

Midway City Open Space Forum

Midway City recently created an Open Space Advisory Committee.

Responding to a portion of its charter, we have organized an
Open Space Forum.

Where and When is the Open Space Forum?

- Midway Town Hall; four separate but similar meetings
- Different days and times to allow maximum opportunity to attend one
 - 5pm, Tuesday, May 8
 - 7pm, Thursday, May 10
 - 10am, Saturday morning, May 12
 - 5pm, Saturday, May 19
- A new Open Space Bond survey will be available on-line – or paper if you prefer

What is the Open Space Forum?

- It is an effort toward better community understanding of the **Open Space Bond** we will likely vote on this November.
- It is intended to be informative – some presentation, some Q&A, some focused discussion.
- IT IS NOT INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE ANYONE TO EITHER SUPPORT OR OPPOSE A POSSIBLE BOND MEASURE, OR ANY OPEN SPACE IDEA. It is intended only to inform and receive community feedback.
- Have you wondered, “If we do approve a bond, what exactly will I be writing a check for?” The real question is, “What exactly would you like to be writing that check for?” Let’s talk about that. We have the month of May to formulate an answer; and the City Council wants to hear it.
- Let’s talk about the bonding process, as well as the selection and review process for projects on which bond funds might be used, should a bond measure be passed.
- Let’s talk about open space options, issues, pros, cons, possibilities for securing different types of open space. Let’s talk about how you want the future Midway to look.
- A key goal is to provide the City Council specific recommendations in defining a bond measure. Let’s talk about:
 - The financial impact of a bond; how big is too big
 - The types of projects you would like to see covered by a bond
 - The types of projects you would NOT want covered by a bond

Haven’t we done this before?

- Yes, we have – multiple times across multiple years. Good and productive efforts all; we hope this current effort will continue in that course.
- This is not the first effort, nor will it likely be the last. Hopefully, each can successively be more focused toward solutions than discovery; more issue specific, less general. There is no purpose a simple ‘do-over’.
- This time we hope to:
 - further challenge our collective thinking on how we would like to see Midway developed
 - dig a little deeper into open space options, issues, and how various open space is secured
 - collect some more specific information on citizen preferences
- Specifically, from the results of a new Open Space Bond survey, we plan to provide the City Council with information and recommendations for the formulation of a bond measure to be placed on the ballot for voter consideration.