



TOWN OF GILBERT
Annual PKID Meeting Minutes
07-04 Spring Meadows

Date: Monday, November 26, 2018, 7:00-7:45pm
Location: Public Works Assembly Room
PKID Staff: Rocky Brown, Joanne McLaughlin, Rick Acuna, Andrea Pedersen
Attendees: Jason & Michelle Fornoff, Jill Humpherys, Bruce Beauchamp

1. Welcome – Joanne McLaughlin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- **Town Staff was introduced:** Joanne McLaughlin, Management Support Analyst; Rocky Brown, Business Manager; Rick Acuna, Field Supervisor; and Andrea Pedersen, Landscape Architect. PKID contact information is provided at the end of the Minutes.
- **Residents/Property owners introduced themselves.**
- **Review of meeting process:** This is an opportunity to review the proposed budget and any project information, as well as to discuss issues and suggestions from the property owners.
- **PKID Handouts:** Agenda, PKID Overview and Annual Process, Gilbert 311 information, and Budget Projections including project cost estimates.

2. Budget Projections/Assessment

Current Assessment FY2018-19: \$32.47 (Base)

FY 2019-20 Base Assessment \$29.39 Includes refund of \$17,520 as well as anticipated increases in electricity, water, staffing, and maintenance contract.

Option #1 \$47.06 Base plus Playground Shade Project

The Base Assessment reflects the basic operating costs for the PKID, including staffing, landscape maintenance and supplies, landscape architect services, postage, printing, advertising, etc. Refunds may reflect an overage from a completed project or a prior assessment.

3. Improvements for FY2018-19

Any proposed projects will be included on the Ballot and sent out to all property owners in December. If a project is approved by majority vote, it will then go through the public bidding process. Town Council will consider approval of the selected bid. There will be a 15-day waiting period to allow property owners time to voice any concerns regarding the project.

- **Research Project – Cost to Install Shade Structure over Playground Area. Vote: YES-17 / NO-14.** This project is to install a shade sail structure to cover the remainder of the tot lot (approximately a 40 x 60 area). A shade structure was installed two years ago on the north side.

The total project cost is estimated at \$48,150.50. The cost per property owner will be \$212.12 or \$17.67 per month. That monthly project cost added to the base assessment (\$29.39) equals \$47.06 per month for each property owner. The new assessment would begin in July, 2019.

Project estimates are usually a bit on the high side to provide a cushion for rising prices and unanticipated costs. We cannot accept a bid higher than the engineer's estimate. The town will undergo a campaign this spring to get more contractors to bid on projects. If you know of any licensed contractors, let the team know and they may be added to our list.

Questions on Shade Project:

Will the shade structure cover the swings? Yes, it will be installed south of the current structure.

Will it be the same style as the current shade structure? Yes, it will look best if it is the same.

There have been complaints that the current shade structure does not provide shade where needed. Another property owner noted that last year one of the options was voted down.

Can the new shade structure tie in to the existing poles? The structural engineer will have to make that determination. It may be possible to attach to the existing pole to save on costs.

The existing structure is very tall. Can the height be brought down? There are certain safety criteria and clearances that have to be met.

Can a picture be provided of a similar shade structure so people can have an idea of what it will look like? Many people were surprised when the last one was installed. A picture or drawing will be sent out with the Ballot to provide a visual.

It was noted that out of 227 homes, only 33 votes were received last year. Property owners were encouraged to talk to their neighbors about projects on the Ballot. The Nextdoor app is another way to communicate with people in the neighborhood.

- **Research Project – Cost to Convert the Volleyball Court – NO-19 / YES-14.**

This project did not receive a majority vote to move forward.

- **Plants** – All plant inventories and replanting are completed each year in the Spring.

4. Improvements for FY2019-2020

Property owners may make suggestions for ballot items related to possible improvement projects for the neighborhood. Some of the items mentioned were addressed under the Questions/Comments section.

- Research the cost of a playground on the vacant spot in the main park.

5. Questions/Comments

Is there a plan to replace the mature pine trees that are struggling? Desert adapted trees were suggested. There is a Valley-wide issue with pine blight and we are working with the forest service to identify the problem. Trees that are removed will not be replaced with pines but with another type of tree that will have a better chance to survive. The plant inventory and assessment will occur in the spring to determine what is needed.

What are the options to add a trash can to the dog bag dispensers at the park? People put bags of dog waste on the ground. The dog waste bag dispensers were a Boy Scout project. Rick will research how to modify the dispenser to add a trash receptacle. Property owners suggested better signage as well as drilling holes in the bottom as they collect water when it rains. Rick noted that drainage holes were already put in the bag dispensers. If it continues to be an issue, we can look at a different style of bag dispenser. Currently, the landscape crew cleans up the bags. Rick will look at attaching a trash bin. Please email him if there are further issues.

A streetlight was replaced across from the main park with an LED light which is nice and bright. Is that the standard? The LEDs would be nice to have in the parks. Public Works is now putting in LED's. A deflector can be installed if a light is too bright. Newer lights on smaller scale at the small park.

A property owner appreciated the new light pole in front of their house. It lights up the driveway.

The whole area looks nicer. A lot of work has been done to keep things up. The neighborhood is looking better than it was 10 or 15 years ago.

How are the picnic benches holding up? The previous style of bench was not well-reinforced. A steel plate was added to make the bench sturdy.

A property owner liked the playground equipment and stated it is used a lot.

Kids have destroyed the volleyball nets. Who pays for them? The last one that was installed the neighborhood did not pay for as it came from an existing supply. Rick will look into replacing the net.

What are the options for a ramada at the volleyball court? It would most likely have to be more of a hardscape structure as grass would require that the irrigation be reconfigured.

Is there a light pole at the volleyball court? It was believed that a light pole was already there.

6. Action Items:

- Staff will research costs to replace the volleyball net at the park and install a trash bin for dog waste.
- **Ballot Items:**
 - Install a shade structure over the playground area. To include a photo of proposed shade.
 - Research the cost of installing a playground on the vacant spot in the main park.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

Open House, Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 5:30 – 7:00pm

Ballots are due by January 23, 2019

Council will adopt preliminary budgets at a May 2019 Council meeting

Council will adopt levies in accordance with the proposed final budgets at a June 2019 Council meeting

Assessments and any approved improvements will begin after July 1, 2019

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