

Oral report by Vilma Luna, Chair of Bond Oversight Committee to Board of Trustees- 9-29-11

Bond Oversight Committee met on September 27, 2011. All BOC members and alternates were present.

Scope Change # 1:  
West Ridge Turf Recommendation Project 82

The BOC received information from Mr. Reddin & Mr. Keiser regarding the project. Don Sansome, Urban Design Group & Chuck Fields, Fields Associate Architects, were present as resources to BOC. Coach Allman was present & addressed questions from BOC members.

Background received regarding Hill Country and the reasons why artificial turf was recommended there.

Background for the initial recommendation of natural grass at West Ridge fields and issues with the West Ridge tracks was presented.

The financial implications were discussed.

The BOC approved the staff request for a scope change and recommends to the Board of Trustees that artificial turf be installed at the WRMS field instead of natural turf as originally proposed in Project 82.

The BOC rationale for this recommendation:

The change is cost-neutral. Contractor concluded that leveling the field and track, and installing artificial turf could be done at the same cost as the natural turf field.

Savings are achieved from not hauling material away and disposal, and some of the soil from the main field can be used to improve the practice fields.

There are anticipated savings from field maintenance and operation expenses: Water savings at WRMS will be significant. Other maintenance costs go away with artificial turf on the main field, such as fertilizing, mowing. Grass growth is difficult due to limestone beneath the field, so the natural turf problem would be ongoing.

There is some safety advantage as artificial turf has softer surface.

With an improved field at WRMS, expect more community use and some relief at the high school field. No difference in access by non-school related activities, i.e. other community sports.

Major advantage- begin work in November, 2011. Field can be used immediately after installation. Natural turf field would have to wait months.

The Scope Change is unanimously recommended.

*Orally presented by Vilma Luna, Chair BOC, September 29, 2011*