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CALL TO ORDER

[Time: 00:00:02]

Mayor Lane: All right. Now, I would like to call to order our September 8th, 2015 city council meeting and we will start with a roll call, please.

ROLL CALL

[Time: 00:00:08]

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Mayor Jim Lane.

Mayor Lane: Present.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Vice Mayor Linda Milhaven.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Councilmembers Suzanne Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Virginia Korte.

Councilmember Korte: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Kathy Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Guy Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: David Smith.

Councilman Smith: Present.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Acting City Manager Brian Biesemeyer.

Acting City Manager Brian Biesemeyer: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: City Attorney Bruce Washburn.

City Attorney Bruce Washburn: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: City Treasurer Jeff Nichols.

City Treasurer Jeff Nichols: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: City Auditor Sharron Walker.

City Auditor Sharron Walker: Here.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: And the Clerk is present.

Mayor Lane: Thank you. Just a couple of orders of business. We do have cards if you would like to speak on any subject or on public comment. The white cards that the city clerk, Ms. Jagger is holding up over her head, for any items on the agenda that you would like to speak toward or as I said public comment. We do have the yellow cards if you would like to give us any of your written comments on any of the items on the agenda, which we will read during the proceedings. We have do have Scottsdale police officers, Dave Scherr and Jason Glenn, who are immediately off, at 11:00, off in front of me here. They are here for you if you have any need for their assistance. We also, if there any medical emergencies, please see the Scottsdale fire representative for assistance. I believe he's right straight behind me here, if there's any need for assistance from them. On the areas behind the council dais are reserved for council and staff. We have facilities under this sign to my left, and they are there for your convenience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

[Time: 00:01:34]

Mayor Lane: Here tonight, to lead us in the pledge is the Junior Girl Scout Troop 1873 and their leader, Mary Nesbitt. Ladies if you would come to the mic and lead us in the pledge and start whenever you are ready and if you can, please.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 1873: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands: One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mayor Lane: Thank you very much. If you want to turn that mic around as you already have, very good. And each one at a time, go ahead and introduce yourself. Tell us where you go to school and what your favorite subject is.

Ireland: My name is Ireland. I go to school at Boulder Creek Elementary School.

Helen: My name is Helen. I go to school at Great Hearts. My favorite subject is art.

Tyler: Hi, my name is Tyler and I go to Boulder Creek Elementary School. My favorite subject is math.

Olivia: My name is Olivia, and I go to Boulder Creek and my favorite subject is history.

Sarah Taylor: My name is Sarah Taylor. I go to Boulder Creek and my favorite subject is science.

Faith: My name is Faith, and I go to Boulder Creek Elementary School and my favorite subject is reading.

Sage: My name is Sage and I go to Boulder Creek Elementary School and my favorite subject is math.

Mayor Lane: Very good, ladies! Thank you very much for being here.

INVOCATION

[Time: 00:03:25]

Mayor Lane: In place of an invocation, I would ask that you join me in a moment of silence as this week marks the 14th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedies. Thank you.

MAYOR'S REPORT

[Time: 00:03:53]

Mayor Lane: As part of the mayor's report, I just wanted to say that we -- today we celebrate a remarkable young lady in our community with this proclamation. It is for the Anvita Gupta day. Let me just give you a little bit of a sense of this young lady's accomplishments in this proclamation. Anvita Gupta is a recent graduate from basis high school and will be studying at Stanford in the fall. She has won the 2015 global healthcare challenge, bio genius prize. And Anvita won the third place medal of distinction for global good for the Intel talent search at the White House where she was awarded a \$35,000 prize for teaching a computer to identify potential drugs for cancer and Ebola.

Anvita is the founder of leaders for girls which aims to inspire middle school girls to learn about computer science and possibly pursue careers in computer science. And whereas Anvita has presented her research to President Obama who recognized her work during the Intel science speech competition. I therefore, Jim lane, mayor of the city of the Scottsdale, Arizona do hereby proclaim, September 8th, 2015, Anvita Gupta day in Scottsdale.

I want to congratulate you for all of your work. Just in recognition of a fantastic work for a fantastic young lady here in Scottsdale. I want to give her a round of applause. Unfortunately, she wasn't able to be here with us this evening. I'm sure she's meeting with some very prominent people in the bioscience area. At such a young age.

Next item, just as far as just a report on it, every year, marines select a city to each -- select a city. And each year the U.S. Marine Corps to select special events and allowing them no show case who they are and what they do for the nation. This year they chose the Phoenix metro area. Scottsdale is glad to host some talented marines who are painting a mural in front of the civic center library. This is an annual tradition and one way that they give back to the host community. The unveiling ceremony features Scottsdale and marine leaders will take place at 3 p.m. on September 12th. The library is located at 3839 North Drinkwater Boulevard. And Corporal Scott Rusga from Scottsdale is one of the marines working on that mural. We want to thank him and all the marines for their service to our community and our country. Thank you very much, and maybe you will look forward to seeing that when it's completed. Just a round of applause for the marines as well.

PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATION UPDATES

[Time: 00:07:17]

Mayor Lane: Well, now we have a nice order of business, and it is -- as a development for a program, we actually fund through the state of the city's address and the luncheon that's held at that time of year, Scottsdale Business Development Forum Group has been sponsoring an organizer for that event. As a consequence of that, we have been able to generate a tremendous amount of money for operation fix-it, which if you don't know is a program that was started many years ago by staff here in city hall that went really without funding, without real triumph in its early stages but nevertheless a very, very concerted effort to help those folks who were not able to keep up their homes and were thus being cited by the city with consequences that actually just exacerbated their problem but nevertheless, it was a job that had to be done, and that's the way it goes. But the -- what we have done in the last several years, is accumulate some significant funds to be able to go on top of the

volunteers that are brought together to help folks who are not able to keep up their yards or keep up exterior of their home, in compliance with our code. So it's been a tremendous program and it's been a very satisfying program from the standpoint of who it helps, as well as those people who are able to participate and be able to help those folks.

And as you can probably remember in the not too distant past, we had a lot of problems with people just holding on to their homes and the all the difficulty with that. The city and the council and my office here, far be it from us to be fining people who are in dire straits already. This is an effort and been highly successful and bringing people back into their community with neighbors helping neighbors through such funding mechanism.

But, tonight, we have a presentation of a check by Mark DeWane, who is the president of SBDF, to turn over some of the funds that we -- from the last gathering that we had, that have been contributed to operation fix it. So Mark, do you have a few words you would like to say?

Mark DeWane: Sure. Real quickly on behalf of the Scottsdale Business Development Forum, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to present a check this evening which represents excess proceeds from the fund-raising that took place during the state of the city address. And so we're going to be handing over one large check. And for the girl scouts in here, my favorite subject was math also.

