

Annual PKID Meeting: Val Vista Park

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Public Works Assembly Room

Gilbert Staff: Rick Acuna, Jason Kerby, Laura Lorenzen

Attendees: Richard and Melody Phillips, Burke Alford, Judy Campos, MaryAnn Wells, Michael Kupsco, Marilyn Kamb, I, Maril Mooney, Richard Steely, John and Veronica Schaper, Ward Hummel, Sandra Weitz, Rick Turley, Ana and Chris Jensen, David Railsback, Richard Heward, Wayne and Linda McBride

Agenda item: FY10 Improvements

The landscape architect reviewed the improvements to the large retention area already approved by residents for FY10. Improvements include a new irrigation system, turf restorations, new plantings, and new decomposed granite. The engineers estimate for this project was \$135,000. The low bid for this project came in at \$50,166. This leaves \$84,834 in budgeted funds. Options for additional improvements for FY10 include:

1. Walk through area between Ford Avenue and Juanita Avenue
2. Ford Avenue
3. Retention area at the west end of Ford Avenue
4. Retention area in the northeast corner of subdivision

The landscape architect reviewed the landscape master plan for the walk through area between Ford Avenue and Juanita Avenue. Currently there is 63,000 square feet of turf in this area. The landscape master plan removes approximately 22,000 square feet of the turf and leaves approximately 41,000 square feet of turf. The turf will remain in the larger areas of the walk through. Generally, this is where the cul-de-sacs meet the retention area. The turf will be removed from the walls to eliminate overspray on the walls. The current heads distribute 4 gallons of water per minute. The drips that will replace these heads distribute 2 gallons of water per hour. The reduction of the turf in this area will assist with the drainage issues that the area currently is experiencing. The sidewalk will be elevated in the areas so the drainage can move freely and will make the sidewalk ADA compliant. The engineers estimate to complete this section is \$61,000.

Discussion then turned to Ford Avenue improvements. One decision that needs to be made is rather to take out all of the citrus trees and replace them with Live Oak trees, or should the citrus trees only be replaced once they die. The landscape architect explained that the Live Oak is a narrower tree perfect for this space. In addition, they are an evergreen tree so shedding is minimal. The irrigation system on the north side of Ford Avenue is connected to walk through area while the south side of Ford Avenue is connected to the large basin area.

One resident questioned the electrical boxes located in the subdivision. They are rusted and an eyesore since landscaping in the area around them has been completed. The residents will need to call the utility company to discuss this issue. The Town has control over the valve cover boxes and the backflow preventer cages. These will be painted or replaced in the upcoming improvements.

A vote was then taken to determine if the residents in attendance wanted to continue with improvement for FY10. Residents voted 15-0 to continue with improvements for FY10. Another count of hands indicated 14-1 that the residents in attendance wanted the walk through area completed in FY10. By the same vote, 14-1, it was determined that the residents wanted the improvements to this area completed according to the landscape master plan. These plans can be found on the Gilbert website www.ci.gilbert.az.us.

Residents then authorized staff to continue with the improvements along Ford Avenue until the budgeted funds are fully used. In a unanimous vote, residents directed staff that it was apriority to remove all of the citrus along Ford Avenue even if replacements could not be planted until next year's improvements.

Action Items:

- Can the piece of property in the northeast corner at Juanita Avenue and Nielson Street be purchased from the Town
- Staff to estimate FY11 assessment once improvements are completed

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.