

Annual PKID Meeting: Templeton Place

Monday, March 2, 2009

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Public Works Facility Assembly Room

Gilbert Staff: Rick Acuna, Jason Kerby, Laura Lorenzen

Attendees: Michael Toms, Scott Stadel, Ilene and Sheridan Hatch, Brian McCann, JD Newham, Lynn Merrill, Jane Hullinger, Tom Cooper, Larry Lahman

Agenda item: Improvements for 09/10 Budget Year

Staff explained that a meeting was held on January 29, 2009 and residents in attendance of the meeting voted for improvements totaling \$50,700 for FY09/10. Approved improvements were landscape and irrigation improvements along Cooper Road including a new monument sign. After the meeting, one resident changed their vote. As a result, an additional meeting was scheduled to get consensus for improvements for FY09/10. Minutes for the meeting on January 29, 2009 can be found at www.ci.gilbert.az.us.

Residents questioned the reasoning for installing a new monument sign. Staff explained that the new monuments signs have etched lettering so vandals can not steal the letters. The current signage is dated. The cost of the monument sign is \$8,600. Residents expressed concern over the cost of the monument sign and suggested that the current lettering be updated. Staff explained that this would be a maintenance item. A resident stressed that they could construct the monument sign for much less. Staff informed the resident to register on the Town bidders list so they would be notified when the improvements go out to bid.

One resident then expressed their opinion that no improvements should be completed in FY09/10. The economy is bad and people are just trying to keep their homes. If any thing is done in FY09/10 it should be to make residents clean up their front yards. Staff explained that this would be an issue for Code Enforcement. The PKID is for common areas only. Residents stated that Code Enforcement has advised them that they can not do anything regarding the issues he contacted them about. Resident then stated that the residents should not have to pay for any improvements to the park. It is a retention basin not a park. Staff advised the residents that if the park was actually just a basin, it could be fenced off or landscaped with decomposed granite for drainage purposes only. Weed control could be done two times a year and no other maintenance would be performed.

Resident then questioned why we need to replace the irrigation system. It is working just fine. Staff explained that the system is over 20 years old. Once one leak is fixed and another one comes up. Water usage is increasing.

Another resident voiced concern that nothing has been done in 18 years to spruce up their neighborhood. There are bad houses on every block but that is not why we are here tonight. A decision needs to be made if any improvements are going to be completed in FY09/10. Any improvement would be better than none. Other areas that can be improved are the park area, Cooper Road landscaping, or landscaping on Nunneley Road. The only improvements they are not interested in completing are the landscaping improvements on 130th Street. This would mostly benefit White Fence Farms. Another resident questioned the trees that were planted on Nunneley Street. Staff explained that these trees were donated from Salt River Project.

Residents stated that the kids are constantly using the new basketball court. Maybe additional improvements should be made in the park for the kids. Staff explained that anything in the master plan is on the table for improvements. The cost for replacing the play structure was questioned. The landscape architect stated that the cost for the play structure is \$32,466. This includes removing the existing play structure, removing the header, installing a new play structure, restoring 12" sand base, new curbing, adjusting irrigation in immediate area, and making area ADA accessible. One resident stated that having a rubberized surface would be great. Another resident pointed out the some of the rubberized products produce mold. The landscape architect pointed out that there are numerous surfaces that can be used. One of these surfaces is fibar synthetic wood which is ADA approved.

One resident complained about a light fixture that glares into their backyard. Is there anything that can be done to soften this glare? The Parks department will look into this request.

Another resident then questioned if a light fixture could be installed on the basketball court. Staff explained that this improvement is on the master plan. A timer would need to be installed to turn the lights off at 10:00 p.m.

Staff and residents suggested the follow improvements as option for FY09/10:

1. No improvements
2. Landscape improvements along the entire frontage Cooper Road. This included an entry monument on Iris Drive (\$58,790)
3. Landscape improvements along Cooper Road from Iris Drive north to northern boundary of Templeton Place (\$31,200)
4. Landscape improvements along Cooper Road from Iris Drive south to southern boundary of Templeton Place includes entry monument (\$34,500)
5. Light fixture at basketball court (\$7,500)
6. Monument sign at Iris Drive entrance (\$8,600)

A vote was then taken to determine if the residents in attendance of the meeting wanted no improvements for FY09/10. A show of hands determined that of the nine lots represented at the meeting, 2 voted for no improvements for FY09/10. The other 7 want improvements for FY09/10 however the amount and scope of the improvements are yet to be decided.

Residents then wanted to take a vote on whether an entry monument on Iris Drive should be constructed. A show of hands indicated 9-0 that residents in attendance of the meeting do not want the entry monument constructed.

Staff then suggested that in order to determine improvements for FY09/10; a vote should be take on the dollar value of improvements they want constructed for FY09/10. The following was used as a guideline:

<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Votes</u>
\$0	\$37.95	1
\$10,000	\$46.72	3
\$20,000	\$52.99	2
\$30,000	\$59.26	0
\$40,000	\$65.52	1
\$50,000	\$71.79	1
\$60,000	\$78.05	0
\$70,000	\$84.32	0
\$80,000	\$90.58	0

In addition, one resident voted for \$7,500 in improvements. Staff averaged the votes and the result was \$18,611 in improvements. Residents voted 9-0 to round improvements for FY09/10 to \$20,000.

In discussion regarding the improvements for FY09/10, the landscape architect explained that the landscaping improvements north of Iris Drive must be completed first due to the location of the water meter.

A suggestion was then made to have the base bid for FY09/10 be option 3 above. The engineers estimate is \$31,200 however; favorable bids have been received due to the economy and contractors needing work. An alternate could be option 5 above. Having an alternate allows for more flexibility depending upon the bids received.

A show of hands was taken to determine what residents were in favor of the above suggestion. Seven residents in attendance voted for the above improvements for FY9/10. Staff explained that the bids would be opened at the beginning of April so improvements can be reduced if bids are not favorable.

Staff again told residents to register for the Town's bidder list. Request for proposals will go out in the Republic in 2-3 weeks. Bid opening is currently scheduled for April 9th. Watch for updated on the Town's website.

Action items:

- Parks department to look into light that is glaring into one residents backyard

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.