

Annual PKID Meeting: Madera Parc

Wednesday May 20, 2009

6:00 – 6:50 p.m.

Public Works Assembly Room

Gilbert Staff: Rick Acuna, Laura Lorenzen

Attendees: Rick Boulter, Jessie Henry, Tom and Brenda Funk, Helen Davie, Aaron Fowler, Joseph LaPota

Agenda item: Revised landscape master plan large basin

The landscape architect, Diane McCloskey, reviewed the revised landscape master plan for the large basin. Two changes were made from the revised plan sent to the residents on May 11, 2009. The location of the optional fence that was added along Cooper Road was modified to adhere to Gilbert standards, and an optional sidewalk was added to the decomposed granite area in the northwest corner of the basin. The sidewalk was added as a request from a resident stating that medical helicopters occasionally land in the basin and the sidewalk would provide better access to the bottom of the basin. The resident stated that currently there is turf that meets the sidewalk. He felt that the decomposed granite may hinder the emergency personnel. Residents in attendance of the meeting stated that the emergency personnel generally enter the basin off of Silver Creek Road and not the sidewalk at the north entrance to the basin. The optional fence along Cooper was added to the revised plan due to residents concern that children could easily access Cooper Road from the basin. The removal of the turf along this area and the addition of the decomposed granite will decrease the access to Cooper Road. The fence provides additional security if residents choose this option.

The landscape architect explained that the revised landscape master plan introduces a more usable picnic area and additional shade for the play area. The picnic area shown on the plans includes a new concrete pad to the west of the play structure with a tree cut out in the middle. Three picnic tables would be placed under the tree for shade. There is also a ramada option stated on the revised plans that places the picnic tables under the ramada. Residents discussed the pros and cons of the tree versus the ramada. They were concerned that the ramada would bring taggers and individuals whom wish to reside in the ramada. The landscape architect explained that a 48" box tree could be used which would provide shade immediately. There is also an optional shade structure over the play area.

Residents were concerned with the erosion along the northern fence line. The landscape architect explained the erosion problem will be addressed using decomposed granite and a larger size rip rap.

The revised landscape master plan preserves field sizes for groups using the basin for practice and/or competition. There is approximately a 30% reduction in turf as a result of the revised plan.

The landscape architect stated that the engineers estimate for the planting and irrigation portion of the basin is approximately \$90,000. This is approximately \$10,000 over the budget remaining for FY10. Another option for FY10 would be the play area improvements. The reconfiguration of the picnic area would run approximately \$15,000. If the ramada option was chosen, the project costs would be approximately \$30,000.

A vote of the residents was taken to determine if the residents in attendance wanted to adopt the revised landscape master plan for the large basin. By a vote of 4-2, the revised landscape master plan for the large basin was accepted.

Residents were then asked to vote for the additional improvements for FY10. Before the vote, one resident voiced that the landscape and irrigation should be tackled due to the number of leaks and the age of the current irrigation system. A vote was then taken and residents voted 5-1 for the landscape and irrigation improvements in the large basin for FY10. This does not include any of the optional items noted on the revised landscape master plan.

Staff explained to the residents that once the irrigation plan is drawn, the scope of work can be given to the contractor for pricing. Staff will notify the residents once a bid is received on this project to determine the scope of work for FY10.

Action items:

→ Advise residents of bid on large basin once received

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.