Unknown: I'm known to be a crier. You just jinxed me. Anyways, I do just really want to thank everyone for this amazing opportunity and for the ability to lead it every year. It's fantastic. And you're amazing. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT

[Time: 00:11:27]

Mayor Lane: All right, the next order of business is public comment and this is reserved for citizens comments regarding non-agendized actions and no official council action will be taken on these items according to our state law, that regulates these kinds of things we certainly aren't able to take any action for anything that's not on the agenda and formally posted. So we do have three requests to speak. We do offer three minutes each, up to five cards. We have right now just three and that will be the limit of it.

So we will start with Scott Calev followed by French Thompson.

Scott Calev: Operation fix-it. I like it. I would like to say to Jim that every time I come here, you do such wonderful things nor this town. You make it a place that people are proud of. Every time I come here and hear that, I'm bringing up the other side of where people live, and I want to be just as proud of this town. But Jim doesn't have the time to look into some of the things that I have to look into. This is a piece of wood taken from the back of my house that I just cut down. You will see the area that's wash -- that was washed with a scrub brush. I have been doing research on the EPA and

how it related to Scottsdale, particulate. Unfortunately, due to the regulations and politics, we only have one sensor or one monitor in the Scottsdale area. As I talk about the funnel of filth and the sewer the sound, which I now call Scottsdale, due to the way the 101 was developed and many of the roads, I am being told more and more, and I'm going to get this wood analyzed to find out what exactly is on it and the EPA is going to help me. One of the consequences of talking to the EPA and changing things, unfortunately, is, as I was told, funding. If we have too much particulate, the funding goes down. Will that be to our benefit? Well, older people can't breathe. Younger people can't breathe. Kids can't breathe and if we inadvertently built a highway and many internal roads, Shea, wider Scottsdale, wider cactus, wider Hayden, we run into some problems. So we do have a problem that needs to be addressed.

The next thing I want to talk about is I got a letter in my -- well, I just wanted to quickly note on page 81 of 20 Jan, 2035 Jan, protect the airport. I was here a couple of months ago and talked about some of the problems of the airport and the dangers and most of you voted to look into it, Ms. Milhaven decided not to look into it. We can't protect an airport. We protect people. We can't protect material things.

I got this letter in the mail that made me very uncomfortable. It was the letter related to the gay agenda in our town of Scottsdale.

Mayor Lane: Turn it all the way around.

Scott Calev: Oh, excuse me. Give me 10 more seconds. I got this letter, taxpayer letter. I want to address to the city of Scottsdale that the Gallup poll has shown -- and I love everyone, but the Gallup poll has shown that 25% of the public is not gay. It's 3.8%. They have a role in this town like anyone else, but for the city of Scottsdale and everyone on this council, to sign on to an agenda can be very dangerous for the future of this town as we have seen in many towns across the country. The gay agenda is getting more powerful and it can ruin a town and ruin the career of councilmen and mayors. Thank you.

[Time: 00:16:13]

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Mr. Calev. French Thompson.

French Thompson: Thank you, Mayor Lane, and my city councilmembers. My name is French Thompson. I'm the owner of French Designer Jeweler on Main Street. Today the S.G.A. submitted a petition to the city council to agendize as soon as possible. This petition has been signed by the Scottsdale gallery association, and is a unanimous request. This is a current issue and is not related to the special events rewrite, the special events ordinance rewrite. So we respectfully request this petition be agendized for the September 21st work study session, and I would like to read this petition to you right now. The title of this petition is, Artisan Markets petition the city council. We, the undersigned residents, business owners and concerned parties in Scottsdale petition the Scottsdale city council to direct the special events committee to immediately rescind the permit recently issued to the artisan's market on the canal bank for the following reasons: One, the special event

committee has no authority under the current ordinance to grant permits on public property, such as canal bank, and craftsman court. The granting of this permit for \$150 twice a week, is considered a gift. Number three this permit negatively impacts surrounding businesses, which is a violation of the current special events policy. So I would like to just seriously take this under your consideration. This is a very timely matter this is something that needs to be agendized and looked at.

You know, the businesses that are in downtown Scottsdale support the city of Scottsdale. Some of these other things that are here and they go and they are here and they go but they seem to be, you know, sacred cows. They seem to be protected. They seem to be protected for no reason. Honestly, I can't even come up with a reason for these things being protected but they have adverse effect on your city. They really do. And of the city of Scottsdale are permitting these things to happen. I just really seriously ask you to consider this. Thank you for your time.

[Time: 00:19:14]

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Mr. Thompson. Next is Dana Close, and Alyssa Tarkington.

Dana Close: Mayor Lane, members of council, I'm Dana Close I live in Hacienda Del Ray in southern Scottsdale. I'm here to thank you for your support for our breakfast event at Coronado high school last Tuesday morning. The objective of this endeavor was to bring together members of the business leaders and the opinion leaders in how they can help Coronado high school students excel. The initial community response is exceeding our expectations. I would like to thank Councilmembers Littlefield, Smith and Milhaven for attending to lend your support to Coronado High School. Your presence made a strong impression. I would like to thank George Jackson, Kim Hartman, President Bonnie Sneed and David Peterson for taking the time to attend. There are two individuals I would especially like to thank for making this event such a huge success. Councilmember Korte, thank you for delivering the keynote address and your continuing support for revitalizing southern Scottsdale, including recognizing the vital role our schools play in that process. Thank you, Virginia. The other individual I would like to thank is standing next to me. Coronado Principal, Alyssa Tarkington. Our community is fortunate to have a principal at the helm who is willing to go above and beyond the call of duty for her students. It was a pleasure working with this incredibly dedicated leader and it's exciting to be part of the team, to support the Coronado teachers and students. And now I would like to introduce Principal Alyssa Tarkington.

Alyssa Tarkington: Thank you for those kind words. I would like to echo her comments to the Scottsdale officials who attended our event and spent time on our campus learning about school plans and school goals. We are all saving the same community. And we have hard-working families who want not only for their sons and daughters to engage in a really enjoyable public education, but really to have meaningful options after oil in their career paths. I mentioned last week that, you know, we used this phrase to be college and career ready, and what we have identified is that our students need to engage with the incredible stakeholders right here in this city before they ever graduate. And so I especially also thank Councilmember Korte and Dana Close for sitting with me this summer and asking really crucial questions about how I thought the community could help us, and when they shared more about the economic development going on, I really understood that there's a partnership here. And

so we look in order at Coronado to not only making the city proud, but our future work together. Thank you.

CONSENT AGENDA

[Time: 00:22:51]

Mayor Lane: Thank you Ms. Close and Ms. Tarkington. That completes the public testimony. And our next order of business then would be to move on to our consent items, 1 through 9. No cards for comments on that. No requests for anything else as far as those consent items. They are listed in the agenda. Unless there's comments from the councilmembers here, I would ask for a motion to accept.

