

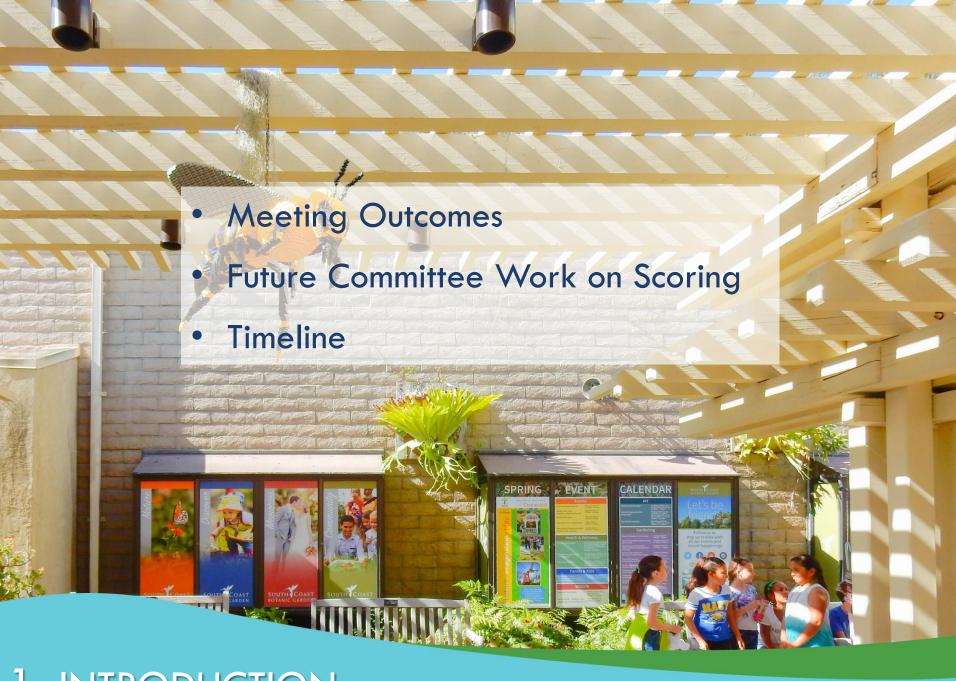


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TODAY'S AGENDA

- 1. Introduction
- Evaluation Criteria:Scoring Themes Overview
- 3. Small Group Discussion
- 4. Large Group Discussion
- 5. Public Comment





Meeting Outcomes

- Focus on and discuss the scoring criteria themes from the January 25th Steering Committee meeting
- Provide PlaceWorks and RPOSD staff with input on how the Steering Committee views the key issues and the relative importance of each
- PlaceWorks will use this information to draft revised
 scoring rubrics for each grant program
 - To be shared at April 5th meeting



Future Committee Work on Scoring Criteria

- Possible identification of a funding stream dedicated to acquisition-only grant projects with separate scoring criteria
 - March 15 meeting
- Review of revised scoring rubrics
 - April 5 meeting



Future Committee Work on Scoring Criteria

• If Committee cannot come to consensus, it is possible that the final recommendations to the Board of Supervisors will include a minority report, detailing minority views.



Timeline

- On track to approve Final Draft Grant Guidelines Procedures and Policies Recommendations on or before June 29th meeting
 - Schedule cannot slip any farther
- Need to get through all of the topics today –
 meeting may feel rushed
- Additional comments on Scoring Criteria should be submitted by March 8th for consideration in revised scoring rubrics





Grant Application Scoring Process

- RPOSD will create a Competitive Grants
 Evaluation Panel for each competitive grant program.
- 2. RPOSD will complete an administrative review to evaluate all applications.
- 3. Complete applications meeting all requirements will be forwarded to the Competitive Grants Evaluation Panel for scoring.



Grant Application Scoring Process

- 4. RPOSD staff will meet with the Competitive Grants Evaluation Panel to review each grant application and arrive at a composite score for each application, resulting in a preliminary ranked list of applications.
- RPOSD staff and the Competitive Grants
 Evaluation Panel will schedule and complete site visits for those applications receiving top scores in the preliminary ranking.

Grant Application Scoring Process

- RPOSD staff and Evaluation Panel members will convene to finalize recommendations for grant funding.
- 7. Final funding recommendations will be approved by the Board of Supervisors, meeting as the RPOSD Board.

Theme 1 - Category Type

- Scoring criteria need to reflect how well the project matches the category name.
 - Category 3: Natural Lands, Open Spaces and Local Beaches, Water Conservation, and Watersheds Protection Program
 - Category 4: Regional Recreational Facilities, Multi-use Trails and Accessibility Program
 - Category 5: Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement
 Opportunities Program
- Scoring criteria should reflect the overall goals of Measure A, including issues such as equity and meeting identified needs

Theme 2 - Level of Need

- Consider importance of "Level of Need" as scoring criteria, given the recommendation that 30% of General Category 3 & 4 funds be targeted to projects in High and Very High Need Study Areas
- Consideration of subarea need, if any
- Evaluation of "direct benefit to High/Very High Study Area"

