



FARMERS BRANCH

City of Farmers Branch
13000 William Dodson Parkway
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234

November 1, 2016

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

We the Citizen Bond Committee duly appointed by the Mayor and City Council in February 2016, hereby present to you the following report regarding Quality of Life bond proposals for consideration on the May 2017 ballot and beyond.

It was our intent to identify projects that would benefit all residents of Farmers Branch rather than a particular neighborhood or demographic. The Committee did not focus on one project in particular. Rather, we focused on various projects that would benefit the City as a whole. As a result, we are able to present eleven projects to you today that have been prioritized into three tiers – Tier 1 being the three proposals most strongly recommended for consideration on the May 2017 ballot; Tier 2 being the next two proposals for future consideration in the near term; Tier 3 being the remaining six proposals for future consideration in the long term.

When we initially started our work as a Committee, there were 37 proposals/ideas ranging from the Trail Master Plan, to the Farmers Branch Market development, to a Frisbee golf park. We organized each of those ideas and created six subcommittees. After more than 2,400 hours of study over nine months, we were able to narrow down the number of proposals and reduce estimated spending from \$76,250,000 (a 10.73 cent tax increase) to the Tier 1 proposal estimate of \$22.3 million, a tax increase of 3.144 cents.

It was not only this Committee's intent to present Quality of Life bond proposals that would benefit our City overall, but to present a proposal that was fiscally responsible as well. We believe we have achieved these goals within the accompanying findings presented to the City Council, as well as the residents of Farmers Branch, for their consideration on this day, Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

Respectfully,

Michelle M. Holmes
Committee Chair

Nic Rady
Committee Vice Chair

Tamara Cleghorn
Committee Secretary

**2016 Citizen Bond Committee
Quality of Life Bond Proposal Summary**

Tier 1

Trail Master Plan - Phase I	\$5,000,000	
Fire Station No. 2 Relocation	\$5,500,000	
Station Area Development	\$11,825,000	
Estimated Cost	\$22,325,000	
Estimated Tax Increase	3.144	(cents per \$100 in valuation)

Tier 2

Housing Renewal	\$4,100,000	
Library Renovation	\$7,920,000	
Estimated Cost	\$12,020,000	
Estimated Tax Increase	1.693	(cents per \$100 in valuation)

Tier 3

Animal Shelter Expansion	\$2,200,000	
Dog Park	\$1,000,000	
Historical Park Improvements	\$7,000,000	
Firehouse Theatre	\$1,000,000	
John F. Burke Nature Preserve	\$5,730,000	
City Branding	\$3,000,000	
Estimated Cost	\$19,930,000	
Estimated Tax Increase	2.807	(cents per \$100 in valuation)

2016 Citizen Bond Committee Members

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¹ Resigned August 2016 due to relocation to Midland