Councilmember Korte: Mayor, I move to accept consent agenda items 1 through 6 -- excuse me, 1 through 9.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Second.

Mayor Lane: The motion has been made and seconded by the Vice Mayor. Seeing that there's no further comments on, this then I think we are ready to vote. All those in favor please indicate by an aye. Those opposed nay. It's unanimous. All the consent items have been approved. If you are here for any of the consent items, you are certainly free to stay with us or you can leave. If you do leave, please leave quietly.

ITEM 10 – NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES ANNUAL MEMBER SHIP DUES

[Time: 00:23:59]

Mayor Lane: We will move on to the agenda items, 10 and 11. We start with item 10. We have Mr. Lundahl for the national league of cities annual membership dues.

Government Relations Director Brad Lundahl: Good evening Mayor, members of the Council. I'm bringing to you the dues for the National League of Cities. For those of you in the audience or at home watching this there's a brief overview of National League of Cities and what they do. They are a nationwide organization of which Scottsdale is currently a member that represents the interest of cities across the country. There are approximately 1600 dues paying members of the NLC right now and privileges that they extend are to our elected officials and staff. Nonmembers, in you are not a member of the league of -- the National League of Cities, you can still attend conferences, but you cannot be on the policy committees or the leadership structure.

The services provided by the NLC include advocating for cities at the national level in Washington, D.C., and they provide a forum for our elected officials to get together and discuss policy issues. Additionally, they also provide leadership training and education seminars. As you can see, the dues have remained very constant over the last several years. Again, the amount for this year would be

\$12,468. And with that, mayor and members of the council, before you tonight is to approve resolution number 10216 authorizing the payment of the dues to the national league of cities. And with that, I would be happy to answer any questions.

[Time: 00:25:54]

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Mr. Lundahl. I don't see any questions as I oftentimes start out with a blank screen, but I have a couple of comments. So I will go ahead and speak toward it a little bit. I have been an annual opponent to our continuing membership with the National League of Cities because I have been a member of it through the city for many years now, and it has been something less than what I have always expected it to be, and that is a best practices forum and a sharing of ideas and how to move your cities forward positively. It is highly political, and frankly, I think that it's sometimes is so jaded that way that it sometimes really inhibits the communication of different ideas in that. So I have not ever been a proponent of it and in the years gone by, we have come close to discontinuing it. But in the last year, it was taken off the budget and we had to reinstate it at the request of most of the council.

One of the things I understand from the council members, its outlet to presumably -- maybe -- I'm I don't necessarily see it the same way but the expression of ideas in a national forum. So in that sense, I think it provides an opportunity for them to maybe expand on their thinking and their learning. To either accept or not accept some of the direction that is given that way. But in any case, that's the only comment that I would have on it.

It's \$12,000, a little over \$12,000. What that doesn't include is the cost of our participation, which is probably two or three times that number in the way of travel and expenses and that, that we incur. It's not a mere \$12,000, even though \$12,000 is still \$12,000. But if you were to take that to the area of 20 or \$30,000, maybe it's a little bit more meaningful. My only hope is that the council is that the council here participates if we wish to go this direction that they do take advantage and participate, which does cost us a little bit more but there's no reason to be a member and not participate. There's not that much that's given over to us without their participation. I don't see any other requests to speak. I would ask for a motion on either option a or option b. Councilwoman Klapp.

[Time: 00:28:31]

Councilwoman Klapp: Well, this reminds me of deja vu, Mayor. You said the same thing last year. And I do participate. I do believe there's value. I think that there are best practices shared at the meetings I go to, and I do participate on the steering committee of one of the committees of the league. So I see value in it.

And so I would move to approve resolution number 10216 authorizing payment of the National League of Cities membership dues for fiscal year 2015/16 in the amount of \$12,468.

Councilmember Korte: Second.

Mayor Lane: A motion has been made and second. Would the second like to speak toward it?

Councilmember Korte: No.

Mayor Lane: No requests to speak on it. Seeing there's no further comments on the subject, we are ready to vote. Those in favor, aye. Those opposed nay. Nay. We are just missing one. Okay. 6-1 with myself opposing. The motion has been expressed --

Councilwoman Littlefield: Nay.

Councilwoman Klapp: No, she said nay.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: She's on your side.

Mayor Lane: Oh, very good. I wasn't expecting that. You might have spoken up! Other than the nay. Maybe that's why they turned your button off. No. In any case. Pardon me, it's 5-2 then.

Government Relations Director Brad Lundahl: Thank you.

ITEM 11 – DESERT DISCOVERY CENTER VENDOR SELECTION

[Time: 00:30:14]

Mayor Lane: Thank you very much. That completes the item. The next item is the Desert Discovery Center and it's a vendor selection. It is a presentation, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the negotiations on a scope of work with Desert Discovery Center Scottsdale Inc. and possible direction to the treasurer to evaluate sources of funding for phase 1 consulting services. And Mr. Earle.

City Engineer Derek Earle: Good evening, I'm Derek Earle, the city engineer. I'm here to update you on the Desert Discovery Center and the RFQ process. It's to discuss the RFQ for the operator/manager of the facility and to discuss the single response that was received. Following that, we are going to request direction from council on consideration moving forward with contract and negotiations and to review possible funding sources for that first phase of services. I might note here what we are not asking council to do tonight is to approve any contracts or to make any financial commitments at this time. That will come at a later date. We are only requesting direction at this point in time.

At the March 24th work study session, concerning the Desert Discovery Center, there were two key pieces of direction that council provided staff. One was to issue a request for qualifications for an operator manager or operator owner of the -- excuse me. That's a typo. It's not owner operator. That would be operator/manager of the facility, the city, of course, would be the owner of the facility. That RFQ was issued on May 13th and we did receive responses by July 16th. Second part of the direction that we received from council was to consider using the process that we used to bring the

Scottsdale Museum of the West into fruition as the process moved forward with the Desert Discovery Center. We believe that's entirely possible and that are steps that we will be utilizing. Understanding this is a much more complicated process and may require additional steps as part of that.

The request for qualifications that was issued had several elements. One was it anticipated four steps for the development of the DDC and I will talk a little bit more in depth about those in just a moment. It did provide a draft for each of the steps. It also had a criteria for evaluation so that when it came back the evaluation panel to take a look at the responses and evaluate and rank the responses. It did not include a solicitation for architectural support services, which will be necessary in this initial phase. That will come at a later date. The RFQ does allow enough flexibility for council and for the city to move forward with the respondent, all the way through the entire process, if we are comfortable with the scope -- with the services and the quality of services that are being provided.

As I mentioned we identified four steps in the process for moving the facility forward. The first step would be to prepare the vision and the preliminary plan. That is the first scope of services that we'll be talking to with the respondent. Some of the key elements is that the group will -- or that the consultant will revisit the work previously done by the committee and update the vision of the DDC. They will begin the drafting of the business plan for the facility. They will begin vetting organizations with who we might want to partner in the development of the facility. We will be reviewing any addresses related to the location of the facility, and any issues with that and we will be initiating public outreach at this point in the process. That's not really put off until the second step. Our belief is that this is going to require feedback from council, committees, commissions, and the public at all stages through the process.

The second step is the 30% project development. That's primarily focused towards moving the project forward and finalizing the vision. It means selecting partners and key staff for the organization, processing basic approvals, for example, site plans, whatever entitlements are necessary to move the project forward, and we expect an extensive public outreach as part of this step.

Third step, essentially what we call this is 100% project development. This would take it to a shovel ready status. This step would mean we hire engineers, architects, et cetera, to develop the plans for the facility and take it all the way up to the construction process. And that's the work that goes with that.

And the final step, of course, construction and operation and this involves building and operating it. So what we have is essentially a roadmap to get from where we are today to get to a completed facility. There are multiple points throughout this process where there will be public input, council input decisions, et cetera. So we are really at the initial step, even though a lot of work has led us up to today. Now we are taking a step forward to keep this project moving.

The request for qualifications provided criteria for -- by which the respondents were graded. It was a point system. We allowed 1,000 points. As you see, there are eight criteria that we utilized. More points implies a more important criteria. As far as the responses to the RFQ, we received a

single response, an organization called Desert Discovery Center Scottsdale Inc. The response to the RFQ did comply with all the requirements to the RFQ. So it met all the requirements, all the proper documents were signed, all the proper acknowledgments, et cetera, and they responded to all the questions properly. A staff panel of five key managers, departmental managers graded the response. The average grade was 895 points out of a score of -- a possible 1,000 points. It's difficult to characterize that as that good, bad or indifferent. Just about being at the 90th percentile, I would suggest in the education system that that's somewhere between good and excellent. Compared to other RFQs that we issue which we do quite often for engineers, architects, et cetera, we consider that a very good response as well.

The review panel does recommend moving forward with contract negotiations. So council, tonight, with that update, we will be asking you for directions to move forward with the contract negotiations with this group and to consider asking the treasurer to provide possible funding services for the first phase of services. Again, these are non-bidding commitment. We will be bringing a future action for approval of contracts and the approval of the budget for the initial phase of work for this project. So that will be formal actions that you see. We anticipate the process to take 60 to 90 days. We would hope to have contract and council actions back to you, I'm guessing by the end of this year.

So with that mayor, that concludes my presentation, I'm available for any questions. Also we have staff available to assist in that. Thank you.

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Mr. Earle for that presentation. And if you can stand by, I'm sure we will have some questions and we have some requests to speak on the subject. And we'll start with Mr. Howard Myers.

Howard Myers: Hello. Thank you, Howard Myers 6631 East Horned Own Trail in Scottsdale. And I have been a part of the Preserve movement since I moved here. I have no problem with the concept of the Desert Discovery Center. I think it is a great idea to educate both residents and tourists, however as proposed, it's got some huge problems with it. First and foremost, the public must know what you are intending to do in their preserve, and they should be asked if it's okay with them. This is especially true since the DDC will violate virtually every rule that it has to protect it. Citizens voted twice to tax themselves to buy preserve and they should have a part in the decision not -- the major part, in fact. The decision to put a facility in the Preserve should be done by the public. The citizens should have input as to where it should be located to minimize the impact on the Preserve and that's the reason for this map. There are alternate sites that have been shown. The one at the gateway is the most obstructive and it would impact the Preserve and the Preserves north of the Thompson Peak. If it's out it would be able to carve out and good location and the city land that's near WestWorld would be another location. All of those have been given out, but there's no interest in pursuing them.

The second issue is funding. In the public funds are used for the DDC, the public should at least know about it or better yet be allowed to vote on it. It's their money that you will be using and they should have an input into that process too. What do I suggest? I will suggest you hire a consultant to do a public survey to find out how the public thinks or what the public thinks about the DDC. It must have

no connection to anybody associated with the DDC so it's truly an independent survey. It should include where it goes, and should be supported by public funds or not. The second thing is to hire a consultant to review numbers. As you know, most of those numbers have been looked at. The only independent survey I know that is dressed it was the places consulting report and they questioned every one of the numbers and especially the attendance. So I think you need an independent look at that, and this is crucial information for you to make a good decision about whether this goes forward or not. The city really needs to go through this process and the city has to do it.

For the DDC to be successful, the public must know about it and accept it, both where it is and what it is, and how much it will cost. If it's located on the Preserve, they definitely should be allowed to vote on it. To do otherwise would be a violation of public trust in the city. I would urge that you let the public know what's going on. I see it has been moved up to maybe number one. It should be the first thing done before you go any further and invest any more money. It's their Preserve, and they need to have a decision in it. Thank you.

[Time: 00:41:46]

Mayor Lane: Thank you will, Mr. Myers. Next is Chris Schaffner.

Chris Schaffner: Good evening, Mayor and members of the Council, I'm Chris Schaffner, 7346 East Sunnyside Drive here in Scottsdale. I'm speaking here as the Coalition of Greater Scottsdale. I will try to convey the feelings of the board on this matter. This is something we looked at extensively and while the Desert Discovery Center is an exciting idea to a lot of people, one of the things we discussed extensively in hour meetings on this is this idea has been floating around for a couple of decades. And many inclinations, it's gone from 15,000 square feet roughly, to now roughly 72,000 square feet. The cost has gone from a little over 4 million to now approaching \$75 million.

In that time, there's been woefully little public comment and public outreach on this. I think the last serious public comment on this is about five years and the phase 2 feasibility study and comment cards show that there was tremendous resistance to the idea of spending a tremendous amount of money on the Desert Discovery Center. Being at those meetings were five years ago, things have likely changed and in what direction who knows. But this is -- you know, I have lived in Scottsdale all of my life. There haven't been too many \$75 million projects that the city of Scottsdale has taken on. This has the ability to profoundly affect the entire city, certainly the northern areas of Scottsdale and where it might go.

So our feeling is really this does need a significantly increased amount of public input and public meetings. We need to do more than 1:00 p.m. meetings at SkySong. We work. There could be water bill inserts that might notify people of this. Other possibilities would even include handing out flyers at the Scottsdale corridor. But this needs more public input. The size and the cost of this and the funding of it are very serious matters and there been incredibly little discussion on that, where that money might come from.

In addition, we have got the Preserve ordinance, which arguably would prohibit this. I know there

are people that argue both sides of, that but, you know, our point is that preserve was bought by the citizens of Scottsdale and really their opinion of whether or not this belongs in the Preserve is the one we bought to be asking. It is their Preserve and they should have the most significant voice as to how it is handled.

So it is our view that before going forward, this does need a very robust public outreach, from not only the city of Scottsdale, but I would say the council as well, to determine what is the appetite of the city of Scottsdale for something like this and along with that, what are their expectations as to where it might be located and what type of facility it might be, what type of scale might it be. I see I'm running out of time, but that's the recommendation from the coalition of greater Scottsdale. Thank you.

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Mayor Lane: Thank you, Mr. Schaffner. Next will be Bob Littlefield.

Bob Littlefield: It's funny, this was an old idea, even when I got on the council with what seems like a thousand years ago. This thing has been studied to death. Money has been spent on it. Countless hours of staff time spent looking at it, all the private work that's been done on it and supported by a lot of prominent people in the community. You have to ask yourself, why, after 20 years, has nobody pulled the trigger on this particular project? Why is there no Desert Discovery Center? I think the answer is obvious. It's because deep down in their heart of hearts, even the proponents of this project know that the public would hate it. They don't want to pay 70 to \$100 million of taxpayer money for it. They don't want it in the Preserve.

There's plenty of proof that this is true. We considered putting this on a general obligation bond three times. Three times that was rejected not only for fear that the project would lose but that in the process of losing, it would take down the rest of the bond issue with it. By the way, since you have had a bond issue on in November, I find it kind of odd that you are discussing this thing now, with all the money that we talked about being spent, it seems to me that wouldn't work towards making the bond issue pass.

The one time we had public outreach on this, everybody remembers the rattlesnake, hmm, with the picture in the paper of the people coming out of the back of the rattlesnake. One time we had public outreach and I attended those sessions. Let's just say that the public response was negative. I think deep down, that's why the proponents of this project want you, the council to approve it before they do the outreach. Because the public outreach is not outreach but marketing. They are trying to get you to take ownership of this thing and put it on and put it out there and then public outreach would actually be public marketing.

I don't have any problem with the idea that we should build something that might leverage our tourism off the Preserve, actually that already happens. But not this. This is way too big, and it's in the wrong spot and I would say to the proponents of it, if you want to have the Desert Discovery Center, you need to do two things. First, cut this back to the point where it doesn't require a huge

public subsidy. And second, stop trying to cram it into the Preserve. It would be just as effective a mile down the road and you would save yourself a huge battle, both legal and political, if you stick it inside the gateway. Thank you.

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Mayor Lane: Thank you, Mr. Littlefield. That completes the public comment on the subject. We have the question at hand is possible direction to staff regarding negotiations on a scope of work with Desert Discovery Center Scottsdale Inc. and possible direction to the city treasurer to evaluate sources of funding for phase one consulting services. So that's what's on the table right at the moment.

I don't know that I see if there's even an estimate myself as to what the what funding or consulting services we may be entertaining, as far as other than looking for courses. My first question would be -- and I've got several, but when the presentation was made, I guess they were a couple of things that come to mind and that is -- I thought I understand Mr. Earle to say looking for funding sources I know that's part of step one as part of a criteria in this four-step process. Was there any stipulation in the RFQ with regard to funding sources by 9 applicant and thus the party we are talking to right now?

City Engineer Derek Earle: Mayor and members of council, yes there was a request for information, as far as bringing matching contributions or contributions in kind. Until we actually negotiate the contract with the consultant, we don't know if or at what amount any of those contributions will be until we sit down with them and have those discussions but the RFQ did request any information on this organization bringing in kind contributions to the table.

Mayor Lane: That stipulation was responded to in some fashion that allowed them to qualify under of the stipulations that you in the RFQ.

City Engineer Derek Earle: Mayor and members of council, yes they identified in kind and other contributions they have made and what additional contributions they have made at this point. We will have to sit down and have those discussions with them.

Mayor Lane: Okay. One other question and this goes to some of the comments that were made with regard to outreach on this. You know, early -- well, I say nearly seven years ago, there was a great deal of talk as to what role the preserve commission would may not only in this, but in the overall inclusive of fund-raising and that went to the ballot measure. Has the Preserve Commission been engaged on this at all?

Executive Assistant Strategic Projects Kroy Ekblaw: Mayor, members of council, Kroy Ekblaw, Preserve director, certainly over the years the Preserve Commission and the Tourism Development Commission have had input over that, and the most recent time period, we provided them an update on both your study session in March and just this past week, we provided the Preserve Commission with the packet that was sent to the council as well, but at this point, there haven't been any specific recommendations or proposals that would impact the Preserve. We understand there's the potential for that. Based upon outlining future steps and those opportunities, when Mr. Earle said there would

be future public participation and presentations, we certainly envision that not only the council, but other boards and commissions including the Preserve commission and the Tourism Development Commission might well be included. I mentioned the tourism because in the past, discussion of funding has options, options for funding has included be it the bed tax or other tourism sources and that's been the reason for involvement in the past.

Mayor Lane: I'm sorry, the Tourism Development, they have voiced a position with regard to the bed tax dollars or --

Executive Assistant Strategic Projects Kroy Ekblaw: They have several years ago but there was not a specific project to fund, but they did identify an interest in supporting the concept of the Desert Discovery Center and identify the bed taxes as the funding source. There's never really been a process for which to go forward and present that. Should the direction go forward to proceed with this, and evaluate options that would be one of several things that would be considered.

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Mayor Lane: Because I know in the conversation we were talking about Mr. Nichols being -- as part of our direction, would be to find funding sources. Now, that sort of leaves me at a sense that this is a city obligation we are looking at. So I don't know if that's been defined any further. That sounds like there's some language within the RFQ that they responded to positively, that it was a not all of the city funding mechanism and without some participation, this would not move forward.

City Treasurer Jeff Nichols: Mr. Mayor, members of council, I believe the intention was that the city would participate in the phase one funding. We would look for a funding source, be it general fund dollars, contingency transfers has been set, tourism dollars.

Mayor Lane: How much have where he contributed in studies and in feasibility studies and frankly, initial draft -- I should say renderings and the look of this potential process to this point in time?

Executive Assistant Strategic Projects Kroy Ekblaw: Mayor, I would have to go back and check exact notes. I know that in the past, there was a -- a \$500,000 commitment from the Preserve tax fund and I believe approximately \$490,000 of that was spent on the phase two study. Previous and post that point in time, there have been dollars that have come from tourism. My recollection is roughly in the neighborhood of \$250,000, but I would want to double check those numbers.

