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Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Washington Adult Center, Auditorium
2240 West Citrus Way
June 26, 2003

Board Members Present: Jim Holway (Chairperson), Jan Hancock, Diana Brooks, Phil Richards, Delia Ortega-Nowakowski, Kiri Bellamy (Youth Advisor)

Members Absent: Laura Bell, Don Tarkington

Department Staff: Dale Larsen, Jim Burke, Michael Dean, Stacey Rothschild, Mike Whiting, Vera Perkins, Linda Tuck, Sarah Hall, Keith, Beth Cole, Eduardo Villa, John Mason, Chauna Cox, Evie Garcia, Brittney Woods, Danielle Sue Shindler, Marcie, Lex Martirano

Other City Staff: Jeff Bump

Guests: See attached guest list

Chairperson Jim Holway called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. with a quorum present. He reviewed the request to speak process (blue cards) and noted that if anyone would like to address items not on the agenda, they would be invited to speak during the Public Comment item.

Information Item(s):

- Item #1-I Light Up the Sky Festival at Maryvale Baseball Park on July 3, 2003**
- Item #2-I Fabulous Phoenix 4th at Steele Indian School Park on July 4, 2003**
- Item #3-I Dedication of Paseo Highlands Park/Goelet A. Beuf Community Center on July 12, 2003**

Chairperson Jim Holway indicated there are three (3) information items on the agenda. He asked if there were any questions. **There were none.**

Chairperson Holway stated there were several upcoming events including the July events on the agenda. He asked the Board if they could review attendance at these events to ensure there was Parks and Recreation Board representation present.

Board member Delia Ortega-Nowakowski stated she would be attending the Light Up the Sky Event. Board member Phil Richards stated he would be attending the Fabulous Phoenix 4th event. Board member Diana Brooks stated she would be attending the Paseo Highlands/Beuf Goelet Community Center Opening. Board member Jan Hancock stated she would be attending the Maryvale Community Center/Palo Verde Library Ceremony.

Assistant Dale Larsen stated that the Board Chair or his designee usually speaks at the Fabulous Phoenix 4th event. Chairperson Holway noted that he would be out of town for this event and unable to attend. He suggested that staff check with other Board members if Phil could not attend and/or speak.

Consent Item(s):

- Item #1-C Heritage Square Sub permit Agreement for Teeter House**
- Item #2-C Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes for April 24 and
 May 22, 2003**
- Item #3-C Authorization to Adjust Golf Residential Discount Card**
- Item #4-C Authorization to Issue an RFP for Stable Concession at
 South Mountain Park**
- Item #5-C Fireworks Display at Encanto Golf Course**

Chairperson Jim Holway stated there were five (5) items on the Consent agenda and that the Board could make a motion to approve them collectively, or separately. He asked if there were any questions from the Board on these items.

Board member Jan Hancock referred to item #4-C, Stable Concession RFP and asked if the proposal would request equestrian recreation for physically challenged individuals. Staff indicated it could. Board member Delia Ortega-Nowakowski inquired as to the term of the lease and how long it would be. Deputy Director stated that the previous lease agreement was negotiated at 15 years. However, the RFP would leave the term of the lease at an unspecified timeframe that would allow for negotiation. He added that as a capital investment, the City may need more time to recoup and might probably negotiate a 15-25 year timeframe.

Chairperson Jim Holway asked about the impact on the existing three concessionaires that this RFP would impose. Deputy Director Jim Burke explained that the department has acquired properties from the three owners and will hold ownership next year. These lands become part of the South Mountain Preserve. Staff is proposing the RFP in advance to have something in place when ownership is taken. Currently, there are three sites available. However, staff is conducting an evaluation on the number that is needed. Chairperson Holway asked if the owners might be asked to participate or be involved in the evaluation and/or proposal process. He stated that he had more questions, but they could wait until after the Board received the recommended proposal for approval.

Board member Delia Ortega-Nowakowski asked #1-C, Heritage Square Sub permit Agreement for Teeter House and asked what the relationship is between sub lessees and the standard. Assistant Director Dale Larsen deferred this question to Heritage Park Manager Beth Cole and Central District Administrator Mike Whiting. Ms. Cole stated that the Heritage Square Foundation establishes the rates for space and determined that \$10/square foot is affordable and proposed a gradual increase in agreements. This agreement currently is at \$8/square foot and will be brought up to \$10/square foot over the next 10 years.

