

Annual PKID Meeting: Park Village

Monday January 25, 2010

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Public Works Assembly Room

Gilbert Staff: Rick Acuna, Jason Kerby, Laura Lorenzen

Attendees: Miranda Ashton, Wayne and Cindy Knowles, Mary Enders, Michael Paz, Catherine Pavia

Agenda item: Update on FY10 Improvements

Three play structures were removed for safety reasons. Residents authorized the installation of two play structures for FY11. These two structures have been installed. One structure is for ages 2-5 and the other is for ages 5-12. Both structures are treated with graffiti guard to make cleanup easier. There have been problems with the installation of the play structure in the Emerald Bay basin. First, the structure was installed at the incorrect height and secondly when the Contractor was correcting the height issue, they hit the structure with the backhoe causing damage. The Contractor is being assessed liquidated damages until the work is complete. It may be up to a year before the liquidated damages are negotiated and collected.

Residents questioned why water is running all over the place. Staff explained that the current system is over 20 years old. It is very fragile. All repairs to the current system have been band aids and have not solved the long term problem. There will continue to be water waste until the current system is replaced.

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.

Residents then questioned the Landscape Architect expenses shown on the assessment letter. The Landscape Architect explained their role in the PKID process. They prepare the master plans, prepare documents for the bidding process, attend yearly meetings, and attend weekly progress meetings on site. They ensure that the product from the Contractor is exactly as shown on the Landscape Master Plan. A Contractor will be required to redo the work until the work is right.

Agenda item: Improvements for FY11?

The Engineers Estimates for the improvements listed are based on the median price of the bids recently received for work completed in the PKID's.

The Landscape Architect explained the park area landscaping improvements. This is the park to the west of Emerald Bay Drive where a new play structure was installed in FY10. Improvements will include replacing concrete header, redo turf irrigation, and trees thinned out for better visibility into the area. The improvements will make the park more aesthetically pleasing and will open the area up. The improvements do not include transitioning the volleyball court to a basketball court per the Landscape Master Plan. This improvement could be completed at a later date.

A resident then questioned the park area on the east side of Emerald Bay Drive. The Landscape Architect stated that the irrigation system in this area is problematic as well. The residents would see the most water savings from this park however the cost to complete this area will be approximately three times the cost of the park to the west of Emerald Bay Drive. Residents asked for the Engineer's Estimate for this area for future reference. Once estimate is received, it will be placed on the PKID page of Gilbert's website.

A resident stated that due to the economy, they need to be aware of the homeowners that are struggling. We need to be real critical of how the budgets are spent.

By a show of hands, residents voted 5-0 to complete improvements in FY11. Another vote was then taken to complete both the tot lot improvements in the park area off of Encinas and the park area landscaping improvements in the basin to the west of Emerald Bay Drive. Residents votes 4-1 for these improvements. The current monthly assessment for Park Village is \$43.06 per month. With these improvements the FY11 assessment will be approximately \$50.00 per month.

Action items:

→ Post Engineer's Estimate for park area to the east of Emerald Bay Drive

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.