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AGENDA ITEM 3

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# Minutes
# City Council's Social Services and Culture Committee
# October 17, 2007

**Minutes of the City Council's Social Services and Culture Committee held on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, 3:00 p.m., at the Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.**

**Committee Members Present:**
Councilmember Barb Carter, Chair
Councilmember Shana Ellis

**City Staff Present:**
Tom Canasi, Comm Svcs Mgr
Jan Hort, City Clerk
Jayson Matthews, TCC Mgmt Asst
Teri Metros, Library Dir
Sheri Partridge, Council Aide
Cecelia Pinkston, Mgmt Asst
Judy Tapscott, Dep Comm Svcs Mgr – Social Services
Jody Ulich, Cultural Svcs Dir
Chris Salomone, Comm Dev Mgr
Mark Weber, Principal Civil Eng

**Guests Present:**
None.

***Councilmember Carter called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.***

**Agenda Item 1 – Vision for Community Center Complex** 1001-13
Tom Canasi summarized that the Vihel Center will be submitted for the project budget in the current CIP process. The Library and Museum have already been included in a prior Capital Improvement Project process. Consideration is being given for branding of the "campus of culture" concept for the Museum, Library, and the Vihel Center. A possible future vision might include evening artist and cultural activities, art identification (art brought into the community), a childrens' gallery, and the possibility of a liquor license.

**Museum Renovation**
Mr. Canasi summarized that the team of Weddle Gilmore Architects and Gyroscope, exhibit designer, was chosen and work on refinement of the program and renovation design is moving forward. Key elements include:

- A sense of entrance and identity for the museum

- A dedicated area for children
- New interactive exhibits and utilization of technology
- Improvement of community program space

Jody Ulich added that currently staff is working with the architect, the Historical Society and the City's Historical Museum Advisory Board to define the vision.

Councilmember Carter expressed concerns of replicating the downtown development of the children's museum.

Mr. Canasi responded that there will be opportunities for synergies, but it will not duplicate anything planned for the children's museum development.

**Library Renovation**

Teri Metros summarized that the Library is visited by over one million people each year. It was designed primarily to serve as a repository for a large book collection, but with the arrival of the internet and the expanding use of digital media, there is a need to configure the facility and enhance technology to meet the needs of current and future users. With the remodeled Historical Museum and the Vihel Center, the Library will play an integral role in creating a "campus of culture" that will provide a venue for the arts, literature, and history in a central location.

She further summarized that:

- CIP funds have been used to increase the bandwidth and network speed of the Library's public access computing network.
- Four meetings have been held with staff to solicit input regarding services and features for the redesigned facility. Common needs identified include centralized computing space, defined quiet study and reading space, interactive and colorful childrens' library, more intimate reading spaces, enhanced computing capabilities in study and meeting rooms, enhanced lighting and use of color.
- RFQ for a project architect will be submitted by January 1, 2008, and an architect will be selected by early spring 2008. The design process will take approximately one year and once that is completed, construction will take approximately 18 months. It will be completed in phases to allow continued use of the library.

Councilmember Carter suggested campus naming.

Teri Metros responded that they are considering rebuilding the "Friends" group and creating a donor wall to help raise money.

**Agenda Item 2 – Committee Work Plan** 0101-01-03

The following suggestions were made:

Goal #1

- add "Monitor the downtown Tempe Library branch at 5th and Farmer."
- add "Monitor the downtown Tempe Children's Museum development

Goal #2 – acceptable as presented

Goal #3 – acceptable as presented. It was noted that Jason Matthews, TCC has joined the committee to assist in these goals

Goal #4 – Councilmember Ellis noted that the TCC originally dealt with transitional housing, but is looking to meet the changed demographics of seniors. The order of priority was changed to:

- Explore event fees to benefit human services
- Examine the Shared Living Program transitions
- Review Tempe Community Council benefits
- Assess the senior services inventory

Goal #5 – acceptable as presented. Councilmember Ellis explained that originally TCC was set up as transitional housing needs. Due to changes in demographics of seniors, TCC is re-examining their goals and changing to meet the current and future needs.

Goal #6 – discussed adding Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills Golf Courses (previous issues and objectives), and cemetery expansion.

Mr. Canasi will work to incorporate the above items into the work plan for submittal.

Programming at Tempe Beach and the Arts Park were moved to another committee.

**Agenda Item 3 – Future Agenda Items**. No Entry

- Discuss future meeting schedules for the remainder of the fiscal year at the next committee meeting to be held on December 19th
- Discussion of the Arts District (west of TCA)
- Discuss Affordable Housing Forum

***Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.***

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