



2005 CITIZEN BOND COMMITTEE

September 21, 2005,

The 2005 Citizen Bond Committee met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on September 21, 2005 at 6:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Beth Coons
Linda Flick
Pat Gilbert
LaShawn Jenkins
Judy O'Neill
Scott Rhodes
Bob Saemisch
Deanna Villanueva-Saucedo

COMMITTEE ABSENT

Craig Ahlstrom
Michele Fiore
Robert Hisserich
Greg Holtz
Eric Jackson
Albert McHenry

STAFF PRESENT

Mike Hutchinson
Anthony Araza
Debra Dollar
Peter Knudson
Keith Nath
Eric Norenberg

1. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.

This item was continued until the October 12, 2005 meeting.

2. Hear and discuss a presentation regarding the plans for Arizona State University at the Polytechnic Campus.

City Manager Mike Hutchinson introduced Gerald Jakubowski, Vice President and Provost of Arizona State University at the Polytechnic Campus (formerly known as Arizona State University-East). Dr. Jakubowski displayed a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of ASU's long-term vision for expansion. He explained that ASU is considered one university with four locations, including the Tempe campus, West campus, downtown Phoenix campus, and the Polytechnic campus. Dr. Jakubowski commented that a polytechnic institution is defined as an entity that lends theory and practice to solving real world problems, and stated that ASU is attempting to establish Arizona's first polytechnic institution.

Dr. Jakubowski commented that ASU Polytechnic currently consists of the Morrison School of Agribusiness, the College of Technology and Applied Science, and East College. He indicated that according to the campus' five-year development plan, it intends to establish the College of Science and Technology, the College of Management and Innovation, the School of Educational Innovation and Teacher Preparation, the School of Health Sciences and Technologies, and the College of Social Sciences and Humanities.

Dr. Jakubowski further spoke regarding increased enrollment trends for undergraduate and graduate programs at ASU Polytechnic campus. He explained that ASU has implemented a comprehensive facility development plan for the Polytechnic campus including the construction of the Science and Technology Building, Classroom and Office Building 1, and Classroom and Office Building 2, for an estimated cost of \$103 million. He added that ASU anticipates forwarding a request to the State of Arizona for a \$7.5 million annual appropriation for lease-purchase financing.

Mr. Hutchinson commented that after a series of meetings between ASU representatives and Mesa officials, the City's engineering staff reviewed various components of the Polytechnic's infrastructure needs in order to support the campus as it continues to grow and develop. He displayed a chart identified as "Proposed Bond Funding for City of Mesa Infrastructure – ASU at the Polytechnic Campus," which included water, wastewater, and street improvements. Mr. Hutchinson said that not only would the infrastructure improvements assist ASU Polytechnic, but also other entities located nearby.

Committeemember Saemisch questioned whether it would be possible for ASU to solicit support from its East Valley alumni relative to the proposed bond funding for infrastructure improvements at the Polytechnic campus.

Responding to Committeemember Saemisch's inquiry, Dr. Jakubowski assured everyone that ASU is hopeful that Mesa voters would approve the proposed bond funding and added that he would work with the university's alumni and friends to "get the word out" in that regard.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that if the State of Arizona does not approve the full appropriation requested by ASU for the construction of the proposed three buildings at the Polytechnic campus, the university would most likely proceed with construction, but in a "pared down" fashion; that the proposed bond requests at ASU Polytechnic would provide the infrastructure "framework," but the City would anticipate future requests from ASU for additional street infrastructure improvements; and that Salt River Project (and not the City) would participate in any electrical improvements at the Polytechnic campus.

Vice Chairman Villanueva-Saucedo expressed appreciation to everyone for the presentation.

3. Hear and discuss a presentation regarding the proposed downtown Mesa Community College campus.

Vice Chairman Villanueva-Saucedo declared a potential conflict of interest and said she would refrain from discussion/consideration of this agenda item. She yielded the gavel to Committeemember Gilbert for action on this agenda item.

Deputy City Manager Debbi Dollar addressed the Committee and provided a brief historical chronology of Mesa Community College's (MCC) proposal to expand its presence in the downtown area. She reported on the efforts undertaken by a feasibility task force to consider and pursue an urban partnership for MCC in downtown Mesa; the resulting joint study commissioned by the City of Mesa and MCC, which more specifically defined the development components of the campus and various capital cost estimates; the Memorandum of Understanding entered into between the Maricopa Community College District and the City of Mesa to formally establish the downtown campus; the primary goal of the partnership, which is

to offer greater access to higher education for Mesa residents, while assisting with revitalization of downtown Mesa; and Maricopa Community College District's successful bond election, which resulted in designated funding for the expanded downtown campus. She also explained that the proposed campus would rely heavily on resources that currently exist in the downtown area, as well as the joint use of facilities whenever possible.