Delia Ortega-Nowakowski made a motion that the Board approves items #1-5C, Phil Richards seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

Briefing Item(s):

Item #1-B Boundless Playgrounds

Assistant Director Dale Larsen stated there were three (3) briefing items this evening, and power point presentations for each. He then invited Diane Kotula, sister of Denise Kotula and Board of Director for Every Child's Playground (ECP), forward to walk the Board through this nationwide effort. He noted the desire always has been for Phoenix to be community based and that this effort is well beyond ADA citywide playgrounds. This organization's proposal is to install 30 new playground sites within the state and is asking Phoenix to have one. He ensured the Board that all new developments now meet new guidelines to address mobility issues (i.e., wheel chair users) – however, this proposal definitely goes the extra mile to bring equality beyond.

Ms. Kotula of ECP Board of Directors began the presentation by introducing Tony Moon whom also serves on the Board. She stated that the organization's 501©3 status is pending and that most of its work has been on the East Coast. She added that their purpose is to bring playgrounds to children of all abilities and to arrange that children can be fully integrated to play together. She also added that not just children must be integrated, sometimes physically challenged parents or grandparents need to be (i.e., pushing children on swings within sand). Every Child's Playground (ECP) addresses issues that affect children and adults needs to allow full use of playgrounds. Ms. Diane Kotula stated the equipment and setup decreases potential of injury as well as shades playgrounds, and it costs about 30% more than standard playground. She also discussed how the community and children are brought into design processes to allow them to work with architects to develop their own playgrounds to ensure they are fully integrated and accessible. With the current budget issues, ECP is able to fund the extra 30% needed to bring from a playground from ordinary to extraordinary. Also, due to the national media attention given to the organization, celebrities have been involved to support the concept. As the city has plans to build already, ECP partners by doing fundraising and coordinates efforts to design, develop and implement with the city (in this case, Phoenix) being in control of development. The reason this program works is because it never interferes with what a city already has planned.

Assistant Director Dale Larsen stated that the ECP will become a 501© 3 and will have the relationship and ability to raise private funds. He added that the Department would be utilizing existing developments and putting in the extraordinary apparatus, and is looking toward something greater than a neighborhood concept. He added that any specific proposal in the future would be brought before the Board at a later date. Currently staff is considering the potential of a fully accessible baseball diamond or other sports field.

Board member Jan Hancock commented that she had the pleasure of meeting with Tony Moon, and this concept truly is a model partnership. She feels it is good for the city and looks forward to hearing the proposal in the future. Ms. Kotula thanked the Board and the city for being the trendsetter in the state.

Chairperson Jim Holway asked if they were being selective around the city. Mr. Larsen stated that staff has made a decision to begin with the large regional parks that are currently planned, as they will have access to more people.

Chairperson Jim Holway thanked ECP and staff for the presentation.

Item #2-B Youth Program Strategies

Assistant Director Dale Larsen introduced this item to the Board stating the Board and the Department's support of youth activities and having Board Youth Advisor Kiri Bellamy as a liaison. He stated the Teen Parks and Recreation Board just completed its annual teen conference. Timing could not be better as the City of Phoenix as a whole, under the direction of Vice Mayor Greg Stanton is developing a Youth Vision citywide, and a large part is involving input by youth.

Mr. Larsen invited Ms. Bellamy forward to continue the presentation. She began by introducing other Teen Parks and Recreation Board (TPRB) members present (Evie; Northeast representative; Brittney, Northwest representative, Xavier also from Northeast). She provided an overview of the successful results of the Teen Conference held May 10 of this year, here at Washington Adult Center. It was one of the best turnout of Teen events since 1991--250 teens participated. She noted that the TPRB chooses the format, speakers and topics, as well as the goals of the Conference -- to empower youth, to obtain valuable input from youth, and unite teens in an educational format.

This year's theme, Positive Leadership Among Youths, was a primary attraction to participate and they heard from high schools throughout the valley. The Conference Satisfaction Survey reported participants at 89% satisfaction, which is excellent and above average. This was the first time the TPRB was so successful area in this area.

The Teen Parks and Recreation Board also was honored for the community service in the Annual Food Drive, Wuzz Up Newsletter and special activities (i.e., St. Mary's Food Bank, Latino Institute, Kids Voting). Of course, a rock climbing wall and entertainment also were a part of this year's event. She closed stating the Election of New Officers would occur in August.

Chairperson Jim Holway thanked Ms. Bellamy and the TPRB for the presentation. Assistant Dale Larsen also recognized staff for their efforts, Chauna Cox, Joe Ortiz and John Mason. They have been very valuable in promoting unity among teens.

Item #3-B Paradise Valley Park Acquisition

Deputy Director Jim Burke presented this item to the Board on Paradise Valley Park planning efforts. He discussed that Maricopa County has approached staff about deeding the park to the city and negotiating 19 acres be used for a new court building. He stated the proposed deal is beneficial in that the city gains control of park after much capital investment already has been done. He noted that staff would be bringing this item before the Board in the near future.

Board member Phil Richards asked staff to clarify the proposed use and location of the 19 acres. Mr. Burke stated that it would be utilized for an Administration / County Court

building. Mr. Richards asked if the Casey at Bat concession currently existed in this location. Mr. Burke stated that it did and the lease was soon to expire.

Board member Jan Hancock asked if there would be any expenditure of funds needed. Mr. Burke stated that an intergovernmental agreement would be developed from the existing use agreement after the property is deeded to City, making no costs involved.

Board Chairperson Jim Holway thanked staff for the presentation.

Policy Items:

#1-P Squaw Peak Renaming Process

Board Chairperson Jim Holway noted that Acting Director L. B. Scacewater was not present due to illness, and City Attorney Sharon Haynes also was absent. Assistant Director Dale Larsen presented this item to the Board. He reviewed the federal and state processes in the renaming of Piastawa Peak. He also covered a review of previous Board decisions on naming or renaming. Mr. Larsen shared the Park Naming Guidelines previously adopted by the Board (i.e., Alvord Park name changed to Cesar Chavez Park and Alvord Lake remained unchanged, Proposed name change of Patriots Square Park to Cesar Chavez Park—an advisory committee named a separate Plaza after Cesar Chavez, not the park.) He stated that staff now is recommending that an advisory Board be appointed for this naming process to investigate information (State has done much and a good job) and to bring a recommendation to the Board and proposed timeline. Staff believes the Advisory Board would sunset following this process.

He also shared that staff had received an additional request via the Governor's Office from Joan Cisco of the Iraqi War Commission. This request is to establish a permanent memorial and memorial service for fallen soldiers in war. He also suggested potential naming(s) to consider other fallen soldiers. Additionally, the state would like to work with the City and proposed charge and recommendations. He noted that the Governor had requested speaking this evening.

Board member Jan Hancock clarified that naming to be considered could be existing space, adding plaques and other amenities. She would like to interface with the Board subcommittee on the process. Ms. Hancock agrees that a subcommittee should be formed to gather information and work with staff along with the Board to explore alternatives and/or make recommendations. Chairperson Jim Holway clarified that the Advisory Committee would be source of input. Staff indicated it would serve in this capacity. Additionally, Board member Phil Richards stated he understands that this is a high profile issue of interest to the public. However, he is unclear on the Governor's Office's request to have a representative to the Advisory Committee that would assist in proposing a staff recommendation. He is unclear of the purpose since the Governor's Office clearly demonstrated an urgency to name the peak itself, yet did not come through the Board and now requests to be formally involved in this process.

Chairperson Jim Holway stated this issue is very relevant, and the Board needs to determine a process. As action tonight, he would request that a board member

volunteer or be appointed to oversee this process and work with staff to bring recommendations to the Board in July for a proposed committee and /or strategy.

Board member Delia Ortega-Nowakowski asked how many Board members were needed. Chairperson Holway asked staff to respond. Assistant Director Dale Larsen indicated that the committee must be customized to allow manageability and the number of Board members to be represented appropriately. He asked that they be cautious of committee representation and delegate members who have the ability to look at a larger perspective. Again the Committee will bring recommendations back to the Board for action. He reminded them that an uneven number of members is better than even for quorum and voting purposes.