Theme 3 - Multi-benefit Criteria

- Criteria need to more closely match the measure language
- Criteria should be grouped into "water" and "air" categories, rather than broken down into small parts
- The relative number of points among criteria need to be adjusted



Theme 4 - Social Outcomes

- Consider awarding points for:
 - Gang prevention
 - Health and physical activity
 - Language and cultural sensitivity
 - Displacement prevention
 - Other social outcomes



Theme 5 - Evaluation of Open Space and Local Park Projects

- Regional Benefit: the scoring system does not work for open space projects as these projects have different requirements
- Amenity Condition: if an agency didn't participate in the PNA, they can't score here. Additionally, many open space projects don't have amenities and so can't score even if they participated in the PNA

Theme 5 - Evaluation of Open Space and Local Park Projects

- Accessibility: open space areas that are primarily for wildlife shouldn't be expected to have lots of access, as it's not always appropriate
- Consider evaluating and scoring acquisition-only grant projects, including for both open space and urban projects, separately and differently from other competitive Category 3 and 4 grant projects

Theme 6 - Community Engagement

- Consider importance of Community Engagement as an evaluation criteria when most Measure A grants have minimum community engagement requirements
- Currently, Youth and Veteran Job Training and Placement Opportunities Program (Category 5) and Recreation Access (Categories 3 & 4) do not have minimum community engagement requirements for applying



Theme 7 - Leveraging Funds and Partnerships

- Importance of leveraging funds as mechanism to ensure park need is met
- Challenges of leveraging funds,
 especially for agencies with low capacity



Theme 8 - Innovation

 Needs to be rewarded with more points in all grant programs, and all evaluation categories



Theme 9 - Subjectivity

 Scoring should be as objective as possible, with subjective criteria limited to the greatest extent possible.





3. SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

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- Meet in small groups for approximately 30 minutes to discuss the themes in more detail
- Purpose of discussion:
 - Allow Steering Committee members to hear from each other
 - Refine personal ideas regarding the themes to engage in the subsequent large group discussion

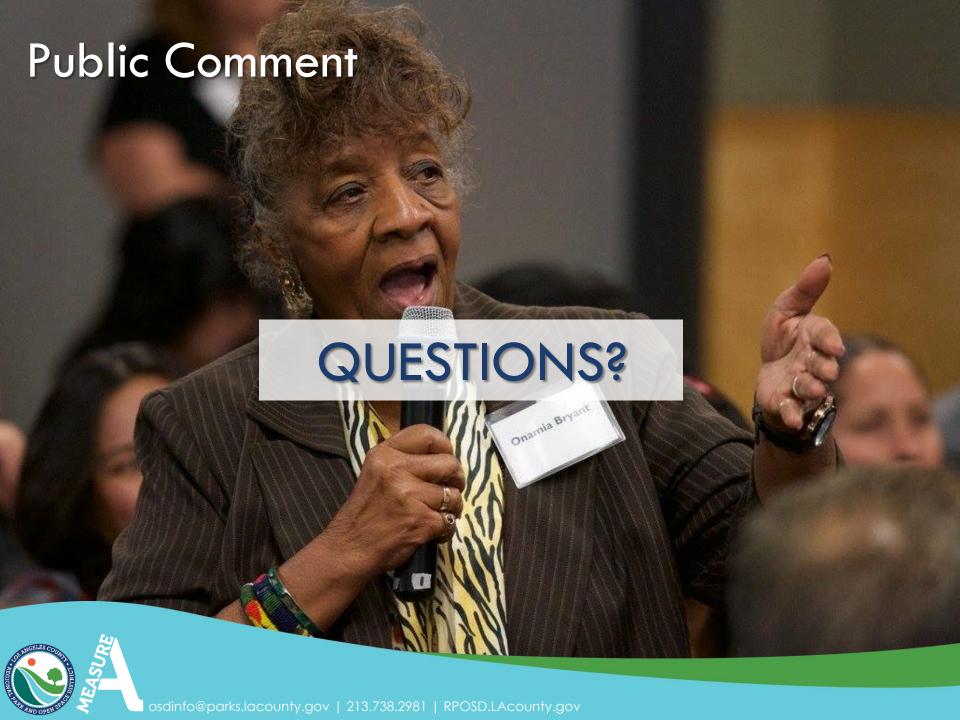




4. LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION

- Facilitated large group discussion of each theme
 - Approximately 10 minutes to consider each theme
- Discussion of the relative importance (e.g., high, medium, low, or zero) of the themes and/or scoring criteria





Upcoming Meetings

All future meetings will be held at the LA River Center from 9:30 am -12 noon

- Steering Committee Meeting #10 March 15th
 Project Status and Fund Distribution Tracking; Acquisition-Only Grants,
 RPOSD Engagement Update
- Meeting Previously Scheduled for March 29 is CANCELLED
- Steering Committee Meeting #11 April 5
 Revised Competitive Grant Scoring Rubrics; Revised TAP; Revised Community Engagement Requirements; Bonding Policy; General Grantmaking Policy
- Steering Committee Meeting #12 April 26
 Park Needs Assessment Updates; Citizen Oversight Advisory
 Board Formulation