

**RIO SALADO CROSSING MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITIES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Salado Crossing Multi-purpose Facilities District met in a Board Meeting/Public Hearing in the Lower Level Council Chambers, 57 East First Street, Mesa, Arizona on July 31, 1998 at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT

Marty Whalen, Chairman
Pat Gilbert
Marjorie Heckman
Dave Johnston
Jim Lykins

MESA COUNCIL PRESENT

Jim Davidson
Keno Hawker

OTHERS PRESENT

Dana Belknap
Bill Brando
Robert Brinton
Joe Guinn
Michael Rushman
Bill Sims

MESA STAFF PRESENT

Neal Beets
Wayne Balmer
Linda Crocker
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Andrea Rasizer
Larry Woolf
Others

Chairman Whalen welcomed those present in the audience to the meeting.

1. Consider adopting district bylaws.

City Attorney Neal Beets provided a brief overview of the proposed district bylaws and outlined minor changes which were recommended at the July 28, 1998 Board meeting. Mr. Beets advised that in accordance with the proposed bylaws, the board of Directors will operate on a 'one person, one vote' principle, with two exceptions: 1) weighted voting will occur when the board is considering contracts involving the city of Mesa, specifically in relation to financial issues; and 2) weighted voting will also be implemented should the Board consider future amendments to the proposed bylaws.

Mr. Beets added that in response to input received from an attorney representing the Town of Gilbert, he has revised the language contained in Article Four, Section 6, Presumption of Assent. Mr. Beets explained that the revisions simplify and clarify the fact that members of the Board of Directors are required to attend the Board meetings unless absent for due cause and that each Boardmember has a responsibility to vote unless he or she has declared a bonafide conflict of interest.

Mr. Beets also informed the members of the Board that the language contained in Article Five, Section 3, removal was developed when the weighted voting issue was under consideration. Mr. Beets recommended that based on the fact that weighted voting will only occur under certain limited circumstances, the language be amended to reflect that an officer, such as the Board Chairman or Secretary, may be removed from office at any time with or without cause on the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors, one person, one vote.

It was moved by Boardmember Johnston, seconded by Boardmember Heckman, that the proposed bylaws be adopted as amended.

Carried unanimously.

2. Consider an Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County for election services.

In response to a request from Chairman Whalen, Mr. Beets provided the Boardmembers with a brief overview of this agenda item and explained that the Maricopa County elections Department has set today as the deadline date for entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the County to provide election services. Mr. Beets added that copies of the signed IGA will be faxed to the Maricopa County Elections Department following this meeting.

Mr. Beets advised that the proposed IGA reflects the Board's commitment to contract with the County for a specific range of election-related services. Mr. Beets added that all ballot language must be forwarded to the county no later than August 20, 1998.

It was moved by Boardmember Lykins, seconded by Boardmember Heckman, that the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County for election services be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. Announce Chairman's committees and Chairman's appointments.

Chairman Whalen commented on the extensive amount of research, analysis and negotiations required to accomplish the goals of the project and stated that in an effort to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Board, a series of Committees will be appointed to review, analyze, negotiate and submit various recommendations to the Chairman for review and consideration.

Chairman Whalen announced the following appointments:

CAPITAL FACILITIES DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Marjorie Heckman
C.K. Luster
Harry Kent

CONVENTION CENTER DESIGN & OPERATION COMMITTEE

Jim Lykins
Robert Brinton

Mike Hutchinson
Ray Pittman

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Johnston
Larry Woolf
George Pettit
Sean McClaren
Mike Hutchinson

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Pat Gilbert
Andrea Rasizer

USE AGREEMENT (CONTRACTS) COMMITTEE

Pat Gilbert
Larry Woolf
Bill Sims
Mike Hutchinson

Chairman Whalen expressed appreciation to all of the appointees for their willingness to assist the Board of Directors.

4. Discuss and finalize Board Work Plan.

In response to a question from Chairman Whalen, Boardmember Lykins advised that the Town of Gilbert will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 4, 1998 at the Town of Gilbert Council Chambers.

Discussion ensued among the members of the Board relative to the time of the public hearing and it was determined that a meeting time of 6:00 p.m. be established.

Chairman Whalen requested that staff pursue the possibility of televising the public hearings on the various cable stations.

Assistant City Manager Mike Hutchinson advised that he will accompany Boardmember Lykins and Mr. Robert Brinton, Executive Director of the Mesa Convention and Visitors Bureau, on a tour of the St. Louis Convention Center and Stadium on August 6 and 7, 1998.

Mr. Whalen advised that a third public hearing will be held in the Town of Queen Creek on Tuesday, August 11, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.

Boardmember Lykins requested that staff provide the members of the Board with maps indicating the location of the public hearings in the Towns of Gilbert and Queen Creek.

5. Schedule meetings and general information.

Chairman Whalen advised that the first meeting of the Use Agreement (Contracts) Committee is scheduled for Monday morning, August 3, 1998.

In response to a question from Boardmember Gilbert, Mr. Beets indicated that staff would pursue the use of the City of Mesa's website to post information on the Board of Directors' meetings/public hearings, meeting minutes, and various District-related issues. Chairman Whalen added that the development of web pages for the purpose of providing information on the District should also be explored by the Towns of Gilbert and Queen Creek.

Chairman Whalen provided those present with his personal e-mail address, webmaster@kokopeli.net, and encouraged the Boardmembers to utilize this site pending the establishment of the various City/Town web pages.

6. Call to the public.

Joe Guinn, 126 West 7th Place, informed the members of the Board that he is the recipient of seven separate Special Improvement Districts in Mesa and commented that the assessments have placed an unfair financial burden on him and other property owners in the City of Mesa. Mr. Guinn spoke in opposition to the implementation of an additional tax to fund the District and expressed the opinion that the Board action is premature and extensive study and analysis should occur prior to proceeding.

Chairman Whalen thanked Mr. Guinn for his comments and emphasized that the Board of Directors is holding the various public hearings in an effort to solicit extensive citizen input prior to proceeding with the development and implementation of a District proposal.

Bill Brando, 61 South Macdonald, addressed the members of the Board and distributed copies of a newsletter he published.

In response to a question from Mr. Brando, Chairman Whalen advised that the members of the Board serve on a voluntary, uncompensated basis and are only reimbursed for the cost of mileage and actual incurred expenses associated with the performance of their duties.

In response to requests from Mr. Brando for a variety of materials and information, Chairman Whalen explained that the Rio Salado Crossing Association is a separate entity from the Rio Salado Crossing Multi-Purpose Facilities District and encouraged Mr. Brando to contact Mr. Kerry Dunn, with the East Valley Partnership, to assist him in obtaining the requested information.

Mr. Brando expressed the opinion that the proposal would establish a virtual 'city within a city' and expressed concerns relative to negative impacts on existing local businesses.

Chairman Whalen thanked Mr. Brando for his input.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting/Public Hearing, held on the 31st day of July 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of August, 1998

JIM LYKINS, BOARD SECRETARY