Chair Holway clarified that the Committee would be comprised of park users, neighborhood interests and other interested parties. Mr. Larsen indicated this would be helpful. Board member Phil Richards discussed the 7-member Cholla Trail Committee which had a charge to resolve issues. He noted that the Squaw Peak is such a broad interest (hikers, bikers, etc.) and that at least two (2) Board members and more should be included. Ms. Ortega-Nowakowski inquired how the Board could approve this item without knowing the composition of the members. Mr. Larsen stated that the Board members could be appointed and works with the designated chair of this subcommittee and provide recommendations, guidelines for types of testimony to be received and other details that could be brought back to the Board for final input. Ms. Ortega-Nowakowski asked if a suggested timetable also would be provided to the Board. Chairperson Holway stated that recommendations could be brought back to the Board at its next meeting.

Board member Jan Hancock clarified that the Board would receive recommendations for a renaming process, a timetable and more defined charge. Assistant Director Dale Larsen stated this is correct and added that designated Board representative(s) would provide monthly updates and/or bring forward actions if needed. He noted that the process would be structured to obtain as much public input as possible. He reinforced that the final authority of renaming lies with the realm of the Parks and Recreation Board. Chairperson Holway asked if in addition to naming of trails in park, commemorative sites and/or other items could result. Staff indicated it could. Chairperson Holway suggested staff's consideration to begin with a public hearing workshop with minimal guidance to Committee and they run with it.

Board member Phil Richards asked if the additional items could not be considered by a group at large, did staff believe that they still would desire to serve on the committee. Assistant Director Dale Larsen stated this is a good question for staff to consider, and perhaps staff should work with the Board members of the Committee appointed and come back to the Board with the Committee's charge first and then the Committee could come back to the Board with other recommendations. Board member Diana Brooks added that since there already are naming policies versus renaming policies. It might be that the Board may choose not to change or rename trails and other amenities.

Assistant Director Dale Larsen stated that previous boards also have wrestled with the issue of naming versus renaming and/or changing names. Therefore, the Board must be more careful and cautious. However, the choice may be not to name change. However, if so, there is new territory to cover. The Board may wrestle more after public

input is provided. He reminded the Board that this particular issue is a tough one – substantial emotional and historical thinking processes are involved, in addition to the public process.

Jan Hancock moved that Board approves the recommended public notification process including the timetable and committee, and that this process follows the park naming guidelines that are in place and amended in 1994, Diana Brooks seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

Following the motion, Assistant Director Dale Larsen asked Chairperson Jim Holway if he would like to appoint a Board member to serve as chairperson to the Committee or if he preferred to appoint one at the next meeting. Chairperson Holway asked the Board members if anyone would be interested in serving. He stated that his preference would be for Board member Phil Richards to accept an appointment if a more senior member of the Board was not interested. He added that he also would prefer allowing the Board to consider this, follow through and inform staff within the next week or so who was appointed rather than appoint someone this evening.

Item #2-P Rio Salado Project Update and Arizona Audubon Agreement

Rio Salado Project Manager Karen Williams presented this item to the Board. She stated that the Rio Salado Team regularly presents a periodic update/briefing to the Board. However, the policy presentation today is due to a new partnership that has arisen. In creating the City's own wetlands, the Rio Salado Project has caught the eye of the National Audubon Society. She then introduced Rio Salado Park Manager Danielle Taddy and Executive Director of Audubon Sam Campana.

