

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 23, 2012 SPECIAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MEETING

CITY OF MESA
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DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
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A special meeting of the Design Review Board was held in the Lower Level of the Council Chambers 57 East First Street, at 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Boswell - Chair
Ralph Smith
Eric Paul
Brian Sandstrom
Howard Utter
Taylor Candland

OTHERS PRESENT

John Wesley
Jeff McVay
Debbie Archuleta

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

A. Discuss and Provide Direction Regarding Design Review cases:

CASE: DR12-27 Cubs Spring Training Facility
2100 West 8th Street

REQUEST: Review of the 152.8 acre Spring Training Facility

DISCUSSION:

Staffmember Jeff McVay explained the project. Staffmembers Scot Rigby and Ross Renner represented the project. Mr. McVay stated there would be red brick behind home plate and that the clubhouse would match the stadium materials. Landscaping will not obscure portions of the site so people driving by can see the stadium. Light standards, colors, and some materials will match Wrigley. Fans will still be able to sit on berms behind the field. The out buildings will have uniform roof lines. There will be a strong connection between the park and the stadium through the paseo. The remainder of the park will be enhanced to be unique to Mesa parks. The paseo will be lined with trees. There will be boardwalks around the lake. There will be splash pads, a climbing wall, and a lot of green space so kids can run and play.

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Boardmember Ralph Smith:

- There appeared to be a lot of soft scape
- He confirmed the turf would be natural, not artificial
- He wanted shade trees along the Paseo
- Simulated wood that withstands the heat
- The architecture of the stadium was minimal
- Liked the direction they were going, especially the landscaping not being xeriscape
- Wanted more work on the public area landscaping
- Wanted cut-outs with landscaping in the hardscape at the entrance to the stadium

Boardmember Eric Paul:

- Confirmed the fields at the west end will be open to the public
- Soccer fields and fields at northeast corner will be open all year
- Not a lot of visibility from 202
- Why are perimeter buildings just boxes, that block the view of the stadium?
- The restrooms and ticket office need more work

Chair Craig Boswell:

- They are still working on shared facilities with ASU
- Batting cages will have video cameras
- Why are there two different lights
- Maintenance buildings only visible on-site
- Canopy structures and roof will be painted steel
- Like the direction they are headed
- Concern with affect lights could on neighbors to the south

B. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:21

Respectfully submitted,

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