

PIMA COUNTY CONSERVATION ACQUISITION COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

Manning House

THURSDAY September 4, 2008

2:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Conservation Acquisition Commission and to the general public that the Conservation Acquisition Commission will hold a meeting open to the public on September 4, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Manning House. As indicated in the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7), the Conservation Acquisition Commission may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, to discuss certain matters.

1. Roll Call
2. Executive Session – Closed to the Public
Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7), Commission may meet in executive session to discuss negotiations for the purchase of real property.
3. Approval of the July 10, 2008 Study Session Meeting Summary
4. Update on 1997/2004 Conservation Bond Program Expenditures
5. Proposed Update to the Habitat Protection Priorities in the 2004 Bond Program
The Commission will consider an update to the Habitat Protection Priorities in the 2004 Bond Program, consistent with the update already recommended by the Commission for the 2009 bond election. It is recommended that such an update be processed as part of the next bond ordinance amendment cycle. Staff recommends approval.
6. Possible Need for Bond Ordinance Amendment – Dos Picos
Dos Picos property is eligible for purchase with both the 1997 and 2004 bond funds. The County is currently in litigation regarding portions of the property. As a result of the litigation, Pima County may be obligated to purchase portions of the property, however a jury has not yet determined the value. If the jury's determination of value exceeds the amounts listed in the bond ordinances by more than a certain amount, then a bond ordinance amendment would be necessary. Staff is not asking the Commission to recommend a bond ordinance amendment at this time, since it is unknown whether one will be needed. This is simply a notification.
7. End of Year Bond Program Summary for Fiscal Year 2007/2008 for the Bond Advisory Committee and Board of Supervisors
Per the County's Truth in Bonding Code, the Conservation Acquisition Commission is tasked with reviewing and accepting semi-annual and annual reports on the conservation portion of the 1997 and 2004 bond programs. A Bond Program update will be provided to the Commission, along with a completed projects report on CD. Staff recommends the Commission accept the reports.

8. Sopori Ranch Property in Pima County – Habitat Protection Priority: Santa Cruz Basin and Altar Valley Subareas

The County and First United, owner of Sopori Ranch, have reached an agreement for the County to purchase First United's holdings in Pima County, approximately 4,000 acres, for approximately \$18.6 million. The details are still being negotiated. It is recommended that the Commission support continued negotiations. A map of the subject property, excluding grazing leases, is included in the Commission's meeting materials.

9. Proposed Applications to the Arizona State Land Department for Public Auction of Remaining Reclassified API Lands

The Arizona State Parks Citizens Acquisition Board recommended approval of both Pima County's request for \$3.5 million of Growing Smarter funds for Tumamoc Hill and the City of Phoenix's request for \$32.1 million. The County would like to continue pursuing Growing Smarter funds for the remaining 4 reclassified API lands and ask the Commission to support application submittals to the Arizona State Land Department for public auction as the first step in this process.

10. Updates

- Proposed Development Activities on Bond Parcels
- Arroyo Grande Conceptual Land Use Plan
- Laos Property (Altar Valley)
- Joshua and Caleb Property (NW)
- Habitat at 36th and Kino Property
- Boa Sorte (Avra Valley/Brawley Wash area)
- Tumamoc Hill
- Bloom Property (Tucson Mountains)
- Avra Valley Road/I-10 Wildlife Connection
- Las Cienegas Enhancement and Saguaro National Park Boundary Adjustment Act S. 1341, H.R. 3617
- Catalina/Tortolita Connection
- Rosemont Mine

11. Next Commission Meeting

The next Conservation Acquisition Commission meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the **Manning House**.

12. Call to the Public

13. Adjournment

Reminder:

The scheduled Conservation Acquisition Commission meeting dates for the rest of the year will be:

November 13, 2008
January 8, 2009
February 12, 2009
March 12, 2009

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