

CITIZENS' BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 16, 1999

The Citizens' Bond Review Committee - 2000 of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on November 16, 1999 at 5:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Pat Langdon, Acting Chairman
Judy Adams
Wilford Anderson
Charlie Deaton
Barry Dickerson
Ferdie Guerrero, Jr.
Connie Gullatt-Whiteman
Jack Gunter
Eric Jackson
Carol McCormack
Pat Mendivil
Will Moore
Laurie Nichols
Dan Reeb
Beverly Selvage
George Smith

COMMITTEE ABSENT

C. K. Sato, Chairman
Robert Brinton
Nick Carr

COUNCIL PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Anthony Araza
Kathy Barrett
Mike Brennan
Candace Cannistraro
Mark Coon
Dennis Compton
Linda Crocker
Gil Damiani
Dennis Donna
G. T. Fowler
Jack Friedline

STAFF PRESENT (CONT.)

John Geier
Larry Given
Joe Holmwood
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Wayne Korinek
Dorinda Larsen
Rich Lorig
Jeff Martin
Laurie Nichols
Don Pfohl
Dave Plumb
Leslie Portee
Ron Poulin
Bryan Raines
Roger Rambo
Andrea Rasizer
Tom Remes
Jan Strauss
Dan Stubbs
Walter Switzer
Paul Wilson
Larry Woolf

Acting Chairman Langdon excused Chairman Sato from the meeting.

1. Discuss responses to questions and issues raised previously.

There were no issues to be addressed at this time.

2. Presentation of the proposed Parks, Recreation and Cultural Bond Program (\$53,540,000).

Wayne Korinek, Community Services Manager
Joe Holmwood, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Director

Mr. Korinek addressed the Committee relative to this agenda item and stated that the mission of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Division is to provide a system that will enhance the economic vitality of the City, foster community and neighborhood pride and stability, and encourage personal growth, health

and fitness. Mr. Korinek provided data relative to the extensive number of parks and special use facilities that are the direct responsibility of the Division and noted that the proposal contains requests for funding in the amount of \$53,540,000.

Mr. Korinek discussed park classifications and standards and outlined four proposed park development projects that have been identified by staff, including the Park of the Canals, which Mr. Korinek advised has been recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board for a funding increase. Mr. Korinek also discussed proposed property acquisitions for future parks, including an additional district park, associated consultant costs, the process of determining land values, construction delays and the fact that land acquisition is a lengthy process.

Mr. Holmwood commented on the importance of meeting the recreational needs of an expanding community and maintaining current facilities. Mr. Holmwood discussed facility and multi-use path development, which relates to the proposed canal improvements, and referred to a map highlighting the location of the various proposals. Mr. Holmwood discussed the Mesa Grande Ruins and "land banking," the fact that a Master Plan has been prepared for that particular project which will include a visitor's center and parking facilities, youth-related projects, golf course construction, lighting for athletic fields, and the fact that Dobson and Riverview Golf Courses are both self-supporting.

Mr. Holmwood also highlighted neighborhood park renovations and development and discussed recommended improvements to Sherwood Park in order to comply with Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, renovations/improvements to the Carson Junior High School pool and areas surrounding the pool area, Riverview Park improvements, and capital related expenses at HoHoKam and Fitch baseball complexes.

Committeemember Guerrero, who serves as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board, noted that the Board has discussed the Park of the Canals and said that it was the recommendation of the Board that rapid development of this project be a priority and that funding be increased from \$1 million to \$3 million.

Discussion ensued relative to the Southwest Museum and the fact that although an approved Master Plan exists for the expansion of this facility, funding has not been allocated to accomplish this goal.

Acting Chairman Langdon thanked Mr. Korinek and Mr. Holmwood for their presentation.

3. Presentation of the proposed Capital Improvement Projects by Jack Friedline, Walter Switzer, Anthony Araza, Roger Rambo, and E. L. Cortez.

Public Works Manager Jack Friedline noted his intention to discuss the Facilities Bond Program projects. Mr. Friedline informed the Committee that prior to reviewing the program, he and members of his staff would like to take this opportunity to present a brief overview of a City of Mesa Millennium Master Plan, which is a space needs study for the City through the year 2010.

Mr. Friedline highlighted a brief presentation on the Millennium Master Plan and responded to questions from the Committee regarding staffing levels, mid-rise development, planned redevelopment in the Town Center area, the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) facility which will be utilized by the City and future staffing/square footage projections.

Acting Chairman Langdon thanked Mr. Friedline for his presentation on the City's space needs.

Mr. Friedline discussed various proposed Capital Improvement Projects including facility expansions, improvements to the 6th Street Service Center Fleet Support facility, the Transportation Building expansion and remodeling, which includes a traffic operations center, the relocation/development of a facility for the video staff of Mesa Channel 11, the proposed municipal office complex, the proposed expansion of the Public Safety campus and the current construction of a Central Patrol Unit and parking garage, the construction of additional floors to provide sufficient staff/office space, parking requirements and planned parking areas, and the East Mesa Service Center and plans to construct a Public Works facility to accommodate inspection personnel, including Building Inspectors and possibly Fire Prevention personnel.

Assistant to the City Manager Jeff Martin commented on a proposal to fund the initial design/analysis of a regional light rail transit system and discussion ensued among the Committee and staff relative to this issue and the fact that the entire program is dependent upon the outcome of the upcoming City of Phoenix election.

Mr. Friedline responded to questions from the Committee relative to the various proposed facility expansions and light rail transit alternatives.

Acting Chairman Langdon thanked Mr. Friedline and staff for their presentation.

4. Public comment.

There were no citizens present wishing to provide input at this time.

Mr. Raines announced that a tour of various City facilities is scheduled for next Monday and encouraged the members of the Committee to contact him if they are interested in attending.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Citizens' Bond Review Committee - 2000, held on the 16th day of November 1999. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 1999

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK