



COUNCIL MINUTES

May 23, 2013

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on May 23, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Alex Finter
Dina Higgins*
Dennis Kavanaugh
Dave Richins
Scott Somers

COUNCIL ABSENT

Scott Smith
Christopher Glover

OFFICERS PRESENT

Christopher Brady
Debbie Spinner
Dee Ann Mickelsen

(*Councilwoman Higgins participated in the meeting through the use of telephonic equipment.)

Vice Mayor Finter excused Mayor Smith and Councilmember Glover from the entire meeting.

1-a. Hear a presentation, discuss and provide direction on an update of the ArtPlace project at the Mesa Arts Center.

Arts and Culture Director Cindy Ornstein displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 1**) and reported that on Monday, May 20, 2013, ArtPlace America awarded a total of \$15.2 million in grants to 54 organizations throughout the country. She stated that she was pleased to announce that the City of Mesa was selected to receive a \$300,000 grant. She acknowledged that the amount was less than the \$575,000 the City initially requested, but noted that it was a generous award nonetheless that will help staff move forward with the 21st Century Café Society concept at the Mesa Arts Center (MAC).

Ms. Ornstein explained that various concept refinements have occurred in order to accommodate a smaller budget and also respond to certain questions and concerns that were expressed by ArtPlace representatives during the grant application process. She highlighted ArtPlace's concerns as follows: 1.) That the project was specific to the City of Mesa and reflected the community; and 2.) That the project attempt to ameliorate Arizona's hot desert climate and be as usable as possible for visitors.

Ms. Ornstein briefly discussed the ArtPlace grant activities, including the Digital Community Bulletin Board, which consists of one large rectangular box with five multimedia screens. She

noted that the original concept called for two or three bulletin boards and said that number was reduced in order to lower costs and incorporate other features into the project.

Ms. Ornstein further remarked that the MAC campus is “Mesa’s family photo headquarters” and pointed out that visitors come to the site on a daily basis to use it as a backdrop for their photographs. She commented that a new concept that has been included in the project is a Photo Booth kiosk. She said that a camera will be installed in the kiosk and visitors would have the ability to take photographs, which are then automatically uploaded onto one of the screens in the kiosk.

Ms. Ornstein, in addition, reviewed the non-grant ArtPlace elements of the project, such as the construction of a new stage. (See Page 5 of Attachment 1) She noted that a majority of the funding for the new stage has been derived from the Mesa Arts Alliance.

Ms. Ornstein pointed out that several Councilmembers had inquired about the idea of adding steps to the western side of the stage. She explained that MAC staff explored the issue with other City departments and determined that there were certain challenges (i.e., the location of an underwater storm drain that Fire trucks could not drive over) that would change the original concept of the stage and make it less effective. She added that for those reasons, staff does not recommend moving forward with such a proposal.

Ms. Ornstein advised that another non-grant ArtPlace element of the project is a shade sculpture that will be installed on the north patio of the MAC campus. She said that the purpose of the sculpture is to create a more climate-friendly area where people can gather. She noted that through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, the City will commission an artist to design the shade sculpture that uses the MAC shade sail theme, incorporates sculptural elements, and creates patterns on the pavement as the sun moves across the sky. She also remarked that the artist would work with Michael Tingley, the architect of the MAC, to ensure that the integrity of the original architectural design was maintained. She added that due to a smaller overall budget, Phase 1 of the project would only include the design of the shade sculpture and said that the design would be used to raise money to build the sculpture.

Ms. Ornstein also discussed a variety of North Plaza renovations that would be performed during Phase 2 of the project and for which it would be necessary to raise funds. (See Page 7 of Attachment 1) She said that staff would solicit feedback and input from the community to ensure that the design of the plaza serves the needs of Mesa residents, local artists and various arts organizations.

Ms. Ornstein displayed a chart titled “Overall Estimated Costs,” which illustrates the project costs for Phase 1 and Phase 2. (See Page 8 of Attachment 1)

Councilmember Kavanaugh commented that earlier this week, he attended a conference of the International Downtown Association, which focuses on how the arts and innovation can activate downtown areas. He noted that he happened to be in the company of ArtsPlace representatives when the grants were announced and stated that it was exciting that Mesa was selected as a recipient of such an award.

Councilmember Kavanaugh further remarked that the project is a creative way in which to utilize the outdoor setting of the MAC. He added that he was hopeful that the City would be successful in raising the necessary funds in order to move forward with the project.

In response to a comment from Councilmember Kavanaugh, Ms. Ornstein clarified that although it was necessary to raise \$50,000 in order to purchase the tables and chairs for the café area, they would be installed during Phase 1 of the project.

Vice Mayor Finter thanked Ms. Ornstein for the presentation and said he looked forward to the project moving forward.

2. Information pertaining to the current Job Order Contracting projects.

Responding to a question from Councilwoman Higgins, City Engineer Beth Huning displayed a PowerPoint presentation (**See Attachment 2**) and clarified that staff is, in fact, moving forward with the construction of a new MAC Pavilion Stage (Job Order Project No. 3). She pointed out that Ms. Ornstein previously discussed an idea of adding steps to one side of the stage, which staff does not recommend. She explained that there are various items that are already constructed underground that would interfere with accomplishing such a proposal.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Finter, Ms. Huning explained that by using the Job Order Contracting process, the City is saving taxpayer dollars and also completing projects in a more timely fashion.

Ms. Huning, in addition, reported that yesterday, the City of Mesa hosted a very successful Mesa Subcontractor and Supplier Fair at the Mesa Convention Center. She stated that the event attracted more than 176 individuals from Mesa-based firms and said that the goal was to afford those companies an opportunity to compete for various City projects. She also thanked Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities (PRCF) Department staff for their efforts and hard work in facilitating the event.

Ms. Huning further remarked that Centennial, one of the City's Job Order contractors, is currently working on a space in downtown Mesa and also opening an office in the area.

Vice Mayor Finter thanked Ms. Huning and her staff for hosting the Mesa Subcontractor and Supplier Fair for Mesa-based firms. He stated that it was one of the Council's goals to encourage local companies to compete for City projects.

3. Hear reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

There were no reports on meetings and/or conferences attended.

4. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated that the meeting schedule is as follows:

Thursday, May 30, 2013, 7:30 a.m. – Study Session

5. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

6. Convene an Executive Session.

It was moved by Councilmember Kavanaugh, seconded by Councilmember Somers, that the Council adjourn the Study Session at 7:45 a.m. and enter into Executive Session.

Vice Mayor Finter declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6-a. Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney. (A.R.S. §38-431.03A (3)) Discussion or consultation with the City Attorney in order to consider the City's position and instruct the City Attorney regarding the City's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation. (A.R.S. §38-431.03A(4))

1. Heinze v. City of Mesa, et al., CV10-02385-PHX-SRB

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Executive Session adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

ALEX FINTER, VICE MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 23rd day of May, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK



International Award-Winning Venue

21st Century Café Society at the Mesa Arts Center

An ArtPlace Concept





Hot off the Press!

- ▶ Following a very competitive process, Mesa awarded \$300,000.
- ▶ Mesa one of 54 to receive funding... out of 1200+ nationally.
- ▶ Today: Share concept refinements to fit new budget, review new ideas.



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ArtPlace Grant Activities (\$300K)

- ▶ Digital Community Bulletin Boards; includes **ONE** large rectangular box with five multi-media screens.
- ▶ Photo Booth kiosk (new concept)



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ArtPlace Grant Activities (\$300K)

New Photo Booth Concept.