Ms. Williams provided a power point presentation showing a 5-mile stretch of the river. This presentation provided an overview of the project's construction status west of Central Avenue. Some of the highlights were the 10 acre cottonwood willow (1,000 tree forest) whose purpose is to revegetate, the low flow channel instructed by Flood Control District of Maricopa County with voter approved bond funds, the grade control structures under the bridges, the second gateway project feature with all of its amenities, and the most exciting development—the wildlife habitat between 7th Avenue and 7th Street. She added that the project's popularity with the bird watching community actually is what caught the attention of the National Audubon Society—its benefit to humanity and public outreach for bird conservation making this an appropriate partnership. The Audubon Society has offered fundraising for construction and operational dollars to build an education center in the Rio Salado Project. The City has reviewed the proposal with an anticipated 2005 opening. The education center would be a city-owned facility; however Audubon would raise funding and programming would be mutually shared between the organization and Phoenix. A lease agreement of \$1/year for facility could be negotiated; however, the organization must show they have funds raised for construction to maximize opportunities. Ms. Williams also shared that Board member Delia Ortega-Nowakowski currently represents the Parks and Recreation Board on the Rio Salado Advisory Committee and how area businesses are beginning to embrace the Rio Salado project and this is triggering more positive results. She invited Audubon Executive Director Sam Campana forward, noting she also is the former Mayor of Scottsdale. Staff distributed an Audubon Newsletter to the Board. Ms. Campana stated that the organization has been working with attorneys to prepare a Memorandum of

Understanding. She added that working with Parks staff and the Rio Salado Team has been a wonderful experience. Ms. Campana also shared that they have a great relationship with the Army Corps of Engineers and the organization is committed to serving a diverse population that does not have access to nature. They realize that funding is a critical and also that operation and maintenance costs must be considered as well. She stated it is truly a privilege to partner in this project fully committed to serve the community. Ms. Campana thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them and propose this partnership she knows can be successful.

Chairperson Holway thanked staff and Ms. Campana for the presentation. He asked whether or not the Rio Salado Project is a park. Ms. Karen Williams responded that this project does have park amenities and that the Rio Salado Team will be a formal agreement and bring it back to the Board before it moves forward to City Council.

Board member Phil Richards thanked staff and Ms. Campana for their presentation and work on this project. He inquired on the conditions of the lease when it expired as to whether or not the organization removes the birds. Ms. Campana stated they do not, we build and they will come. Mr. Richards also inquired on potential flood issues. Project Manager Karen Williams stated the team has worked with SRP to establish a low flow channel, 600-1200 feet wide and 20 feet below. This allows for a lot of water and release from upstream. He asked if the water could breach into the terrace area. Ms. Williams stated that it could, however all of the more expensive amenities are on the bank. She added that the low flow channel is constructed to handle the capacity. It is a natural system with its own wetlands, some trees and interpretive lines. Mr. Richards asked if there is any maintenance or operation needed. Ms. Williams stated that occasionally regeneration of the natural system is needed and the Parks staff maintains.

Board member Jan Hancock shared her enthusiasm and approval for the partnership with a national organization. She asked if the architects and construction contractors were local and whether or not there was a way to structure this agreement to involve the Arizona team. Ms. Campana shared that the Request for Proposals embraces the City's architect and work with only minor changes being needed; the organization is working hand in hand with the City. Audubon is pleased to be working with a local and award winning architect.

Board member Diana Brooks asked whether or not the Board was giving up naming rights with this proposal. Assistant Director Dale Larsen explained that the authority for naming buildings always has been the City Council. This project would follow protocol of course. Generally, the largest donor usually gets its name on the facility and Audubon would be the largest donor through its fundraising efforts. He added that the Board's policy also uses this condition on naming. Mr. Larsen also thanked Sam Campana, Karen Williams and the Rio Salado Team. He noted that Park Manager Danielle Taddy now is challenged with just coming aboard and now having to be the Department's Habitat Manager with the resignation tendered by Habitat Manager Karen Dada, who now will be a full-time mom and better able to deal with the challenges of her child recently born prematurely).

Diana Brooks made a motion that the Board approves staff's recommendation to approve the conceptual framework to be used in further negotiations with Audubon, Phil Richards seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

