

# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 2, 1996

The Transportation Committee of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on August 2, 1996 at 7:00 A.M.

## COMMITTEE PRESENT

Pat Gilbert, Chairman  
John Giles  
Dennis Kavanaugh

## COMMITTEE ABSENT

None

## STAFF PRESENT

C.K. Luster  
Neal Beets  
Linda Crocker  
Elva Fimbres  
Mike Hutchinson  
Harry Kent  
Others

## OTHERS PRESENT

Alan Costley  
Bonnie Costley  
Sylvia Faerber  
Gary Robison  
Others

## COUNCIL PRESENT

Jim Stapley

### 1. Discuss and consider options for a cul-de-sac or other turnaround at the north end of North Hall.

Public Works Manager Harry Kent provided the Committee with a brief update on a neighborhood disagreement regarding a cul-de-sac for the north end of North Hall Circle. Mr. Kent advised that the residence in question, which is located at the end of the Circle, does not contain a provision for a normal cul-de-sac or other 'turn-around' method. Mr. Kent informed the Committee that although several alternative cul-de-sac layout options have been presented for consideration, no agreement has been reached among the property owners involved. Mr. Kent stated that staff recommends that no further effort be expended on this issue, and that 'No Parking' signs be posted on the north 30 to 40 feet of the existing street.

Mr. Kent referred to diagrams of cul-de-sac options displayed in the Chambers and advised that the alternatives were acquired from the City of Mesa Planning and Zoning Department archives, and includes a proposal submitted by Mr. Lester Pearce, the builder of the residence currently under discussion.

Alan Costley, 2326 North Hall Circle, read a letter submitted to the City of Mesa from residents of the 2300 Block of North Hall Circle in opposition to staff's recommendations. Mr. Costley

expressed concerns relative to potential hazards resulting from the inability of construction vehicles to maneuver in the street, damage to mailboxes and yards, and the safety of children in the area. Mr. Costley stated the opinion that the City failed in its responsibility by issuing a building permit without requiring proper provision for a cul-de-sac or other method of turning around. Mr. Costley added the opinion that the burden of the cul-de-sac should be placed on the owner of the house in question, and not on the adjacent residents.

Dr. Gary Robison, 2350 North Hall Circle, owner of the property, expressed the opinion that a cul-de-sac should have been built when the street was newly developed. Dr. Robison explained that prior to building his residence, several different alternatives were presented to the City and all were declined. Dr. Robison indicated his willingness to cooperate but stressed the fact that all of the concerned property owners should equally share the burden of responsibility.

Committeemember Giles spoke in response to the concerns of the speakers and recommended that Dr. Robison consider providing the City with additional land on which to develop a 35 foot cul-de-sac to avoid possible condemnation proceedings in the future.

In response to questions from Chairman Gilbert, City Manager Charles Luster addressed cost issues, and stated that the City would be responsible for all costs associated with right-of-way, construction of a cul-de-sac, and condemnation proceedings.

Sylvia Faerber, 2306 North Hall Circle, spoke in opposition to staff's recommendation and stated the opinion that the already established neighborhood should not be required to dedicate a portion of their land to develop an adequate turnaround at the end of North Hall Circle.

Bonnie Costley, 2326 North Hall Circle, stated the opinion that the burden should be placed on the Robison property rather than on the adjacent neighbors.

It was moved by Committeemember Giles, seconded by Committeemember Kavanaugh, to instruct staff to prepare a new diagram utilizing a 35 foot cul-de-sac radius moving further north of North Hall Circle.

Carried unanimously.

## 2. Adjournment.

It was moved by Committeemember Kavanaugh, seconded by Committeemember Giles, that the Transportation Committee meeting adjourn at 7:32 a.m.

Carried unanimously.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Transportation Committee of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 2nd day of August, 1996. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1996

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK