force serves as central point of contact for input from community and Boards/Commissions.
 - In-person at Task Force meetings.
 - At special events.
 - Online through SpeakUpAustin.
 - Website updates:
www.austintexas.gov/bonddevelopment



Needs Assessment Overview

- Focus on capital improvement projects, programs to be implemented within the context of future bond program
 - Identified through departmental assessment, business/service planning
 - Implementation in the 5-7 year CIP planning horizon
 - Serve as implementation steps for City planning efforts
 - Analyzed for cross-departmental coordination, collaboration opportunities

Needs Assessment Summary

- Total Amount: **\$1.49 Billion**
 - Transportation Dept: \$275 million*
 - Public Works Dept: \$221 million
 - City Facilities Dept's: \$414 million
 - Public safety & other departments
 - Planning/Dev. Review: \$301 million
 - Small area plans – projects/programs
 - Parks & Recreation: \$141 million
 - Watershed (Open Space): \$ 50 million
 - NHCD Projects/Programs: \$ 91 million

** Does not include Urban Rail Initiative*

Project/Program Lists: Public Access

- City web site
 - Needs Assessment Project/Program Report
 - Project/program lists
 - Overview presentation
 - Committee Project/Program Assignments
 - Task Force, Committee schedules

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Task Force & Committees

- Task Force has formed 4 committees to further consider needs assessment projects, programs
 - **Affordable Housing**
 - **City Facilities**
 - **Parks/Open Space**
 - **Transportation/Mobility**

Task Force & Committees

Affordable Housing Committee

- Area of responsibility: Programs and facilities related to the provision of affordable housing in the City of Austin community.
- Project/Program Areas:
 - NHCD: Affordable housing programs and projects

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City Facilities Committee

- Area of responsibility: Buildings and other facilities that support City operations and services.
- Project/Program Areas:
 - City facilities that support the services and operations of:
 - Public Works
 - Health and Human Services
 - Library Department
 - Communications and Technology Management
 - Building Services
 - Parks Department – Operations and maintenance facilities
 - Economic Growth and Redevelopment Office
 - Public Safety Dept's: Police, Fire, EMS

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Parks and Open Space Committee

- Area of responsibility: Parks facilities purposed for public use, parkland acquisition and water quality land acquisition
- Project/Program Areas:
 - Parks facilities and parkland acquisition
 - Water quality land acquisition

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Transportation/Mobility Committee

- Area of responsibility: Existing and new transportation and mobility needs, including roadways, bikeways, sidewalks, connective trails, and other projects related to addressing mobility capacity.
- Project/Program Areas:
 - Public Works projects/programs
 - Austin Transportation Department projects/programs
 - Other related mobility/transportation projects/programs

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BEATF – Full Committee

- Area of responsibility: Programs and initiatives that cut across multiple service areas and have a broad community or economic benefit
- Project/Program Areas:
 - Large, complex projects that are multi-faceted and meet multiple needs
 - Certain projects and programs stemming from small area master plans and other City/community initiatives
 - Any public/private partnerships to be considered by the BEATF as applicable

Community Input Opportunities (February – May 2012)

- Speak Week and Open House events held in Jan./Feb.
- Guiding Principles survey on SpeakUp Austin
Go online and take the survey- through the end of Feb.!
- Community Workshops - input on projects/programs and allocations for bond packages (March 2012)
- Citizen's communication at Task Force & committee mtgs.
- BondDevelopment@austintexas.gov
- Telephone hotline (512) 539-0060

Outreach:

- Stakeholder email distribution list
- Press releases; media interviews
- Informational postings on Twitter and Facebook
- www.AustinTexas.gov/BondDevelopment



Bond Development: Task Force Timeline

- **Feb 16 – Mid-April:** Task Force, Committees consider project/programs
- **Mid-April:** Committees submit recommendations to Task Force
- **Mid-May:** Recommendations formulated by Task Force
- ***Next Task Force Meeting:** February 29

Questions?

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