

Annual PKID Meeting: Madera Parc

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Public Works Facility

Gilbert Staff: Rick Acuna, Jason Kerby, Laura Lorenzen

Attendees: Tom and Brenda Funk, Glen Davie, Aaron Fowler, Bill Hubele, Robert Peckham, Lori-Kay Coleman, Millie Conrad, Jessie Henry, Hebert Polania

Agenda item: Update on FY10 Improvements

FY10 improvements are substantially complete except for the basin improvements. Both the basin on Silver Creek and Madera Parc Drive will be hydroseeded in April/May 2010. There is a 90 day warranty period on the shrubs and a 1 year warranty period on the trees and irrigation system.

Residents were concerned about the new trees. The Landscape Architect explained that during the final walkthrough they will look for any trees or shrubs that are distressed or dead. A few of the new trees are deciduous, which would make them appear dead until new growth started.

A few residents questioned why the large evergreens were appearing to be dying. Staff explained that the Contractor did not follow good construction practices as stated in the specifications. Gilbert will be pursuing the contractor to get compensation for the lost trees. The trees will not be replanted in the confined space due to the meandering sidewalks and only 3 feet of soil between the road and sidewalk. If any tree was planted here, there will be issues with the sidewalks and the new irrigation in the future.

A few residents were unhappy with the size of the shrubs. Staff explained that in some areas, there are narrow planting spaces. Some of the old shrubs were too big for the area in which they were planted. Many were 20 – 25 years old and very woody. As a result, when pruned back you never get the benefit of the flower. The goal is to put plants in that will not over grow the space they were planted in. This will minimize maintenance and take advantage of the aesthetic characteristics of the growth.

Staff explained that there are three head walls that are in need of repair. This repair will be split 50% Gilbert and 50% PKID. The total cost for this maintenance item will be approximately \$10,000. In addition, a box culvert in the large basin needs to be repaired. The box culvert needs hand rails added due to the height of the culvert. This repair is the responsibility of Gilbert.

Residents expressed dissatisfaction with the practices of the Contractor. Staff explained while they too were not satisfied with the practices of the Contractor, the final product will be installed according to specifications. In fact, at one point the Contractor had to tear up and reinstall a majority of the irrigation system because it was not installed properly.

A resident asked if the pine trees across from the mailbox on Abilene could be trimmed. Rick stated that the branches should be 8 feet above the sidewalk. He will check and make corrections if needed.

Agenda item: Improvements for FY11?

There are only two areas remaining for improvement:

1. Tot Lot Improvements
2. Park on Palo Verde and Horseshoe

Staff explained that the current FY09/10 assessment is \$56.53 per month. If both of these improvements were completed in FY10/11, the monthly assessment would be approximately \$40.00. After which the improvement would drop to a maintenance only assessment of approximately \$27.00 per month.

The Landscape Architect explained that the tot lot improvements include new concrete pad for the picnic tables, benches, a ramada, waste receptacles, and a shade structure over the play equipment. There is a 10 year warranty on the shade structure and makes the equipment more usable.

By a show of hands, residents voted 5-4 for improvements for FY10/11. Residents then voted on which improvement to complete in FY10/11. Again, by a show of hands, residents voted 5-4 to complete both improvements listed above. Staff will put a graphic representation of the shade structure on the website in the near future.

At the end of the meeting, a resident encouraged other residents to call the police if they see any suspicious activity. If there is a constant presence of the police in the area the vandalism may decline.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.