Item #3-P Sonoran Preserve Parkway Route Alignment

Parks & Preserve Administrator Sarah Hall presented this item to the Board discussing that the east and west crossings have now been reduced to one that will run through the planned preserve for 5 miles. She noted the public review process has been extensive. She shared that Street Transportation Department staff are present to discuss the parkway alignment and obtain approval for this as well. She introduced the Streets Design Team and Consultant Barry Lang. Mr. Lang thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide a brief overview of public input process, primarily through the Street Advisory Committee and several others over the past ten months. Over the past year, the Team has presented five various alignments and narrowed down to the preferred alignment. Additionally, a structural analysis and other evaluations have been a part of this process. He shared that the project goals are to reserve right-of-way, accommodate future traffic, and minimize environmental impact without funding in Capital Improvement Program. To date, this alignment will minimize disturbance to the area and methods to revegetate disturbed surfaces has been a priority. He stated the preliminary grades are being designed at this time. He added that Dan Cleland who has worked with City staff on various other projects also helped with development of the design. He showed maps of the scenic corridor along Dove Valley Road (4 lanes) and the Sonoran Parkway (6 lanes). He discussed how they have strived to maintain wildlife corridors and have pedestrian crossings at major structures. He also showed the preferred alignment in State Land area, sections 29 and 30. Mr. Lang discussed the Team's work with the Parks and Recreation Department on the trails plan and how to accommodate this into the alignment. He closed stating the route and location will be complete with approval, the corridor study is underway and the right of way description will be the next phase.

Board member Jan Hancock shared that she met with the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) concerning grants for highways along wildlife corridors. She commented that Mary Peters FHA is in support of what we are trying to do on this project with blending structures and other things that exist to prevent danger to wildlife.

Board member Phil Richards shared that he attended the 40th Street meeting and commented the Team for a great job in presenting. He also clarified that the roadways had two lanes traveling in each direction. Staff confirmed this is correct. He also inquired on the proposed speed limit especially since this is a scenic area. Streets Project Manager Dave Peterson stated they anticipate a certain volume of traffic and have design speeds in mind to accommodate this traffic. He added that they are aware of the 2-1/2 mile drive of scenic view, and are looking for a 55 mile per hour speed limit which is typical of an arterial street.

Chairperson Jim Holway asked if the Arizona Public Service 69 KV transmission line would run through the preserve underneath the roadway or trails. Mr. Peterson indicated it would not. Chairperson Holway also inquired on traffic mitigation noise. Mr. Peterson stated that Street Transportation and Parks staff would work together and conduct an environmental assessment that looks into noise and wildlife habitat. Chairperson Jim Holway asked if there was a reason they did not bring the alignment to the edge of the preserve. Staff shared that the alignment currently is located on State Land although the City desires to purchase in the future. Parks & Preserve Administrator Sarah Hall added that there also are major wash crossings to be

considered in the 100 Year Floodplain as recommended by the Flood Control District of Maricopa County.

Chairperson Holway asked what staff would do following approval of the item. Streets Project Manager Dave Peterson indicated the Board is approving the recommended alignment, more work with State Lands and the study. With approval, the design can be finalized and noise analysis can begin.

Phil Richards made a motion that the Board approves staff's recommendation, Delia Ortega-Nowakowski seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

Item #4-P Revised Master Plan for Cesar Chavez Park

Parks and Preserve Administrator Sarah Hall presented this item to the Board to request approval of updated Master Plan of Cesar Chavez Park. She discussed how the Phoenix Parks & Preserve Initiative identified Cesar Chavez Park as regional park and includes the Aguila Golf Course. She also discussed updates in the Master Plan process since 1970 and now this request. She introduced the Department's team working on the project—South District Administrator Cynthia Peters, Principal Landscape Architect Keith Zwick, and Park Manager Eddie Villa. Ms. Hall added that Mr. Villa coordinated the Park's Citizens Committee. Cesar Chavez Park Manager Eddie Villa discussed how the 7-member group of community members including Laveen came together. He added that they are civic minded individuals under the leadership of Chairperson Sil Ontiveros (Assistant Police Chief-Phoenix) and John Kimoto (City of Tempe Planner). He commented that Jose Arenas hosted meetings at the Cesar Chavez High School. Also, David Knight represented the equestrian interest. The group initially met in November 2002, held monthly meetings working with city staff support and developed a plan with various amenities. They then evaluated and ranked the components and developed 3 concept designs which received public input. The final draft of the Revised Master Plan was presented to the public on June 5, 2003. The Plan was well received with no opposition.