Dr. Larry Christiansen, President of MCC, addressed the Committee and reported that MCC is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. He provided a brief analysis of the role of the Southern and Dobson and Red Mountain campuses, which are both considered comprehensive campuses wherein a student can receive traditional collegiate experiences. Dr. Christiansen commented that unlike those two campuses, the Downtown Campus would not be a comprehensive campus and said that there would be a variety of partnership programs (i.e., the Mesa Fire Department, Mesa Arts Center, Mesa Public Library and Mesa Public Schools) that would provide students unique and cutting edge educational opportunities. He also discussed a Virtual Campus (MCC Online), which would offer students classes via the Internet.

Dr. Christiansen referred to a document entitled "Vision Map" and briefly highlighted the proposed areas of development at the Downtown Campus including the Community Learning Zone; an advanced technology center at the Irving School; Tech Zone; Health and Wellness Zone; Public Safety Zone; and parking facilities. He commented that it is essential that the proposed infrastructure, including sewer lines and sidewalks, not only be beneficial to MCC, but to the entire downtown community.

Committeemember Gilbert expressed enthusiasm for the respective collaborations between the City of Mesa and ASU Polytechnic and MCC.

Discussion ensued relative to the fact that the proposed bond programs for MCC include funding for electric and water infrastructure, fiber optics technology, the extension of the chilled water line, and various Fire Department programs; and potential uses for the Mesa Centennial Center as a possible conference facility, and the possibility of a private sector partner who would perform technology upgrades at the facility in exchange for naming rights or use of the space.

Committeemember Gilbert thanked Ms. Dollar and Dr. Christiansen for the presentation.

Committeemember Gilbert yielded the gavel back to Vice Chairman Villanueva-Saucedo.

4. Hear and discuss a presentation Neighborhood/Street Flood Control Bonds.

City Engineer Keith Nath and Assistant City Engineer Peter Knudson addressed the Committee relative to this agenda item. Mr. Nath referred to a PowerPoint presentation and reported on various Neighborhood and Street Flood Control projects funded by previous bond elections; projects whereby the City of Mesa partnered with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Maricopa County, and the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT); and the implementation of the East Mesa Area Drainage Master Plans, which were accomplished in partnership with the Flood Control District. He also spoke regarding the Spook Hill Area Drainage Master Plan (which entails the development of basins and outfalls to convey large flows from the Usery Park area and the mountains to the east), as well as the

development of the Storm Drain Master Plan, designed to primarily address the newer areas of the community.

Mr. Nath briefly highlighted a series of City of Mesa development projects requiring bond authorization, including storm drains for new roadways, retention basin improvements, and channel improvements; aging infrastructure (Alma School Road, Main to Broadway Road; Guadalupe Road and Dobson Intersection); Intergovernmental Agency Projects in partnership with the Flood Control District (Oak Street Basin and Storm Drain System, Ellsworth Road Basin and Storm Drain System); high profile type projects (WGA/ASU Polytechnic Campus reconstruction); storm drain improvements for future road widening projects related to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and additional estimated operation and maintenance costs and personnel costs added to the appropriate program.

Discussion ensued relative to drainage issues along Stapley Road between Brown and Broadway Roads; Mesa's original water drainage system; the fact that the proposed bond funding for the Neighborhood and Street Flood Control projects is based on development occurring in Mesa and the need to address offsite flows that may prohibit or limit such development; and that the City is attempting to leverage a majority of its proposed bond funding with the Flood Control District to construct major drainage facilities in order for the City to provide outfalls for developers to tie into the system.

Vice Chairman Villanueva-Saucedo thanked staff for the excellent presentation and encouraged those City departments that will make future presentations to the Bond Committee to use a similar format.

It was moved by Committeemember Gilbert, seconded by Committeemember Flick, that the Committee tentatively adopt the proposal for the Neighborhood and Street Flood Control Bond Program, pending discussion of the bonds at the final Committee meeting.

Vice Chairman Villanueva-Saucedo declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Hear and discuss any additional information requested at the last meeting and consider tentative approval of previously presented bond program.

Special Assistant to the City Manager Eric Norenberg reported that the Committeemembers were provided with a packet of materials in response to a series of questions posed to staff during the September 14th meeting. He stated that because the materials are quite lengthy, it might be appropriate for the Committee to postpone discussing this agenda item until the October 12th Bond Committee meeting.

Discussion ensued relative to various documents contained in the packet, and in particular, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2025 Milestones; that staff from the Electric Division, Parks and Recreation, and Community Services would be available in the future to respond to any questions the Committee may have concerning the information submitted; and that Committeemember Gilbert requested input from staff regarding their prioritization of projects, especially Parks and Recreation, and whether an analysis was made with regard to the General Plan in terms of, for example, underserved areas of the community.

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

(The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.)

7. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the 2005 Citizen Bond Committee meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the 2005 Citizen Bond Committee of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 21st day of September 2005. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK

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