

Annual PKID Meeting: Spring Meadows

Tuesday January 26, 2010

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Public Works Assembly Room

Gilbert Staff: Rick Acuna, Jason Kerby, Laura Lorenzen

Attendees: Larry and Geri Clark, Merlyn Coon, Donna Hatcher, Melissa and Bruce Beauchamp, Richard Humpherys, Brent McKendrick, Dave Goodman

Agenda item: Update on FY10 Improvements

The work on the three lights in the basin off of Jacob and Saratoga will begin on February 8th. Once the underground work is complete, APS will install the poles and activate within approximately 30 days. Staff explained that on the Dusk to Dawn program, APS owns the poles and will provide the maintenance on the lights. The lights on the south side of the park will have shields attached to protect the neighboring residents. The landscape maintenance on Lindsay south of Catclaw will begin in the next couple of weeks. Once work is started, the Contractor has 30 days to complete the project.

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.

Tot lot improvements on the west side include sidewalk accessing tot lot, ramada, spring animal, BBQ, picnic tables, bike racks, and benches. West side tot lot improvements include a new play structure, ramada, picnic tables, BBQ, curbing, and wood fiber.

The Engineer's Estimate for the improvements in the park area on East Saratoga is \$115,000. This includes removing the turf from the walls, installing a new irrigation system, turf restoration, new granite, and new trees and shrubs. Due to the size of the park, it is assumed that the greater water usage is in this area.

The open space on Saratoga currently has turf heads spraying on the walls. In addition, the slopes require more water to keep green since a majority of the water runs down into the basin. The new Landscape Master Plans try to correct this original design problem. The turf is removed from the side slopes and replaced with granite. No useable turf is removed. Some turf will remain on street side of park for easy entry into the park.

Staff explained the plant and tree budget shown on the Expenditure and Budget Report. When the budget for plants and trees is calculated for the chosen improvements, the cost of the plants and trees will be subtracted from the actual bid. This amount will be subtracted from your plant and tree budget and will not impact your assessment.

Shrubs have a 90 day warranty period and the trees and irrigation systems have a one year warranty period.

The park area on Saratoga is a large undertaking. The monthly assessment to complete this improvement would be approximately \$70.00 per month. The current monthly assessment is \$41.26. While residents wanted to complete this improvement, there was concern over the large increase in the monthly assessment. Staff then explained how they could set some budgets funds aside this fiscal year to complete the large park area next fiscal year. Numerous assessment to budget scenarios were discussed with the residents.

A vote was then taken to determine if the residents in attendance of the meeting wanted improvements for FY11. By a show of hands, residents voted 5-0-2 in favor of improvements for FY11. One resident suggested setting an improvement budget of \$70,000 for FY11. With this budget the Frontage improvements on Lindsay north of Catclaw would be completed in FY11. The remaining \$50,000 would be rolled over to FY12. If the improvement budget remained \$70,000 for FY12, the total improvement budget would be \$120,000 (\$50,000 + \$70,000). This should be sufficient to complete the large park area on East Saratoga with virtually no assessment increase over the FY11 level. Residents votes 5-2 in favor of this plan.

One resident asked the Landscape Architect how long the estimates good for. The Landscape Architect explained that we do not know how long the current bidding environment will last. The sooner the improvements are completed the better.

A resident was concerned about the wood fiber level in the play structure area. Staff explained that while the level is not at the maximum level, the current depth is not a liability. Staff roto-tills this area once a year generally in the early fall. Residents in attendance did not feel the additional wood fiber is necessary for FY11.

Another vote was taken to determine if residents wanted benches added to the tot lot area. Residents voted 6-1 for benches to be added to this area.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.