Cesar Chavez Master Plan Committee Chairperson Sil Ontiveros thanked the Board for the opportunity to present. He showed a power point presentation of the existing park including Alvord Lake and the new softball complex. He discussed shared-use facilities with the Phoenix Union High School District and Laveen Elementary School District. Committee Chair Ontiveros shared the highlights of the design concept—rural theme, protection of mountain views, active and passive recreation areas, the equestrian trail through the park, and the amphitheatre. He also highlighted the Alvord Lake, the proposed community center and aquatics center, a boathouse, playgrounds and ramadas. He discussed the park's community focus and how they hoped it could be used for farmer's markets and other community events. He showed them the proposed Cesar Chavez memorial botanical/sculpture garden and the Library (now in the planning process). He closed with the proposed pedestrian mall entrance into the park with access to the centers, skate plaza, sports field/courts, playground, and splash pad. He commented that the group has enjoyed over the past 6 months planning for the future of the community's children and their children—this will be one of the fastest growing communities over the next 20 years.

Chairperson Jim Holway thanked them for their presentation and asked the Board if they had any questions.

Board member Diana Brooks asked if the park is a candidate for a Boundless Playground and/or dog park. Assistant Director Dale Larsen indicated this had not yet been discussed.

Board member Delia Ortega-Nowakowski said that she lives within this community and had many questions since she has been unable to attend the public meetings. However, they all were answered in the presentation. She commented that she is happy to hear that there was citizen input which is critical to the success of the project. Citizens now have ownership if involved. She thanked them for their hard work. She also commented she is very pleased with the focus on agriculture and tribute to Cesar Chavez. She stated she is aware the Library is no longer under the Department; however she would like to ensure that Library maintains this theme as well.

Board member Phil Richards commented he sees this park as a "jewel" in this area of the town and is pleased with the quality. He asked about the size of park. Deputy Director Jim Burke stated the park is 290 acres and includes Aguila Golf Course. Mr. Richards asked if there truly is a possibility for little boats on the lake. Mr. Burke stated there is and the boathouse would be the site for a concessionaire with canoes and/or paddleboats.

Chairperson Jim Holway asked what the overall budget is estimated to be. Mr. Burke stated there is \$4 million in hard dollars for construction and the Committee will be prioritizing development as well. This is a long term master plan and the first phase is ready to be established. He stated there will be an additional \$4 million needed for the aquatics center and about \$4 million for the community center, however community input will continued. Committee Chairperson Sil Ontiveros stated one of the top priorities already is field lighting and security lighting.

Chairperson Holway again thanked the citizens committee and staff. Assistant Director Dale Larsen added that Assistant Police Chief Ontiveros does a good job for Phoenix both for Police and in public service (in the development of Desert West Park, and now here with Cesar Chavez Park).

Delia Ortega-Nowakowski made a motion that the Board approves staff's recommendation, Diana Brooks seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

Future Agenda Items:

Chairperson Holway had the Board and staff review the tentative agenda, and asked that staff redline/strikeout changes of items in the future. He also asked if staff could provide a quick update on Camp Colley. Deputy Director Jim Burke stated staff is awaiting the new fiscal year, at which time only work groups will be going up to the camp (2 trips scheduled) for major improvements and tent setup. Additionally, Department management will receive proposals from staff on recommendations for future trips, possibly two in the summer and two in the fall. He added that a consultant is on Board for the main house and also is developing specifications for the main lodge. Also with

the new fiscal year 2003-04 comes \$1 million to be used to prepare the Camp for the 2004 summer. Currently, the drought has not brought any closures on Coconino, however fires are only allowed in designated areas.

Call to Public:

Chairperson Holway made a call to the public for comments not on the agenda. **There was none.**

Board Comments/Requests:

Chairperson Jim Holway asked if the Board had any comments or requests. Board member Diana Brooks asked if there was a policy of posting signs for future trailheads. She has noticed in an area housing development that a parking lot is being developed for a trailhead. Staff indicated signs should be posted. Chairperson Holway asked staff to follow through to ensure this has occurred in this development.

Board Chairperson's Report:

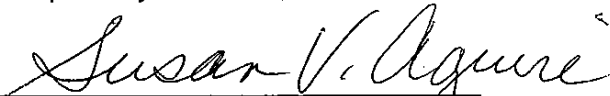
Chairperson Jim Holway stated that he did not have any items to report at this time.

Director's Report:

Assistant Director Dale Larsen stated that he did not have a Director's Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Aguire, Administrative Secretary