RIO NUEVO MULTIPURPOSE FACILITIES DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
MARCH 8, 2000
TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER - APACHE ROOM

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ruben Suarez at 5:40 pm.

Item 1: Roll Call

In attendance:

Board: Ruben Suarez, Corky Poster, Alice Eckstrom

Staff: John S. Jones, Project Director, John Updike, Project Manager, Kay Gray, Finance Director, Marty McCune, Historic Program Administrator, Elisabeth Sotelo, Principal Assistant City Attorney, and Bill Hicks, Esq., Counsel to the Board

Absent/Excused: Olivia Hernandez

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Ms. Eckstrom moved and was seconded by Mr. Poster that the minutes of February 9, 2000 be approved. Approved 3-0.

Item 3: Amendment to Bylaws

Mr. Hicks provided an update on the quorum question. Mr. Poster queried as to the feasibility of adding representatives to the Board, and Mr. Hicks indicated that applicable State statutes would have to be amended to permit that to occur, as they mandate two representatives from each partner municipality. No action was taken on this item.

Item 4: Payment to South Tucson

Mr. Jones reviewed the February 7, 2000 letter from City Manager Gutierrez to City Manager Gastelum of South Tucson regarding the applicable provisions related to payment responsibilities to South Tucson. Payments should commence in approximately November of 2001. Mr. Poster desires to advance funds to South Tucson prior to the projected November, 2001 initial delivery date as currently estimated. Mr. Jones recommended that given the Board's expressed desires in this matter, that the Board request the governing bodies of Tucson and South Tucson consider directing their respective staffs to negotiate this issue further. There was apparent consensus from the Board.

Item 5: District Financing

Ms. Gray reviewed the existing financial arrangements, as noted in the legal documents previously approved by the Board, further detailing the definitions of match-eligible City expenses and reimbursable City expenses. No further action was taken on the matter.

Item 6: Citizen Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Jones provided an update, and indicated Mayor and Council discussion of this issue is slated for March 20, 2000.

Item 7: Master Planning RFQ Update

Mr. Jones provided an update, and indicated that the submission deadline was extended until at least April, 2000. Mr. Poster inquired as to the selection process. Mr. Jones provided an outline of the process anticipated, as indicated in the master planning RFQ.

Item 8: Call to the Audience

Mr. Bill Tuss provided an update on some neighborhood deliberations regarding a proposed citizen's advisory committee. Ms. Dian Magie indicated further details regarding that process would follow.

Item 9: Next Meeting

Through unanimous consent of the Board, the next meeting shall be Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at 5:30 pm at the Tucson Convention Center in a room to be announced. Future items to be discussed during that meeting will likely be an update on the Tucson Origins report, a draft RFP for subsequently required archaeological services, and a tentative budget.

Item 10: Adjournment

Ms. Eckstrom moved and Mr. Poster seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion approved 3-0, meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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