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WORK SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10000 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
5:00 PM -TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

Minutes

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Alexis Hermosillo; Vice Mayor Monica Dorcey; Councilmember Anita Norton;
Councilmember David Shapera; Councilmember Donna Winston

Absent: Councilmember Roy Delgado (Excused)

2. CALL TO ORDER - MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00 PM.

3. WORK SESSION PRESENTATION

1. Review of Gentry Park Concept Master Plan presented by Harrington Planning + Design.

City Engineer Jorge Gastelum introduced Jason Harrington, Architect with Harrington Planning + Design. Mr. Harrington detailed the plans for three different conceptual ideas for Gentry Park. **Mayor Hermosillo** stated the presentation was very exciting. **Vice Mayor Dorcey** stated the second concept was her favorite and she asked Public Works Director Nick Russo how often the baseball field was being used. Mr. Russo stated there are no longer any league games held on the field and the only time it might be used is for a pick-up game. **Councilmember Norton** stated she is looking at the plans with cost and maintenance in mind and that all the options have good features, but the third option seemed to be the lowest in cost. **Councilmember Norton** also stated she is concerned about possible dangers associated with an open pond.

Councilmember Shapera stated he would like an amalgamation of all three ideas, and he does not like anything that includes water features. **Councilmember Shapera** also stated the playing fields have not been used in years and residents do have the option of utilizing the playing fields at the different schools in the city. **Councilmember Winston** stated she agrees with **Councilmember Shapera** regarding the water features not being included and prefers ideas that promote water conservation. **Councilmember Winston** also stated she is concerned about vandalism occurring at the park. **Mayor Hermosillo** stated she appreciates the all-inclusive ideas for teenagers and adults. **Vice Mayor Dorcey** stated she would like to see more green areas that could support community events and walking paths. **Councilmember Shapera** asked how many people play bocce ball and Mr. Harrington answered the courts can be made to support multiple types of sports. **Councilmember Shapera** stated there should be a pavilion to support community events. **Mayor Hermosillo** stated the current community garden area can be utilized for other uses as needed. Mr. Harrington stated they had not included garden alterations in their plans but can make changes as desired by council. **Councilmember Norton** stated fewer trees may be less expensive and Mr. Harrington answered they can continue to adapt the plans to what council chooses. Mr. Harrington asked if they should continue to include the dog park idea and three council members stated yes and two stated no. Mr. Harrington asked if there was a particular theme that everyone preferred and **Mayor Hermosillo** stated the Fun-tastic theme would be best. Mr. Gastelum stated a summary of the

ideas discussed would be presented to council at a later date.

4. **ADJOURNMENT - MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00 PM.**

Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon Antes

I hereby certify the aforementioned minutes are a true and accurate record of the El Mirage City Council Work Session held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, and a quorum was present.



Sharon Antes, City Clerk