Mayor Lane: Just from my own recall, I think it's a little north of that, but nevertheless, it's a substantial sum of money. And my lead thought and somewhat of a question was, if we have an idea of what we are talking about with this particular study or consultants fee?

City Engineer Derek Earle: Mayor, members of council, we haven't put together a final budget, but the consultant services is part of the scope of work that we would be bringing forward and we would have architectural support services. When we bring you a budget, we bring you a full budget for this first phase of services this probably will be in the neighborhood of \$500,000 to 600 or \$700,000, but I

would really prefer to sit down and work this out and the scope with the consultant, as well as nil supporting services that we need to provide to give you that final number.

Mayor Lane: Well, I guess I'm trying to tally up in my mind. This project has changed as one of the testimonies talked about, a lot through the years, and it has grown in size and stature, and therefore, the commitment has been fairly substantial to this point in time. When I said further north of that, I'm thinking \$800,000 or \$900,000 has also been spent to date, but I also can't verify that, but just from recall. We are now talking about a possibility -- and I realize this is maybe premature, in your own mind Mr. Earle but nonetheless, we are talking about between \$600,000 to \$800,000 more on top of that. That's quite a commitment of taxpayer dollars, whatever the source may be. Having this in good solid form and with no surprises to come upon us as we continue to invest, is really important to me, and I think maybe certainly to the taxpayers too, whether they like it or not, whether they are in favor or not in favor of it. So I'm concerned a little bit about what we are talking about moving forward here.

I think one of the things you just said is continue the conversation, but before we commit to anything further, there will be something back here to us in that regard. And in the meantime, there may be other things that we could also do. Rather than an update to the Preserve Commission and anybody who has been around for a little while, realizes I have had some differences of opinions sometimes with the preserve commission, and frankly, I'm okay with the fact that there are differences of opinion on things, but at the same time, one of the things that's important as an extension of the council, the preserve commission does form -- does provide us an area to have these items vetted in accordance with their mission. So I'm concerned about that as well.

I will leave it go for right now. Without any further comment from me, I will continue on with other comments by the councilmembers and starting with Vice Mayor Milhaven.

[Time: 00:58:30]

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you, mayor. Listening to the folks who are urging us not to move forward tonight, it seems like they are advising us that we are getting ahead of ourselves and to folks who are opposing, this I would suggest that perhaps you are getting a little built ahead of yourselves as well. You know, I agree that citizen input is important but I think we need to flesh out the concept a little further to give our citizens something to react to. The folks who comment about the price tag and the rattlesnake. I think the only thing that liked the rattlesnake is the consultant. Just because they came up with the recommendation doesn't mean we need to adopt it.

And in terms of whether or not it is an old idea, that has failed to come forward for lack of merit, I would have to wholeheartedly disagree with that. I think that the Museum of the West opening was a long time on the drawing board as something we are all proud of. It took a long time to bring forward and the think the DDC has the potential to be something more amazing than the Museum of the West that we have seen open in the last year.

It was not included or I did not support putting it on the list of potential bond projects because the

folks working on the concept said, wait a minute. We have more work to do. We want to be smart about this. We want to find partners. We want to find other funding sources. And at this point in our economy the city has greater needs than the wants that the DDC would measure and so it was the thoughtfulness of the people working on this project that encouraged us not to move forward working on the bond not because we didn't think it would have support because we think it did.

As I look at the \$1 billion investment to preserve 30,000 acres, the largest urban preserve in the country, it would a tragedy if we did not build a facility that would help us to celebrate the desert, research the desert and learn about the desert. And I think -- but tonight we are doing nothing more but moving idea forward asking a team of talented individuals to put more details around it and more solid price tag and folks have thrown around numbers. We don't have a number. We are still working on figuring out what that is.

While I could point to some other projects, we move forward hastily with insufficient due diligence. I think that taking the time to do this right is what we owe our citizens and once we have more of a concept of what will be, we will certainly reach out to the citizens and get their thoughts on it. So I'm excited at the thought that we are going to move this project forward and I certainly support moving forward as suggested with developing the vision and the preliminary plan as well as directing the treasurer to look for funding sources. I will think this is a great day if we move this forward. Thank you.

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Mayor Lane: Thank you, Vice Mayor. Councilman Smith.

Councilman Smith: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I want to begin by saying thank you to the group of people that have stood by this project for so many years. Some of you probably involved for the two decades or longer that it's been discussed. And I want to say for my own two cents worth, I think it, and I will get back to "it" in a moment, but it is an opportunity for our city to do something that is uniquely ours. It is an opportunity to establish both the tourism attraction and the attraction for people in our city that would be the envy of others. But certainly not copyable if there is such a word, by others.

The desert is extraordinary. It's uniquely ours. And as the Vice Mayor said, we have an opportunity to do something to compliment the desert in an educational and learning sort of way. So I think it has great potential. The problem and even some of the people who have written to me about this have made the same observation. It has yet to be fully defined. And I think that's what this effort is intending to do. It's intended to give structure to the idea, as well as evaluation of cost, the impact, the operating costs, and, frankly, how do we make it complimentary to the asset that we have that's the desert preserve.

I think I'm a big proponent of understanding and studying subjects. Not studying them to death, but studying them to understand what we're talking about. One of the speakers talked about it's way too big. It's -- the public wouldn't like it, whatever. You know, what I don't want to create is another, I

will call it WestWorld mistake. And it was a mistake. It was a mistake because we did not study sufficiently what we were going to do. We didn't spend the time to understand what it was going to cost and consequently, the cost overruns were 20% or more. Spending some money in advance to understand what we are going to do and what we want the public to support. And by the way, we did not take the WestWorld project to the public because we knew public wouldn't support that.

So it's important if we want public support for the project that we ask the citizens what we want them to do. Ask for support and certainly public outreach and I mean more than public outreach. I mean genuinely trying to understand, did we have the public with us who are against us in this project? Whether we get that through a public vote, as one of the speakers suggested and that's probably a good idea. Maybe a necessary financial idea, or whether we get that through legitimate public surveys and I say legitimate public surveys to distinguish them from just public outreach where we sell everybody, come on down at 5:00, we are going to talk about this. There are ways of understanding whether the public is with you or against you on this kind of project but first we have to define what it is that we want to do. It is a bit of a chicken and the egg thing. I don't necessarily fault people for not going to the public and saying, what do you think, because we don't really have the project yet defined. And whether we are going to spend 500, 600, \$700,000, if it's really going to be a project of \$74 million, that's a pretty small piece of change to spend to make sure you've got the numbers right. I don't happen to think it will be \$74 million, and we'll see on that in the future.

The -- I think a question for staff and I think I know the answer to this from previous discussions, but Derek, when we are giving instruction for your -- your colleague to the right there, Mr. Nichols to come one some money, are we only talking about the money for phase one?

