

Annual PKID Meeting: Park Village

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

7:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Public Works Facility

Gilbert Staff: Ryan Morasch, Jason Kerby, Laura Lorenzen, Bob Marchesano

Attendees: Wendi Webster, Wayne Knowles, Gail Hummer, Matthew Webster, Rajad Shah, Heather and Craig Greeno, Erik Good, Rebecca McClellan

Agenda item: Improvements for 09/10 Budget Year

Residents in attendance of the meeting on February 3, 2009, determined that there were three options for improvements in FY09/10. These improvements are as follows:

1. Replace play structure only in basin to the west of Emerald Bay Drive
2. Finish turf area in basin along Ford Avenue
3. No improvements

At this meeting it was also noted that staff was going to conduct an audit on the play structures on Emerald Bay Drive to determine if it was safe for the children. Staff performed an audit on this play structure as well as the play structures on Quartz Street and Encinas Avenue. The audit findings determined that certain features of the play structures on Quartz Street and Encinas Avenue are unsafe for children to play on. Swings have already been removed as a result of this audit. Removal of these structures is a high priority. The play structure on Emerald Bay Drive needs to be replaced however it is in better condition than the structures on Quartz Street and Encinas Avenue.

As a result of the above findings the following updated estimates were given to the residents:

1. Replace play structure only in basin to the west of Emerald Bay Drive - \$41,424
- 1A. Replace play structures at Quartz Street and Encinas Avenue - \$50,916
2. Finish turf area in basin along Ford Avenue - \$45,930
3. No improvements - \$0

Residents questioned what the estimates for option 1 and option 2 included. The landscape architect responded that the estimates include removal of the existing structure, installation of new structure, moving irrigation if necessary, restoring sand base, and restore curbing or borders that have been broken. Estimate includes all necessary items to ensure a safe fall zone and provide for a safe play area.

Residents then questioned the improvements that currently underway. The landscape architect explained that the play structure has been installed and work is currently being done on the drip irrigation and decomposed granite around the perimeter of the park on Ford Avenue. Budget constraints did not allow the completion of the irrigation system in the turf area. In addition, only one light was installed instead of two.

The question arose as to how these improvements are billed to the residents. Staff explained that the assessment is included in your property tax bill. The assessment is recalculated each year depending upon maintenance costs and improvement choices.

One resident then spoke about the tough times with the current economy. People are getting laid off and municipalities are cutting services. They stated that some items in the maintenance budget are necessary. Irrigation issues need to be fixed and safety issues need to be addressed. Playgrounds need to be safe however maybe it wise not to replace the play structures at this time. That being said, we can't spend excessively and need to make sacrifices. The economy is not going to improve any time soon. Resident asked if any trimming could be done in the maintenance budget. Staff explained that the budgets set are based on expenditure history.

A vote was then taken to determine if the residents in attendance wanted improvements for FY09/10. One resident voted "no" and five residents voted "yes" for improvements.

Staff then asked the residents what was their maximum assessment that they were willing to pay for FY09/10. Residents were given the following improvements amount and their associated assessment. The number of votes received for each improvement amount is also listed.

<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Votes</u>
\$0	\$29.51	1
\$10,000	\$32.75	0
\$20,000	\$34.77	0
\$30,000	\$36.79	0
\$40,000	\$38.82	0
\$50,000	\$40.84	3
\$60,000	\$42.86	0
\$70,000	\$44.89	0
\$80,000	\$46.91	0
\$90,000	\$48.93	1
\$100,000	\$50.95	1

Based on the votes received, the average improvement approved for FY09/10 is \$56,666. Residents then voted 4-2 to round the improvements for FY09/10 to \$60,000.

With an improvement value of \$60,000 residents were then asked which of the improvements listed above they wanted to approve. Residents inquired about the various types of play structures. The landscape architect explained that basically the play structures are geared to children in two different age categories; 2-5 and 5-12.

Residents agreed that all of the play structures listed above are not in good condition and should be removed. One resident then suggested that in FY09/10; the play structure in the Emerald Bay Drive basin be replaced as stated in option 1 above. This is a play structure for children ages 5-12. In addition, one of the play structures in the Quartz Street and Encinas Avenue park should be replaced. Residents requested that this play structure be geared to the 2-5 age group with bucket swings. This additional play structure is only a portion of the improvements listed in option 1A above. The landscape architect felt that this combination of play structures would be possible within the \$60,000 budget. The landscape architect stressed that the play structures installed will need to comply with fall zones.

A show of hands indicated 6-0 that the residents in attendance of the meeting agreed that the improvements agreed upon for FY09/10 include option 1 above, and removing current play structures in the park at Quartz Street and Encinas Avenue and replacing one of the structures with a play structure geared to the 2-5 age group with bucket swings.

Residents were then asked if the bids for the above improvements came in below the \$60,000 budget; what should be done with the excess budget. Options are to not do any additional work or add alternatives such as additional benches. Residents opted to get as much out of the \$60,000 as possible.

One resident then asked for estimate on the basketball court. The landscape architect stated that the basketball court only was approximately \$33,000. This estimate includes removal of the volleyball court, ½ court concrete slab, basketball goal, and to restore the irrigation.

Residents were then concerned with the taggers that have been targeting their neighborhood. Staff explained that once a call is received; the Police Department examines the graffiti to determine if there is any gang affiliation. Once they have examined the graffiti, they place a dot on the wall. This indicated to Public Works that the graffiti can be removed. Residents were concerned that one the Police marked the graffiti; it took Public Work 1½ weeks to actually paint over the graffiti. Staff explained that if they are unhappy with the turnaround time for graffiti removal, they can contact the Director of Public Works, Lonnie Frost, directly.

Action items:

→ None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.