

RIO NUEVO MULTIPURPOSE FACILITIES DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
JUNE 14, 2000
TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER - APACHE ROOM

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ruben Suarez at 5:30 pm.

Item 1: Roll Call

In attendance:

Board: Ruben Suarez. Corky Poster. Olivia Hernandez
Absent/Temporarily Excused: Alice Eckstrom

Staff: John S. Jones. Project Director. John Updike. Project Manager. Scott Douthitt. Assistant Finance Director. Marty McCune. Historic Program Administrator. Elisabeth Sotelo. Principal Assistant City Attorney. Fernando Castro. City Manager. South Tucson. William Hicks. Esq., Counsel to the Board. Snell & Wilmer

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Mr. Poster moved and was seconded by Ms. Hernandez that the minutes of May 11, 2000 be approved. Approved unanimously 11-0.

Item 3: Establishment of the **Citizen's** Advisory Committee (CAe)

Mr. Jones provided an update on the Mayor and Council appointment process. The first meeting of the CAC occurred on June 6, 2000, and Chairman Suarez attended.

Item 4: Update on RFQ for Master Planning Consultant Services

Ms. Eckstrom arrived. Mr. Jones provided an update on the RFQ (Request for Qualifications). A new submission date has been announced of June 23, 2000. The CAC has appointed two members to serve on the evaluation committee.

Item 5: Update on RFP for Archaeological Consultant Services

Ms. McCune provided a brief review of a draft scope of services and individual elements of a draft Request for Proposals (RFP), slated for issuance this summer.

Item 6: Update on Tucson Origins Land Acquisitions

Mr. Jones reviewed the status of the pre-acquisition activities in the area of the Presidio and the Mission San Agustin Cultural Center.



Item 7: Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Budget - Public Hearing

Pursuant to legal advertisement in conformance with applicable Arizona Revised Statutes, a Public Hearing was opened by the Chair, immediately following a brief overview of the budget by Mr. Jones. The following citizens spoke during the public hearing:

Mr. Paul Mackey addressed administrative costs,
Mr. James Carrillo addressed design and management issues.
Mr. Brian Flagg sought clarification of definition of 'Drill Track' and 'Bus Bam' exchange.
Mr. Mark Sawyer sought clarification regarding definition of the Origins parcels.
Mr. Paul Mackey asked for clarification regarding the intent of the parking garage project. and its genesis.

Mr. Poster moved to close the public hearing, Ms. Eckstrom seconded the motion. Motion approved 12-0. Mr. Poster sought clarification as to the relationship between the City of Tucson budget and the District' budget, and the source of funding for any immediate repairs to the Fox Theater. or preliminary work on the Rancho Shuckson project. Mr. Jones reviewed the special nature of the funding for the coming fiscal year, as outlined in the approved IGA between the City of Tucson and the District. The Fox Theater improvements are to be mainly funded through a mix of monies from the City's Downtown Grant Program and the Mayor's Back to Basics Program.

Following the discussion, Ms. Eckstrom moved, and Ms. Hernandez seconded that the budget for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 be approved. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously, 12-0.

Item 8: Memorandum of Understanding with University of Arizona

Mr. Poster cited a potential remote conflict of interest due to his employment by the University of Arizona, and recused himself from the discussion of this item. Mr. Jones provided a review of the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provided to the Board immediately prior to the meeting. The MOU would facilitate creation of a Rio Nuevo Design Studio, an educational opportunity for University of Arizona students under the direction of the College of Architecture. The approved operating budget for the District are sufficient to meet the obligations contained in the MOU. Mr. Poster will not have a role in the proposed Rio Nuevo Design Studio. Ms. Dian Magie indicated her enthusiastic support for the proposal. Ms. Judy Schultz hoped that additional University departments get involved in the Rio Nuevo Project. Mr. James Carrillo made various comments regarding the project. Ms. Josephina Cardenas noted that the historic nature of the area must be respected. Mr. Bill Dupont noted prior

positive collaborative efforts with his neighborhood association and the University. Ms. Eckstrom moved, and Ms. Hernandez seconded, approval of the MOU as presented. Motion approved 7-0 (Mr. Poster not voting/not present).

Item 9: Call to the Audience

Mr. Poster returned to the meeting. Mr. James Carrillo commented regarding various issues related to the MOU. Ms. Judy Schultz provided additional comments regarding the MOU.

Item 10: Next Meeting

Through unanimous consent of the Board, the next meeting shall be Wednesday, August 16, 2000, at 5:30 pm at the Tucson Convention Center in a room to be announced.

Item 11: Adjournment

Ms. Eckstrom moved and Mr. Poster seconded that the meeting be adjourned. By unanimous consent, meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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