

Friends of Carefree, there were two meetings of the Town Council on July 7th. The first was a Special Meeting to enter Executive Session followed by the usual monthly meeting.

Special Town Council Meeting, July 7, 2015, 3:00PM

Item 1, Enter Executive Session. The Council entered Executive Session.

Item 2, Adjournment: At the time of this writing, no preliminary information of the Special meeting was posted.

Town Council Meeting, July 7, 2015, 5:00PM

Items 1 – 8, Consent Agenda: All 8 items were related to routine town business (meeting minutes, bills, financial reports, a liquor license, and event permits). Councilwoman Price requested that Item #6 be withheld for discussion. Remaining items were approved 7 – 0. There was apparently a typo in the Cash & Disbursements report. After discussion, Item 6 was approved 7 – 0.

Item 9, Call to the Public: No one requested to speak.

Item 10, Current Events: None noted. The Mayor asked Gina Kaegi (Marketing) to prepare an overview of events planned for October.

Item 11, Presentation by the town attorney regarding Executive Sessions: Michael Wright provided an overview of Arizona meeting laws, specifically the permitted uses for Executive Sessions. Executive sessions *are not* open to the public but no *actions* are permitted within the sessions. They must conform to specific guidelines and are restricted to certain attendees. The subjects discussed, as well as the official minutes and/or recordings are confidential. With rare exception, public records requests are not permitted. [*Linda Bentley's article in the July 8th issue of Sonoran News covers this topic in greater detail.*]

Item 12, Discussion relating to a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission: A previously used procedure to fill vacancies will be employed and will be outlined in a COINS notice. Interested parties may submit Bios by mid-August. Submissions will then be reviewed by Council members and candidates may make a public statement at the September Council meeting. The vacancy will be filled at that meeting.

Item 13, Discussion regarding upgrades to the Audio / Video equipment: The much needed [*and long overdue*] overhaul of the Council Chambers A/V environment was discussed. Microphones, display monitors, the projector, and related equipment

will be replaced with current technology components; certain ceiling speakers may be relocated. Two bidders were considered although details for only one bid were included in the public meeting packet. The winning bid from *Technically Integrated* came in at \$22,451; the second bid was in the area of \$24,000. The equipment will be relocatable in the event that Council Chambers are moved in the future to some other facility. We were assured that Audio recordings of future meetings will be much better quality. *[One can only hope.]*

Item 14, Discussion regarding design for Town Center Gateways: Town Administrator Gary Neiss presented the design(s) for both the larger gateways (facing the arterial roadway(s) as well as the interior or secondary gateways (8 feet tall by 4 feet wide). The design(s), which blend a Spanish Colonial and Contemporary appearance, will have out-facing faux gas lamps (similar to the existing lamps within the core) and will provide LED backlighting where appropriate for readability at night.



Future Primary Gateway Design



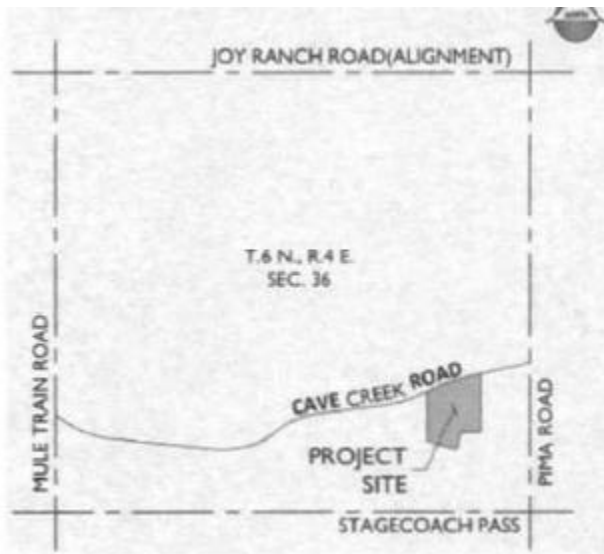
Future Secondary Gateway Design

Other steps lie ahead prior to construction, but neither cost nor the number of Gateways was discussed in public. **The designs** were approved 7 -0.

Items 15, Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:38PM.

Late breaking news:

I've just been advised that a very high density building project is being proposed for the location of the old Carefree Studios property (9.5 acres) on Cave Creek Road just west of Pima (8601 Cave Creek Road). 40 Proposed homes would be situated on ¼ acre or less. A Public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9th at 5PM at Carefree Town Council Chambers, 100 East Street, Carefree, AZ 85377. The notice letter will be posted on our website CarefreesFutureMatters.com by morning.



Special Note:

Did you happen to notice that the recent Town Newsletter 'Carefree Today' sent from Town of Carefree <melissaprice@carefree.org>, borrowed very heavily from our tagline, the one you see on our website as well as on every issue of these CFM Newsletters? Very disconcerting indeed!

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