City Engineer Derek Earle: Mayor, members of Council, Councilman Smith, that's correct, it's just for the initial phase of studying the project.

Councilman Smith: Okay. The second question and the public may be interested in this, you have talked about the 885 score out of 1,000, was there any particular area that you felt that this group was deficient on your scoring system or was it just a few points off in several different areas?

City Engineer Derek Earle: Mayor, members of Council, Councilman Smith, no, I have really couldn't identify. That the average score was 895. Usually most people are reticent to give a perfect score to somebody, unless they think this is absolutely perfect. This was no one area. They were pretty well balanced in their response.

Councilman Smith: Okay. Thank you. Well, I think this is an idea which has -- it is an idea which has merit. I have would love to see it defined. And maybe this is the right group and maybe this is the right process to reach that understanding, but I am anxious to see us not continue to flounder with this idea. Let's see if we are on to something that's truly bold, iconic and uniquely Scottsdale, which I think potentially it could be, or whether we have just had a bad dream, but let's find out one way or the other. So I will be supporting this. Thank you, Mayor.

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Mayor Lane: Thank you, Councilman. Councilman Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: Thank you, Mayor. Can we have the list that shows the criteria for 1,000 points and how they picked that out? I think it's a funny approach for evaluating 200 points and local knowledge 25 points. I mean, that just basically says some guy from New York can come up with thing because that's not really important. We have don't care if they know anything about the city here, or the Preserve or how it got started or who is involved in it or what it means to the people. I don't even know where you came up with that. That should have been the 300 point one.

My opinion, you have one respondent. I think we need at least three. In any RFQ, you have three bids and pick the best one out of the three. Especially one that's Desert Discovery Center Scottsdale Inc. It sounds a little contrived. I couldn't see going along with it for that reason alone.

The other reason is, you know, some form of center was originally included, but it didn't specify how big it was and how much money and where it would come from. We already spent hundreds of thousands of dollars if not \$1 million of taxpayer money to try to push this thing through and that's usually the typical city, you know, modis operandi to keep putting money into it, and finally say we wasted so much money on it now, we have to go ahead or else we will look stupid.

At this point, the city has put enough money in. Desert Discovery Center Inc., and those who have been involved this for 30 years. I think it's time you come up with the plan and stop asking for city money to do it. No more tax dollars on this, in my opinion. We need three respondents for the RFQ. Thank you.

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Mayor Lane: Thank you Councilman Phillips. Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Thank you. You know, the DDC is a very interesting idea and it's been around Scottsdale for two decades or more. During that time, the city has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars and untold hours of staff time and money spent by private supporters to study this idea and to see if we could come up with something that would work. But despite all of that expenditure of time and money, the DDC has not been built, and it the two major questions surrounding it have never been answered. That's why it hasn't been built. We shouldn't move forward open this until we have real concrete answers to those two questions.

Number one, how will this be funded? No matter how you look at this this will be a very, very expensive project. What started out as a modest 5 to \$10 million project has morphed over the years and it left the system to be \$75 million. To build it and it will require a seven figure annual subsidy from the general fund to operate it. That assumes the figures presented by the proponents are correct and fortunately, there is very little objective evidence to say one way or the other and the little that we do have from the places consulting report indicates that attendance and revenue projections are too optimistic. Even if we allocated all the remaining bed tax available to this project, it would

only fund a fraction of the cost. How are we going to spend -- find the money to spend to finish building it. The obvious conclusion is most of the balance of the required money would come out of the pockets of the Scottsdale taxpayers. Either in the form of general fund money or through GO bonds. Frankly, I do not believe the citizens of the Scottsdale want that, but the biggest problem in this funding is they have not been asked.

The second biggest question is: Where would it be located? When the council last discussed this issue, the consensus was we needed to look at a variety of locations outside the Preserve and inside the Preserve. Now I see in statement of qualifications, the proponents of the DDC have focused only on the location inside the Preserve boundary. I don't believe that's legal. But even if it is, it would be a breach of faith with the voters, who voted their tax dollars to buy this land to be preserved. And not used for any other reason. Again, I believe the citizens of Scottsdale have a right to be consulted on this, but they have not been asked.

Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve is unique and very special municipal asset, but that imposes special responsibilities on those of us in the city government for how we manage it on behalf of the citizens would paid for it. One of the citizens who wrote to us on this issue, hit the nail on the head when he pointed out that the time for public outreach is before we decide where it is to be located, how big it will be, and how will it be funded, not after. The purpose of public outreach is to find out what the public thinks about this idea, not try to sell them on an idea that has already been decided upon by a small group of advocates and politicians. We have not had adequate citizen discussion or input. Open houses regarding these current designs on the Preserve land and funding sources available to do it have not been vetted to the public. We have not asked taxpayers about absorbing an ongoing annual debt of \$1 to \$3 million to support it. I had expected some outreach to our citizens that that would be the next step, not accepting a done deal proposal and that's what this is.

I will not support this proposal before we have done our necessary homework. To support this now with no independent input on how much it will really cost, no idea how much revenue might reasonably be expected, to generate, and how -- most importantly, no idea of how to pay for it. That would be irresponsible. Thank you.

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Mayor Lane: Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilwoman Korte.

Councilmember Korte: Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Earle, I believe in our study session back in March, you were the staff support for that. Were you back in March for the Desert Discovery Center work study session?

City Engineer Derek Earle: Yes.

Councilmember Korte: Okay. So in that study session, what were the directions given to staff? There were, I believe, some specific directions.

City Engineer Derek Earle: The two primary directions, Mayor Lane, members of Council, Councilwoman Korte, the main direction that we got was to move forward with issuing an RFQ, and to bring the results back to council. The second largest discussion was concerning realizing the process similar to the Museum of the West to advance this forward. That was identified as a successful -- a successful model for how the project was accomplished. And both of those we have attempted to try to respond to council.

Councilmember Korte: How about, was there not a bit of discussion on that March study session around location?

City Engineer Derek Earle: Mayor, Councilwoman Korte, yes, there was discussion. I would have to go back and get the specifics on all of the discussion and how many in favor and against, and there was a discussion about it being in the gateway. It was the preliminary direction for council.

Councilmember Korte: Well, I don't think in a work study session you get a final decision, but I do remember that the majority of councilmembers shall we say gave their direction and supported the location to be at the gateway. And actually, if you look back through the many years of documents and maps, that the DDC has been identified at the gateway for 15 plus years. And location, location -- so they say in business, location, location, location. That location is critical to the success and the sustainability of the Desert Discovery Center.

And I'm going to support the direction on moving forward with the contract negotiations because this gives us an opportunity to review all the work of the past and bring forth a plan that works both financially -- or works financially and works as -- brings forward a magnificent over-the-top tourism attraction, and celebrates the Sonoran desert that we love so much. Thank you.

