

**TOWN OF PARADISE VALLEY
MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN HALL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2006
5:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clarke called the special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Paradise Valley, Arizona, to order at 5:01 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2006, in the Town Hall, 6401 East Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, Arizona, 85253.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Ron Clarke
Vice Mayor Ed Winkler (via telephone)
Council Member Mary Hamway
Council Member Scott LeMarr
Council Member Virginia "Jini" Simpson
Council Member Dan Schweiker

Council Member Rick Coffman was not present.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Town Manager Thomas M. Martinsen
Town Attorney Andrew Miller
Management Services Director Lenore Lancaster
Town Engineer William Mead
Public Works Director Andrew Cooper
Police Chief John Wintersteen
Management Analyst Duncan Miller
Capital Projects Administrator Robert Ciccarelli

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion of Kiva School Athletic Field Improvements

Mr. Martinsen said this is a special town hall meeting. It is an opportunity for the Council to hear a presentation on the Kiva Field project and for the audience to provide feedback. There will be no vote taken tonight. The next action will be next Thursday on the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Scottsdale and the Scottsdale Unified School District. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes.

Vice Mayor Winkler participated via telephone.

Council Member Mary Hamway said this project began about one year ago. She asked for a show of hands for those who supported the project and those who opposed the project. Approximately 70% of the audience supported the project and 30% opposed the project. Council Member Hamway said there were 9 task force meetings 4 council meetings, 3 work/study sessions all open to the public. There was representation from every group except Temple Solel. The neighbors gave a list of priorities. They wanted

1. Field restored to a usable practice field – done, details in IGA
2. A long-term, enforceable maintenance plan – done, details in IGA
3. Fencing on south only to be moved if curbing is placed on existing fence line. No parking on Montebello -- done, commitment from Town Public Works Department
4. Parking to be in the church lot only – Done, agreement with Valley Presbyterian Church
5. Lighting; lighting to be new, efficient and place only where historical lights have been used. Lights to be shut-off at 9:30 pm with timer. This has been partially done in the IGA. Neighbors presenting lighting plan.
6. No walking path – done, this was removed from the site plan
7. Restrooms to be placed only at existing north Kiva shed location with storage for equipment also. Restroom to be provided only if security issues are addressed. This has been done, security by Paradise Valley Police Department and location will be where existing shed is located.
8. No ramadas – done, removed from plan
9. No batting cages – done, removed from plan
10. Trash removal. Waste Management has made an in-kind donation for weekly trash removal.
11. Traffic off Quail Run – done, agreement with Valley Presbyterian Church.
12. Gopher management – done commitment with Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) and Town maintenance plan. This will be an on-going project.
13. No scheduled activities on weekends – done, details in IGA.

Youth sports leagues commitment:

1. Scheduling through City of Scottsdale (COS) Parks and Recreation Monday – Friday.
2. Created a compromise for all sports to have proper playing area.
3. They will outfit the field with goals, bases, backstops, line striping and sport-specific maintenance.
4. They understand parking will be in church lot only; they must clean up after practice or forfeit privileges.
5. They will have to contribute money – provides greater safety for kids.
6. Use of restroom/storage facility
7. Presenting a lighting plan

Valley Presbyterian Church (VPC)

1. VPC must relocate play structure and basketball and volleyball courts first; church expense
2. New parking lot will provide additional parking for Kiva and VPC; church expense
3. Secures enough parking for Kiva Field
4. Willing to open private drive between church and school for access to south parking lot (keeps traffic off Quail Run)

Kiva Elementary/SUSD

1. SUSD passed Resolution in support
2. Improves field for school use at no cost
3. Gains a restroom/storage facility; allows SUSD to lock Kiva at night
4. Agreed to relocate a playground for parking lot; affects the field usage
5. Gave up right to sell advertising
6. Gave up right to schedule field to generate revenue
7. Kiva PTO committing \$3,000 annually for maintenance
8. No dogs pursuant to ARS 13-1502.A.1 sign

Town

1. Providing leadership for long-standing problem
2. Providing recreational facility for residents
3. Funding for Phase 1 \$200,000
4. AZSTA grant - \$150,000 for sports lighting
5. Funding for annual maintenance
6. Commitment from Public Works, Engineering, and Paradise Valley Police Departments
7. Town controlled facility.

Mark Swartz reviewed the original idea plan for the ball fields and the new proposed field layout. There are four baseball diamonds. Only the southern end fields will be skinned to accommodate the other sports groups. He reviewed the access points and the expanded parking lot and the relocated sports courts. The proposal is to light only the eastern half of the field with 7 lights. Currently there are six lights. There will be an enhanced fence along Montebello Ave.

Chief Wintersteen reviewed the safety and security. The priorities are to protect people, protect the neighborhood and protect property. They did a risk analysis and developed a security action plan. The resources are Town patrol officers and homeland security/crime prevention volunteers. There will be a regular visible presence and parking enforcement. There will be signs for the regulations of the field. And there will be coach awareness education. Other security systems currently in the design include lighting, fences with magnetic gate locks, video surveillance. For the restroom there will be smoke detectors, burglar alarm, electronic locks and an open door alarm. There will be a master control system. The Paradise Valley Police Department's commitment is to provide the safest possible facility and protect neighbors to the extent of the law.

Don Happ, D.H. Lighting Solutions, reviewed some technical terms. He reviewed minimum standards for Little League Baseball. He said the higher the pole, the better the lighting. Higher poles control glare and spill light. Currently there are six 60'+ poles with 120 1500-watt lights. They took existing foot candle values on the field with current lights. Currently there is spill light into neighboring properties. Currently there are 850,000 lumens per pole, but only about 1/3 is going on to the field. He showed comparison pictures of the existing light fixtures and the proposed light fixtures. The original plan was to light the entire field with 12 70' and 80' poles at an estimated cost of \$365,000. The neighbors' plan was 4 70' poles at an estimated cost of \$105,000. The neighbors' recent compromise plan is 6 70' poles at an estimated cost of \$150,000. The Kiva Task force compromise plan is six 70' poles and 1 80' pole at an estimated cost of \$195,000. This gives two lit ball fields and a lit soccer field, which is half the field. This includes new steel poles, concrete foundations, electrical distribution and the lighting control system. In addition \$25,000 would be needed for the estimated cost for a new service station. The current cabinet does not meet the current Code.

Lou Werner discussed concepts that could be incorporated in the design of the storage/restroom facility. Each storage facility would be approximately 300 square feet and each restroom would be 150 square feet. He proposed cantilevered awnings/overhang. There would be a septic tank. He wanted to incorporate the Kiva paw print into the design.

Anne Ross, 5525 N. Quail Run Road, has lived here 12 years and her children are active in youth sports. Her main concern is the usage of the field and the impact on the neighborhood. They support limiting the lighting and the use of the field.

Joe Sacco, 5701 N. Monte Vista, has lived here 11 years and sees the lights. He is in favor of fixing the field and improving the lights that are there. He opposes increasing the height of the lights and more lights. Now they will have to look at the bathroom facility. He felt it should be a play ground for the school.

Ed Fleming 5620 N. 69th Place, has lived here 15 years, is in support of renovating the field and limiting the lights to the neighborhood compromise lighting plan. He feels this will have the least impact on the neighbors.

Tim Burns, 6743 E. San Miguel, has lived here for 15 years. He said this started out as a way to assist the SUSD to make a safe place for the students to play. Historically there has been lighting use. His concern is what happens if you light 1/2 to 2/3 of the field and the fields are fully utilized at any one time. This would be higher than the historical use of the field. The IGA does not address the concerns of the neighbors. He supports the neighborhood compromise plan.

Scott O'Connor, 3636 E. Denton Lane, said for 45 years the Town has never provided any services to the children. Every other city provides these services. The Town should provide the services and this is the only place this can be done. It should be done right. Town residents have to go to other cities to practice and play.

Michael and Marsha Ford, 5131 E. Desert Park Lane, did not want to speak but are in favor of the improvement project.

Michael Helminski, principal of Kiva School for 9 years, said for half of that time the lights have been in use. With Mary Hamway coordinating this effort, organizations have come forward to fund the project and have indicated that if the Town does not go forward they will help the school district move forward with this project. The historical field has been with practice and games using the field during the week and on Saturdays and Sundays and the lights on until later at night. With the IGA there will be restrictions on the historical use of the field. He thanked Council for taking on this responsibility. He feels this is a great thing to do for the children.

Scott Graham, 8776 E. Shea #438, Scottsdale, ASUSC Board of Directors, said he understands the neighbors are citizens of the Town. But the soccer player families are also residents of the Town. There is a large demand for use of fields from the residents of the Town. If this project does not go through, they will support Dr. Helminski to put the lights on so they can use the field every night and weekends. They are already raising funds for this effort.

Heidi Baldwin, 5709 N. Monte Vista Drive, said she has lived here for 7 years. She started in support of the project but has been disappointed in how this is turning out. The neighbors are looking at the historical intent to light a baseball field. There is always trash on the fields and this problem needs to be addressed.

Rebecca Streich, 8332 N. 85th St., said her children go to Kiva and she is president of McCormick Little League. They quit using the Kiva fields because of the gopher problem. Historically they used to spend weekends getting the fields ready for the season. Her children used to play soccer on the Kiva fields and those fields were lit. They will help raise dollars for the project.

Carolyn Fern, 10358 E. San Salvador Drive, Scottsdale, a 12 year resident of the Paradise Valley/Scottsdale area, said Little Miss Softball Board will support this effort to improve the fields. As a parent, her children practice to 9 at night because there are not enough lit fields. They are committed to this being a practice field only.

Clyde Buckstaff, 6633 E. Solano Drive, has lived here 20 years and said residents in Scottsdale voted down lights in their neighborhood and now Paradise Valley has to have Scottsdale residents use a Paradise Valley field. He felt this should be referred to the neighbors.

Kim Macchiaoli said she is in favor of the neighborhood compromise plan. In the past when the fields were used they were not scheduled by the City of Scottsdale.

Mollie Jahnke, 6636 E. Bluebird Lane, said she is in 6th Grade, and asked if they could fix the field and lights so they can have a place to play after dark.

Larry Westhouse, 5817 N. Quail Run Road, said the neighbors want something safe and secure and that can be cleaned up. He wants to rejuvenate what is there now but does not want to add to it. He thinks things will get out of control.

Mark Meltzer, 5540 N. Quail Run Road, has lived there 15 years. The neighbors have consensus that the field needs renovation. If this project was going in at Cherokee School, those neighbors would have equal concerns to the Kiva neighbors. His main concerns are traffic, the restroom requiring security, and usage. He did not feel that limitation to practice is enforceable. He feels bleachers should be prohibited.

George Heredia, 6602 E. Cholla Drive, has lived in Paradise Valley for 16 years. His children are involved in soccer. He has coached games on Kiva fields. His daughter travels 30 minutes a day to other fields in neighboring towns.

Andrea Smith, 5721 N. Monte Vista Drive, has lived at this address for 15 years. She is in favor of the majority of the proposal. She attended all but one of the task force meetings. Her greatest concern is the misinformation that has been spread around. The IGA allows for the SUSD to have the most control. The Town has all the money but the least amount of control. Had it not been for the NIMBYs bringing up issues to the Council, the IGA would have been approved with problems in it.

Eric Meyer, member of the Scottsdale Unified School District Board, said the School Board has been following this project and has unanimously passed a resolution supporting the project. This helps children to develop good exercise habits, and keeps them out of trouble. There are a huge number of children within Paradise Valley that would benefit from this project. He has spoken with a number of parents of Paradise Valley children and they all support this project.

Clay Baldwin, 5709 N. Monte Vista, said lighting the field beyond historic intent gains about 12% increase in playing time. It would give baseball more playing time than they had historically. It would give soccer and lacrosse playing time. The poles being moved to the north mean that more homes will be in the site lines of the poles.

