

Annual PKID Meeting: Cassia Place 07-11

Thursday, November 3, 2016

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Public Works Assembly Room

Gilbert Staff: Rob Giles, Rocky Brown, Rick Acuna, Dave McClure

Attendees: Lawrence Brewer, Angela Echevarria, Don Wordely, Mertha Wordely, Jaclyn McClure, Ryan McClure, Erin Horn, Nathan Matthews, Judy Sullivan, Francisco Ahumada, Maria Ahumada, Mike Harris, Chris Reynolds, Sandy Gibides, Jim Gibides, Chris Madv, Deb Madv, Carol Pudaus, Tom Pudaus

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- Website Information – www.gilbertaz.gov/pkid

1. Welcome:

- **Introduction of Staff**

Rocky Brown, Parks and Recreation Business Manager, was the facilitator for the meeting. Rocky introduced the staff in attendance. Rob Giles is the Parks and Recreation Manager for the Town, Dave McClure serves as a contracted Landscape Architect for PKID projects, Rick Acuna is the PKID Parks Supervisor and Rocky is new to the Town and he oversees the administration of the PKID's.

- **Welcome new attendees**

Rocky welcomed any new attendees; there were 19 residents in attendance.

- **Overview of PKID-handout**

Rocky handed out the PKID overview process for all in attendance to review.

- **Review of meeting process**

Rocky gave an overview of the meeting process and encouraged everyone to sign in at some point before they left.

2. Review of base budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017)

AND

Review of base budget for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)

- **Staffing changes from CIP Department to Parks & Recreation Department**

Rocky gave an explanation on changes that historically took place in the supervision of the PKID's in the Town of Gilbert. He told the residents in attendance that now the PKID's are now housed under the Parks and Recreation Department. Rocky also noted that the budget figures are typically estimated on the high

end so that all possible projects can be covered, and there is typically a surplus at the end of the year which is applied back to the future budget year.

- **Drywell projects**

Rob spoke to the group regarding drywells. Cassia Place has \$2,000 budgeted for drywell maintenance for the next budget cycle. Rob explained the Town's focus on drywells after the flooding issues that occurred in nearby communities 2 two years ago.

3. Review of current improvements for Fiscal Year 2017

A resident in attendance brought their county assessor's letter and wanted to know more about the increases. Staff explained the current projects that have taken place and are scheduled to take place in the PKID. For this year, the PKID's projects include the renovation at Red Rock/Raleigh Bay. During last year, a project for the irrigation renovation was completed. Staff showed where this was taking place on the map of the community that was being projected.

A resident had gone out and counted all of the plants, he counted 260 and he said according to the plans, there were 324 noted with some additional trees. He asked if he had missed anything and staff explained that he could have been looking at old plans. The plan he had been referencing was from 2008. Staff said they would always double check with the quotes and contractors to make sure that everything was put in where it is specified. The same resident brought up the color of the new granite. He said that their old granite was red and the new replacement is more of a white color. Staff explained that sometimes granite can change color after a rain. Staff said that this particular granite is from the same company and that they always try to match what is already present.

Staff also explained that there were two pines that did not survive the project and replacements are being looked at.

Another resident asked about the signage, staff explained it was not a part of this project but that it can be looked at as an optional item. Residents thought getting a bid, for something that would not get vandalized frequently, would be a good option.

A resident in attendance asked about the ground improvement budget line item that showed \$48,230 and wanted to know what that is for. Staff explained that figure is for the current year's project budget that is going on now and it is almost complete. The resident wanted to know when and how it was approved. Staff and other attendees explained that this was approved by the PKID about 3 years ago and done in phases to make it more affordable.

The group discussed last year's vote regarding other potential projects including the playground option and ramada option. Those projects were voted down:

Playground (3 – Yes, 19 – No)

Ramada (1 – Yes, 20 – No)

4. Improvements for Fiscal Year 2018

The group then had a lengthy discussion on the benefits of adding a playground back to the neighborhood where there already is a spot for one. Attendees spoke on the history of the playground area in the community and also the process to get where they are now over the past 3 years. One resident also brought up the need to make any new playground ADA accessible if one is brought back. To add a sidewalk, staff estimated that it would cost around \$7,000. A resident asked if a drinking fountain would be required for ADA and staff said that is not a requirement based off of what they know.

A resident asked if they could put the playground up for a vote in the future. Staff explained that the irrigation design of the basin is affected by the future plans for a playground or not. Staff explained that they could put items back on the ballot down the line, there are no limitations on how many times and frequency of what can be on the ballot.

A resident brought up an issue with the cleanliness of the nearby church property. Staff explained that this came up at the Park Village PKID meeting and said it is not a part of any PKID. Staff explained the Code Compliance department and what they can do and look for. Staff provided a phone number and link to the online for to fill out any complaints about issues.

5. Suggestions for ballot items related to possible new improvement projects for the neighborhood

Residents brought the possibility of a playground ballot up once again. Other residents in attendance spoke on the need to complete the current project and already approved projects that are coming over the next few years. Those include:

Red Rock Basin – 2 year project (Completed)

Douglas Basin – 2 year project (Working toward completion)

The cost for the Douglas Basin according to the Engineer's Probable Estimate for the next year is \$35,669.75. That first phase it strictly turf irrigation and renovation. The second phase is configured with the playground not being in the plans. A resident asked about leaving the area and then having a future vote for a playground down the road after the larger renovation projects are complete. Staff explained that if a playground goes in, the sand will be removed and wood chips, which are ADA compliant, would be installed.

There were other residents in attendance in support of a future vote for a playground after the current slate of projects has been completed.

Staff clarified the minutes:

Douglas Basin is phased out over 2 years; it is roughly \$36k per year. Information will be sent out via a letter.

The playground is an option, after the Douglas Basin project, with the park being left open for the space down the line. The current playground would need to be re-configured to ensure fall zones are adequate and wood chips would need to be put in. Residents want the playground option in the future.

Financial impact will be noted.

Sand area will remain intact for now.

The residents would like a quote and ballot item for a Raleigh Bay/Red Rock monument sign. Staff explained that instead of individual letters that could be vandalized, they could develop an option where tile is sandblasted with the verbiage desired.

One resident brought up tree trimming taking place on Val Vista along the streetscaping and how debris ends up in her backyard.

One resident brought up the speeding that takes place on Douglas. They asked about speed limits signs and if more are needed. Staff referred speeding and traffic issues to the Gilbert Police Department and contact information was provided.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm