

# Annual PKID Meeting: Templeton Manor

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Tuesday January 26, 2010

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Public Works Assembly Room

**Gilbert Staff:** Rick Acuna, Jason Kerby, Laura Lorenzen

**Attendees:** Natalie Sanchez, Brian McCann, Larry Lahman, Lynn Merrill, Ilene and Sheridan Hatch, Michael Toms

## **Agenda item: Update on FY10 Improvements**

The Cooper Road frontage north of Iris and the light at the basketball court have been completed. The basketball court has been stubbed out on the opposite side of the basketball court for future lighting.

A resident questioned why some trees along Cooper had been taken out. The Landscape Architect explained that approximately 1 ½ years ago the Jacarandas had frost damage and were taken out due to being unhealthy.

It was brought to Staff's attention that the sprinkler heads around the basketball court need to be adjusted. Every morning there are puddles of water on the court. Staff will check the sprinklers.

Residents questioned the drips in the park area. There appears to be water that is being wasted. Staff explained that every time a sprinkler line breaks, it is band aided together. Once that leak is fixed, another will pop up. If you call Public Works, they will generally fix the problem by turning off the backflow. This solves the problem however; Public Works generally does not advise Parks that they have to turn off the backflow. Staff only finds out once the shrubs look distressed. It is better just to leave Rick Acuna a message at (480) 503-6268. He will address the issue as soon as he gets the message.

Another resident was concerned about the trees that had too much dead wood in them. Rick explained that you can only cut back so much. Rick will check into it.

A resident asked why they were paying for staff expenditures. Staff explained that 2.6 FTE (full time equivalent) are being expensed directly to the PKID's. These employees are assigned solely to the PKID's. Council directed Staff in May 2009 that all dedicated staff to the PKID's will be paid by the PKID's. Staff advised the residents that if they had any concerns with this decision that they can contact the Mayor and Councilmembers directly.

They then asked what gets expensed as Professional Services. Staff explained that this line item is used for tree removal and stump grinding, replacement power pedestals, electric work, and bee removal.

A resident stated that the improvements on Cooper Road north of Iris look nice.

## **Agenda item: Improvements for FY11?**

Engineer's Estimate for FY11 improvements is based on the median unit costs from bids recently received on PKID projects.

A resident questioned if Gilbert still has the baseball backstop that was given to them from another neighborhood. Staff explained that we have the backstop however the residents will need to vote on whether to install it in the park area. Staff received e-mails from residents who were against and some that were for installing the backstop. The Landscape Architect explained that the shape of the park is really not conducive to a baseball field. It is too narrow. Residents will have to discuss when they go forward with the park improvements.

Residents then discussed the various improvement options available. A majority agreed that the half basketball court was sufficient at this time. The total lot improvements include a new structure with multiple amenities that can accommodate more children at once and removing the current swings. The current swings are not compliant with the National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI) fall zone requirements.

Residents were interested in completing the Cooper Road frontage and the monument sign.

By a show of hands, residents in attendance of the meeting voted 5-1 to complete improvements in FY11. Another vote was then taken to determine which residents wanted to complete the Cooper Road frontage and the monument sign. Residents voted 5-1 for these improvements. Discussion then took place regarding which monument sign the residents wanted. Due to insufficient time, Staff suggested that the monument options be posted on the Gilbert website and the residents in attendance of the meeting can vote as to which option they prefer. Residents agreed to this suggestion. Staff

will post the options on the website in the next couple of days and send an e-mail to the residents informing them of the voting deadline.

Residents then voted (6-0) that if any additional funds are remaining after the improvements are complete, they would like the following amenities installed in order shown:

1. Picnic table on west side of park
2. Bench on west side of park
3. Picnic table on east side of park by the basketball court

The picnic tables that are currently in the park are covered with graffiti. Staff explained that the new items would be coated with graffiti guard which makes cleanup easier.

**Action items:**

- Check sprinkler spray on the basketball court
- Check trees for dead wood that could be trimmed

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**