Kit Jahnke, 6635 E. Bluebird Lane, thanked Council Member Hamway for her work on this project. The lights are the issue here. The aesthetics that impact the property values now have more of a negative impact than what is being proposed. The original intent of one baseball field and a soccer field was probably the intent from the 1960's. Population has increased. It is unfair that Scottsdale and Phoenix have to bear the entire burden of children playing on fields.

Robert Rasmussen, 6102 N. Quail Run Road, said his main concern is the lighting. When the current lights are on he can read by the lights and he lives a half mile away. He hopes the spillage of the lighting is not to the extent that it is currently.

Chris Harrison, 5501 N. 69th Place, has been a resident for 13 years and has children at Kiva. He is in favor of the improvements. It is not the amount of light but the use that the lights will bring.

He believes the Council should consider the least impact plan. He favors the neighborhood compromise plan. He believes the Council should listen to the residents.

Tami Miller, 4705 N. 32nd Place, said she is co-president of the Kiva PTO. She lives in Phoenix but lives next to a school. Her daughter plays baseball and she has to drive to north Scottsdale to play. She feels the best solution is to put the lights in that would be better than the existing lights.

Reverend Jack Zoellner, 4937 N. 82nd St. Scottsdale, a Lutheran minister, said he has lived in the area 42 years. He has a grandson who lives with him. His grandson plays soccer. He appreciates all the work that has been done. His concern is for the children. All of us have some needs for physical exercise and need to learn to get along with each other and work together.

LeAnn Witt, 12240 N. 86th St, Scottsdale, said she represents Scottsdale Miss Softball. They are working diligently to make improvements in Scottsdale fields. They are in favor of the project. They have fielded over 90 children from Kiva School. The children at Kiva can't practice there because of the condition of the field. The IGA has rules that they will abide by. They have a good relationship with Scottsdale Parks & Recreation and they respect their rules.

Mark Dewane, 7028 E. PaloVerde, said they are in favor of renovation. He would encourage that there be teeth in the IGA to protect the residents.

Council Member Hamway said there still needs to be an agreement with Valley Presbyterian Church. That has not been addressed yet because first there needs to be an IGA.

Council Member Schweiker said sometimes the good for the many overrules the good for the few. Whatever project we end up doing will be done right and be something that the Town will be proud of. As far as lighting for practice versus playing fields, you want the same standards because of safety and the need to learn to play on a lit field.

Council Member LeMarr said he thinks it is a good plan and what is there now is inferior to what is being proposed. Everything is an improvement to the neighborhood.

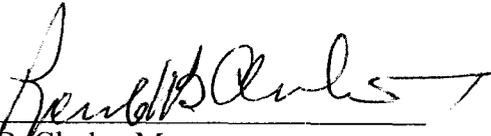
Council Member Winkler thanked everyone who came tonight and thanked Council Member Hamway for the work she has done on the project.

Council Member Simpson said it is important to note when there are differences of opinion there are valid differences of opinion. Everyone views the project from their own vantage point. There has never been a question that lighting would not be put back on the field. We need to look at the plans that have been offered. We need to be part of a larger community and we should not just ship our children off to neighboring communities. She does not want to see uncontrolled use of the field if the Town doesn't enter into the IGA. The Arcadia Soccer League has already indicated they would step in to renovate the field and the SUSD has indicated they will allow the field to be renovated if the Town project does not go through.

Council Member Hamway said the IGA that is being voted on next week can support either of the compromise lighting plans. The IGA does provide for restrictions – to restrict usage to youth, to restrict usage as a practice field only, to restrict the time lights may be on to 9:30 pm and on only half the field, and to restrict the parking to the church parking lot. Saturday and Sunday will have no scheduled events. The IGA limits special events to four a year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Clarke adjourned the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.



Ronald B. Clarke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lenore P. Lancaster, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special town hall meeting of the Town Council of Paradise Valley held on then 19th day January 2006. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 13th day of February 2006.



Lenore P. Lancaster, Town Clerk



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