- ▶ Mesa's family photo headquarters
- ▶ Photos automatically upload
- ▶ Visitors self-curate

Phase I





Non-Grant ArtPlace Elements

▶ New stage,
majority funded
by Mesa Arts
Alliance



Phase I





Non-Grant ArtPlace Elements

New Shading Element (\$ to be Raised)

- ▶ Shade Sculpture designed by commissioned artist.
- ▶ Use MAC shade sail theme & add sculptural elements.
- ▶ Note: Phase I only includes shade structure design





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North Plaza Renovations

Funds to be raised

- ▶ Pavers throughout north plaza area, new drainage.
- ▶ New lighting.
- ▶ Replace trees with palms.
- ▶ Community seating and engagement areas.
- ▶ Shade sculpture fabrication and installation.
- ▶ Community input process.





Overall Estimated Costs

Phase 1

- ▶ Stage: Mesa Arts Alliance Pavilion—\$664,474
- ▶ Box w/multi-media screens, photo booth, design for shade sculpture--\$350K (estimated) with \$50K to be raised
- ▶ Café-styled Tables, Chairs, Umbrellas—\$50K (estimated) to be raised

Phase 2

- ▶ Shade sculpture fabrication/installation—\$300K (estimate)
- ▶ North Plaza Renovation—\$800K (estimated)



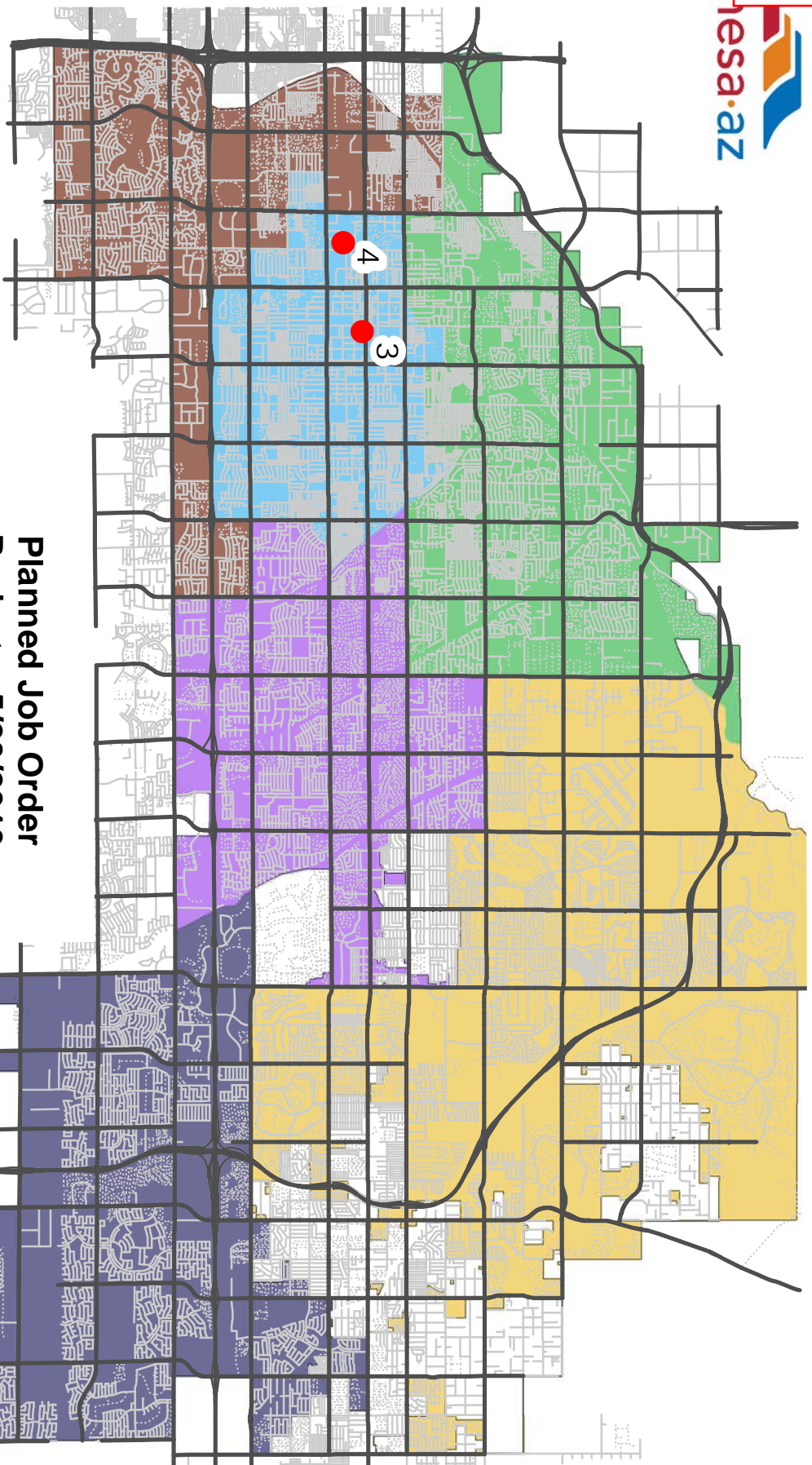
Questions?



