RIO NUEVO MULTIPURPOSE FACILITIES DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
MAY 11, 2000
TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER – CRYSTAL BALLROOM

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ruben Suarez at 5:35 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, Fernando Castro, City Manager, South Tucson.

Absent/Excused: Olivia Hernandez

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Mr. Poster moved and was seconded by Ms. Eckstrom that the minutes of April 11, 2000 be approved. Approved 11-0.

Item 3: Establishment of the Citizen's Advisory Committee

Mr. Jones provided an update on the Mayor and Council appointment process. It is likely that in June an organizational meeting to provide appointees with a background briefing may be held.

Item 4: Archeological / Historical Services RFP

Ms. McCune provided a brief review of a draft scope of services and individual elements of a draft Request for Proposals (RFP). Mr. Poster and Ms. Eckstrom raised concerns regarding public involvement in the project, public education opportunities and coordination issues. Ms. McCune and Mr. Jones indicated that the RFP encourages the submitters to suggest their own methodologies for involving the public in their program, and at least six months of field work will provide ample educational opportunities. Staff will insure that the work is closely coordinated with the master planning team. In response to Mr. Poster's question, staff estimated that at least three local firms may be considered qualified to complete the contemplated work program. Mr. Poster moved, and Ms. Eckstrom seconded, approval of the RFP, if done in concert with the schedule as indicated in Item 5 herein. Motion passed 11-0.

Item 5: Update on RFQ for Master Planning Consultant Services

Mr. Jones provided an update on the RFQ (Request for Qualifications). A new submission date will be announced once the CAC formation process nears completion, and a suggested schedule of events was presented for Board consideration, as follows:

DATE	ACTION
6-2-00	pre-submittal conference
6-16 or 6-23	new due date for submission
7-7	complete review of submittals and provide a short-list
7-28	short-list firms provide a budget and scope of services for review
8-3 and/or 8-4	interviews of short-listed firms
8-16	award is made to selected firm

Mr. Jones outlined proposed revisions to the RFQ that would be included prior to re-issuance. Mr. Poster moved to approve proceeding with the RFQ per the schedule outlined herein. Ms. Eckstrom seconded the motion. Motion approved 11-0.

Item 6: Request for Historical Research Consultant Contract

Mr. Jones and Ms. McCune reviewed a document provided to the public and the Board entitled "Tucson Origins Visual Archive", provided by Mr. Mike Weber. Mr. Weber has requested a sole source contract with the City of Tucson to provide the product outlined in the above-referenced document. The contract cost would be no greater than $10,000. Mr. Poster moved approval to proceed to enter into a contract with Mr. Weber for the services outlined in "Tucson Origins Visual Archive", with a proviso that Mr. Weber agree to make a public presentation of his findings. Ms. Eckstrom seconded the motion. Motion approved 11-0.

Item 7: Fiscal Year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 Budget

Mr. Jones reviewed the draft preliminary budget submitted for informational purposes and comment to the Board of $284,130 for FY '99-'00 and $4,244,530 for FY '00-'01. This draft reflects the comments and concerns noted by the Board during the April meeting. All expenditures are to be costs borne by the City of Tucson. No action was taken by the Board on this item. A public hearing will be held on this matter as part of the June Board meeting.

Item 8: Call to the Audience

A representative of the proposed Rio Nuevo Insect Museum addressed the Board, and presented an outline of their proposal to the Board.

Item 9: Next Meeting

Through unanimous consent of the Board, the next meeting shall be Wednesday, June 14, 2000, at 5:30 pm at the Tucson Convention Center in a room to be announced.

Item 10: Adjournment

Ms. Eckstrom moved and Mr. Poster seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion approved 11-0, meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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