

Annual PKID Meeting: Val Vista Park

Tuesday January 11, 2011

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Public Works Assembly Room

Gilbert Staff: Rick Acuna, Jason Kerby, Laura Lorenzen

Attendees: Jane Barnes, Jim Vogel, Cheryl Adams, Keith Nelson, Mark Mooney, Richard Steely

Agenda item: Update on FY11 Improvements

One resident commented that the improvements look nice. Now that a majority of the improvements are completed, residents were concerned about the upkeep of the improvements. The following concerns were aired:

1. In order to keep the area looking its best, trash needs to be constantly picked up from the landscaping.
2. Dead plants need to be replaced. Most recent count was 14-15 dead plants. Staff explained that all dead plants will be replaced once there is no more threat of frosts.
3. Red Chinese pistachio at the end of Douglas appears to have died. Staff is watching the tree and will replace if necessary.
4. Need to keep shrubs adjacent to public walkways trimmed back.
5. Residents not picking up after animals. Will install a sign requesting residents to pick up after their animals in the main basin. In addition, will install two mutt mitt stations in the large basin.
6. Can winter rye be planted on the islands along Freestone Parkway? What would be the cost? Staff will talk to contractor to get cost.
7. Need to keep a look out for vandalism. Kids are removing valvebox covers. Getting costly to replace.
8. Why were some pines and bottle trees left along Ford? Staff explained that no healthy trees were removed during the landscaping improvements. This issue can be addressed for FY12 improvements if residents so wish.

Agenda item: Improvements for FY12?

The two remaining improvement options for FY11 are the canal area off of St. Elena and the public utility easement tract at Juanita and Nelson. Residents and staff discussed details of both improvements.

By a show of hands, residents in attendance vote 5-1 to complete the canal area off of St. Elena in FY11. The Engineer's Estimate for this project is \$13,300. Residents then voted 0-6 to not complete the public utility easement tract at Juanita and Nelson in FY12. Another vote was taken to determine which decomposed granite to use for the canal improvements. The options are 1) decomposed granite that matches the canal; or 2) decomposed granite that matches the color used in the rest of the subdivision. Residents voted 4-2 to match the decomposed granite along the canal.

Residents then readdressed the issue of the trees on Ford. Many felt that more trees along Ford should have been removed and replaced with the Live Oak species. This would create a "theme" along Ford Avenue. They felt that the trees that were not removed are compromising the walls and sidewalks due to their size and placement. Due to the columnar nature of the Live Oak, the root system will likely be more confined than trees with a broader canopy and will not interfere with the sidewalk and walls. Residents asked Staff to mark the trees in question and requested an email vote on the issue. The initial estimate to remove and replace five trees is approximately \$2,500. Once vote on tree removal is complete, staff will notify residents of outcome.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.