

**Friends of Carefree**, there was a Special Meeting of the Town Council today at 3PM. This meeting was rescheduled from the original date of 2/12.

**Town Council Meeting, February 11, 2016, 3:00PM**

Councilman Orrico was unable to attend. Whether due to the date change, the meeting time, or other reasons I counted only 3 members of the public in attendance besides Jim & I.

**Items 1, Gateways Construction Project:** The Mayor turned the meeting over to Councilwoman Price for an update on the Gateways Project which included an introduction of contractors and committee participants, the design review, and the cost summary.

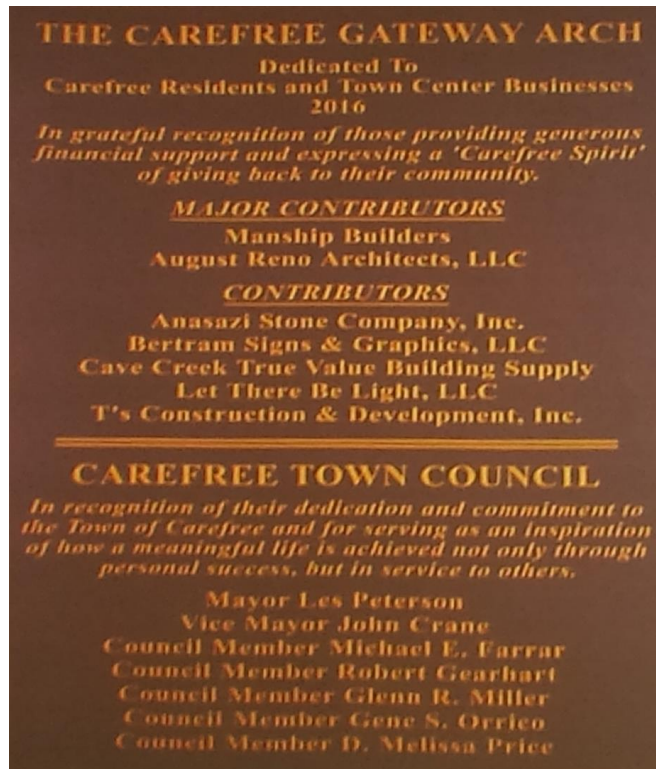
Howard Bertram (Bertram Signs & Graphics) described the signage design and materials. Brian Gold (Let There Be Light) explained the methodology behind the design chosen to light the various Gateway signs. Next August Reno (August Reno Architects) explained the overall design and some of the challenges they faced in finalizing (minor details remain) the columns and arch designs for the two Gateways.

Councilwoman Price thanked all the contractors present, as well as all who contributed to the project, especially for their generous donations of time and/or materials which will save the town a substantial sum. She provided a slide which contained the project cost details. (See the photo of that information below) Bottom line cost for the two Gateways will be approximately \$454,014 which includes a 15% contingency. There was no specific line item in the Town Budget for the Gateways Project so funds will continue to flow from the \$1.5M Economic Development category. The project budget had been estimated at \$500,000. In response to a question from Councilman Farrar, Councilman Miller mentioned that estimate was for four Gateways. When asked when the construction project would be completed Councilman Miller replied, June, when the Bike Lane Project wraps up.

Item	Value *Donation	Contract
Project Management	\$20,000	-0-
Architect/Structural Engineering/Draftsman	\$20,000	\$8,500
Roadway Engineering, Design & Construction	\$3,000	\$31,000
APS - Line Burial	-0-	\$97,460
Chase Bank Sign Move	-0-	\$11,516
Masonry	\$35,740	-0-
Stone	\$5,748	\$11,929
Concrete	\$8,000	\$12,000
Signage	\$6,075	\$19,676
Electrical	\$6,316	\$25,264
Light Fixtures	-0-	\$26,950
Steel/Wrought Iron	-0-	\$138,218
Landscaping	\$7,718	\$12,282
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$112,597</b>	\$394,795
15% Contingency		\$59,219
<b>EST. TOTAL TOWN Cost</b>		<b>\$454,014</b>
<b>PROJECT BUDGET</b>		\$500,000

*\*Donations provided by collaborating local businesses.*

Ms. Price showed a slide of the plaques planned for the Gateways and read the acknowledgements to be included. The Council stood and applauded the contractors and other contributors to the project. The Mayor thanked everyone.



**Item 2, Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Van Allen and John Traynor

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