

Annual PKID Meeting: Val Vista Park 07-1

Wednesday, October 25, 2016

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Public Works Assembly Room

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

Attendees: Mary Frost, James Vogel, Pete Csutak, Lali Csutak, Ray Campos, Judy Campos, Dick Steely, Kathy Steely, Chris Fecke-Stoudt, Cheryl Adamson

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- Website Information – www.gilbertaz.gov/pkid

1. Welcome:

- **Introduction of Staff**

Rod Buchanan, Parks and Recreation Director, gave introductions of 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 Brown is the Parks and Recreation Business Manager.

- **Welcome new attendees**

Rob welcomed any new attendees and made sure they were at the right neighborhood PKID meeting by referencing the map shown on the overhead screen. There was 1 new resident in attendance and 9 total residents.

- **Overview of PKID-handout**

Rob explained the PKID process for all in attendance and a handout was distributed.

- **Review of meeting process**

Rob gave an overview of the meeting process and Rick 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)

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

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

Rob gave an explanation on changes that historically took place in the supervision of the PKID's in the Town of Gilbert. It was explained to the residents that Rod, Rob and Rocky's salaries are not charged against any of the PKID's, and that 60% of Rick's salary is charged to the PKID's.

- **Drywell projects**

Drywell maintenance is a new charge this year. The Town is focusing more attention on these to ensure preparedness in case of flooding and to reduce mosquitos.

3. Review of current improvements for Fiscal Year 2017

Staff explained that there was a project earmarked for 2017, which somehow fell through the cracks during the budget process and will be addressed and carried out in the very beginning of fiscal year 2018. That will be the refreshing of the DG in all of the areas. That project is slated to cost \$46,000.00.

4. Improvements for Fiscal Year 2018

The residents had asked for a proposal on a lighting project for the darker areas of their park areas. The project's probable engineers cost estimate came back at \$235,732.75. This figure was much higher than what the residents in attendance had expected it to be. Once the lighting heights and project scope was explained, many of the residents were not in support of the current proposal and did not want to see it on the ballot. The residents were in more support of a bollard style type of light more than the proposed 20 foot tall style type.

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

Staff let the residents know that all renovations in their master plan have been completed. Outstanding issues that needed to be addressed include weed eradication. Staff is working on plant replacement and aesthetics like wall repair and painting. There is a leaning pine tree on Ford and Freestone that Rick has been trying to save. Staff will also look into an estimate for seating areas for the DG area in the Greenbelt off of Freestone Parkway.

A lengthy discussion ensued about whether issues should be submitted to the residents for a vote on the ballot or whether the residents in attendance can "vote down" an item in a meeting. It was explained that two years ago, the process was changed that all homeowners would have a voice in the process and not just those in attendance at the meeting. However, if this PKID wanted to further discuss their process a follow up meeting could be made if it was felt it was necessary from the group. The residents in attendance thought that was a good idea.

Staff agreed to schedule a follow up meeting for this PKID so that their project approval process could be discussed. A meeting notice will be sent out via letter and email to all of the property owners. Staff will work to have that scheduled before December 1, 2016.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15 pm