Planned Job Order Projects (5/23/2013)

No.	Project Name/Address	Project Description	Estimated Construction Cost	Estimated Start Date (Mnth/Yr)	Contractor	District
1	Hunt Highway Gas Line Extension - Village Lane to Mountain Vista Boulevard.	Install approximately 3,323 linear feet of new 4-inch polyethylene (P.E.) gas line and associated appurtenances on West Hunt Highway from North Village Lane to North Mountain Vista Boulevard.	\$231,000.00	June/2013	B&F	N/A*
2	Gas Main Replacement, Ocotillo Road, Taylor Road to Gantzel Road.	Install approximately 2,040 linear feet of new 4-inch polyethylene (P.E.) gas pipe, 30 linear feet of new 2-inch P.E. gas pipe and associated appurtenances on Ocotillo Road from Taylor Road to Gantzel Road. Also, abandon in place approximately 1,370 linear feet of 2-inch steel gas pipe and 510 linear feet of 2-inch P.E. gas pipe.	\$244,000.00	June/2013	B&F	N/A*
3	Construct New MAC Pavilion Stage.	Convert an existing un-used concrete structure at the MAC into an outdoor stage, complete with shade canopy, lighting and water feature for outdoor performances.	\$583,000.00	July/2013	Centennial	4
4	Kellwood Substation feeders/circuits.	The recently re-built South bay of Kellwood Substation South has created additional Electric Utility service capacity. In order to distribute this added capacity, circuits must be added from the new substation away from the site to the needed/desired location. This project will involve the installation of a new electrical vault and ~5,500 feet of new conductor.	\$268,000.00	May/2013	B&F	4

* Project is located in Pinal County.



- Project:**
- #1 - Hunt Highway Gas Line Extension
(Located in Pinal County)
 - #2 - Gas Main Replacement (Located in Pinal County)
 - #3 - Construct Mesa Arts Center Pavillion Stage
 - #4 - Kellwood Substation Getaways

Planned Job Order Projects - 5/23/2013

LEGEND

- JOC Project Locations
- Council District 1
- Council District 2
- Council District 3
- Council District 4
- Council District 5
- Council District 6



JOC Mesa Subcontractor Participation (Cumulative) as of 5/16/2013

JOC Contractor	JOC Type	No. of Job Orders Awarded to date	Total Construction Costs to date	Mesa Subcontractor	
				Dollars	Percentage
Centennial	General Contractor	12	\$1,666,512	\$271,438	16%
Valley Rain	Landscaping	6	\$727,433	\$220,809	30%
Talis Construction	Transportation	2	\$643,291	\$160,800	25%
B&F Contracting	Utilities	5	\$481,623	\$16,694	4%