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AGENDA ITEM 5

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Tempe

Minutes
Apache Boulevard Project Area Committee
January 14, 2008

Minutes of the Apache Boulevard Project Area Committee meeting held on January 14, 2008, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., at the City of Tempe Police Substation, 1855 E. Apache Boulevard, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:
Phil Amorosi
Jim Brewer
Bob Stafford
John Toliver
Charles Buss
Martin Godusi
Jeff Hansen
Pen Johnson
Irving/Esther Kozinets
Brian Martin
Pete DeMott
Don Hoots
Gretchen Reinhardt
David Johnson (Proxy)
Ed Andrews
Carol McDaniels

Members Absent:
Chris McKee
Kevin Olsen
Ray Devine

City Staff:
Heidi Graham – Community Development
Mike Anaya – Community Development

Other Staff:
Dawn Coomer, LRT

Guests Present (Presentation):
Carla Kahn – METRO
Ryan Snow – SSWJV
Ken Smith -- METRO

Other Guests:
Larry Schmalz, Community Development
Mike Zipprich, Campus Suites on the Rail
Tom Ankeny, Water Administration

Meeting convened at 4:07 P.M.
Phil Amorosi called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 - Consideration of Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2007 Meeting Minutes – Approved

Agenda Item 2 – Announcements/Questions

Phil Amorosi

- Carol McDaniels (owner of the Shell station at McClintock and Apache) – Motion made to approve her APAC application – motion passed.
- APAC will be dissolved by the end of 2008. This will be the last LRT update.

Heidi Graham

- Handouts on Apache Blvd in AZ Republic on the 4th – no longer on the "don't go there" list & LRT sparking development along Apache Blvd.

Agenda Item 3 – Light Rail Update – Carla Kahn, METRO

Carla Kahn

- Carla handed out literature (Metro Calendars, newsletters, & work progress)

Ryan Snow

PowerPoint presentation on progress delivered.

Line Section 5, December Progress

- Final rubberized pave work and striping from Price to Tempe Canal
- Mesa – guide way improvements completed.
- Dobson – east – completed in the month of November.
- Dec. 18th last track pour completed.

UPCOMING

- Finish final asphalt at Sycamore.
- Punch list activities

Q&A/Comments – *We have been very fortunate to have Sundt, Stacy & Witbeck as the contractors in the City of Tempe.*

Ken Smith – Valley Metro

Handout on Line Section 5 Follow-on Contractors Work dispersed.

- Notice to Proceed to Archer Western Contractors – the will handle structural steel at all stations, electrical work, canopy installation, and misc. finishes.
- Traction Electrification – contractor is Mass Electric. Poles are up for the majority of Line Section 5.
- Messenger wire is already up – Contact wire installation will follow electrification.
- Extensive exercises are required after completion (longer than the timeframe for the installation time).
- Traction Power Substations will be built (16 total, corridor-wide).
- Signal and Communication Contractor will be installing a large "duct bank" for the installation of fiber optics to the traffic signals.
- Trains will operate at street speeds.
- Cameras, speakers, emergency call boxes will all be installed at the stations installed by the Signal and Communications Contractor.
- Antenna will be installed on South Mountain to monitor (communicate with) trains.
- GPS, Data, Radio communication between trains and the operations control center.
- ADOT is a partner for the light rail.
- There are transit police that are charged with transit security.
- 1000 miles are needed on each train before the rail is open for revenue service.
- Integrated Testing will take place prior to revenue service to insure all subsystems will operate fault-free.
- 7 park & ride systems are being built – 3 on Line Section 5.

Agenda Item 5 – Dawn Coomer – LRT

Handout was passed out to group regarding the alternatives analysis/environmental impact statement for Tempe South Study Area – public meeting notice.

Agenda Item 6 – Review of Landscape Overlay Plan for Apache Boulevard

- 1999 – Light Rail Stations were to be considered "desert oasis'"
- Approved plants for seasonal color were identified.
- Plan was formalized in 2000 by the APAC Visioning Sub-Committee.
- Looking to get an approval of the landscape palette as recommended by the APAC Visioning Sub-Committee to provide to the consultants working on the Station Area Plan.
- The whole point of this was to specify landscaping (flora to be used).

The recommended plant list was to be provided to the station area planning consultants for review and inclusion into to the draft document. Draft document is to be completed and forwarded to the City at the end of January.

There was concern from some business owners that the plan would require them to landscape vacant parcels and/or re-landscape existing areas as well as to convey a portion of property to the city for right-of-way. It was explained that this was not the intent or the purpose of including the landscape overlay plan in the station area plan draft document but rather was a guide for a plant list for future developments along Apache Blvd. Much discussion ensued. There was a motion made by Bob Stafford not to approve the landscape plan, seconded by Irving Kozinets. Vote taken, motion passed (8 votes for the motion, 6 votes against). There was also a recommendation made by Pen Johnson to Bob Stafford to table the discussion until a later date but this suggestion was not supported.

The Committee's next meeting will be Monday, February 11th, 2008.
The following meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 10th, 2008.
Meeting Adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Prepared by Mike Anaya

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Authorized Signature
Heidi Graham, Senior Planner