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Mayor Lane: Thank you Councilwoman. Councilwoman Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: I will recommending direction forward with moving forward with the negotiations of this center, with the -- with the potential consultant for the center, as well as to direct the treasurer to review funding sources, and as we have mentioned, at the March session, as I remember that meeting in March, I believe many, if not everyone sitting up here embraced the idea of the Desert Discovery Center and moving forward with an RFQ. We did not hear the objections that we're hearing tonight about where it should be and as well as whether we should even build it. There was a great enthusiasm for the Desert Discovery Center last time. Now we have issued the RFQ. This is the next step.

Now that we have a respondent, the next logical step would be to negotiate with the respondent and to have some information brought back to us. So this is all part of the process. We are not doing anything tonight that is counter to what everyone agreed to -- I believe everyone in the -- in the March session, and as well as it -- you know, gateway location was discussed and has been in city documents for many years, as being at the gateway location -- the center would be at the gateway location.

And when we talk about the Preserve, it's being built just for a preserve, I think there was understanding among the voters that when the preserve was provided, that there would be education provided at various places in the Preserve. We do that at a lot of trail heads. We have buildings on the trail head that provide education. So in my mind what would be at the Desert Discovery Center would be a larger version of the smaller trail head facilities that educate and, yes, we have no decide how much we are willing to spend, but we haven't got there yet. We have a lot to discuss and look at before then. We need to study this further.

But that -- there has been a very long and deliberate thought process considered about the Desert Discovery Center, just as there was with the Museum of the West. There were a few people who thought maybe we shouldn't be spending the money hon the Museum of the West either. Now that it's built, the public loves it. We could see the same thing happen with the Desert Discovery Center when it's built, the public will love it.

As far as I'm concerned, we have been very enthusiastic about the center up until now. I don't see stopping it to this point because we only had one respondent to the RFQ, we should move on. The respondent is wholly qualified. I recommend that we move forward and look for funding sources.

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Mayor Lane: Thank you Councilwoman. Councilman Smith.

Councilman Smith: We may not be as far as we think we are. Listening to Councilwoman Littlefield, I agree with her closing remarks. I'm in the same position. I won't support this project until we finish our homework. Folks, that's exactly what we are talking about, is doing our homework to define what the project is so that we have a concrete idea to take to the public. I also agree that the public has not been asked and by golly, I'm not going to support the project until the public has been asked and this may be a project that requires the public vote, rather than just hitting the general fund for the difference of several million dollars as we did in west world. It is important that we do this the right way. And I happen to think what's being proposed tonight is the right next step. Thank you, Mayor.

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Mayor Lane: Thank you, Councilman. And I do think it is a matter of doing our homework. I frankly think the staff did exactly as they were asked in the work study session and that's to bring forward this continuing conversation in a positive form. It wouldn't have gotten here had we not asked for that. But we are here to evaluate that process as you designed it. I think it's all together healthy and good. That's what we are here to do. To get enamored and not put on the brakes and look at it is a silly way and probably irresponsible way to go. I think my concerns have been from the beginning, funding and location. What were the understandings with the RFQ? What were the understandings of the sole respondent to that and -- who have been working on it all along. How did they meet those issues?

Now, through the process as it's been related to us, as councilmembers, there's been a great deal of talk about funding and various sources and partnerships and, that but determining the feasibility and determining the likelihood of an ability to make this a positive addition to -- not only to tourism but to our city, really we do have to look at whether it's feasible, whether it's correct. On top of that, we have got to know we are not going to find ourselves with a major stumbling block, whether it's funding or whether it's the location and I have asked repeatedly to have the location issues settled before we tried to even evaluate it. If we get down to a point where we evaluate it, and we spend another \$600,000 and pardon me on being too concerned about \$600,000, but I am.

To take that next step in educating ourselves if we don't know whether it can legitimate be where we say it should be, then we've got a problem. We can't even determine its feasibility because then suddenly if it's not available there, it needs to go somewhere else. So that is a critical component, as far as I'm concerned. I don't know that we would get the answer to that necessarily for the Preserve Commission but I don't think excluding them, or just giving them an update was necessarily an appropriate way for us to go, but that's behind us. That's not -- it won't be the first time we have done something like that, take the lead on it and follow those folks that are, you know, promoting it. So those are two elements that I'm concerned with.

And I was looking through this as far as the step one on the four-step program. And it does indicate legal and regulatory issues related to site selection. I don't know whether this is part of the study or something that we are going to do as part of the four-step process. And what I guess I'm trying to say is getting an answer to that bullet point there, in step one, definitively, would make me feel a whole lot better about moving forward with further analysis of this.

There's another point that was brought up by some of the testimony and that's the independence of the analysis that we have received thus far. I have always been of the understanding that we have a feasibility study done years ago. I don't know whether it still stands yet or not. I don't know what the source of it was, whether it's independent or not, but I don't believe -- at least I have didn't understand at that time, that it was from the same group that we are -- now has responded positively to the RFQ. So I think the it has been defined, and I think what the staff has done is perfectly appropriate and entirely consistent with what we asked you to do. So in that sense, I want to commend you and thank you for that. It's given us the information to be able to ask some questions, and concern ourselves with some of the direction we are taking. So those are my concerns.

They are not totally without resolution before we commit to some study and I think it's incumbent upon us to make sure we have a location. Some plan -- I will go with what I will describe as a loosey goosy kind of approach to how it might be funded or not. I suppose that has to get worked out in the wash, and frankly, it's a component of where the heck it's going to be in the first place. So I will -- you know, I'm settled on that.

I do think it's defined. I think what they are promoting, or I should say the respondent has promoted all along is highly consistent with what we have been looking at for last several years. When we put it or didn't put it on a general obligation bond ballot issue or not is frankly -- it was a sense and I think

the Vice Mayor said it, it's certainly a sense of the economy, but it's also a sense that it really was not an issue at \$70 million, that most people were going to pick up on when we couldn't get any kind of bond issue passed. So I think the directions were followed. I have think most of the answers will be in the further homework we will do on analysis.

[Time: 01:27:24]

Mayor Lane: I'm only asking that we settle the issue of location before we commit to another full blown study to find out where -- that we determine we have a legitimacy and if the outreach is necessary an outreach is necessary but to where it's going to be. And a determination ultimately. And I don't want to put our illustrious city attorney on the spot, but I thought we actually had come to some conclusion. I don't know how conclusive it was, but nevertheless, that we had come to some conclusion. And maybe I can ask you that, whether that's putting you on the spot or not.

City Attorney Bruce Washburn: If I'm understanding you correctly, Mayor, you asking me if we had some conclusion about the ability to have the DDC in the gateway. Is that the question?

Mayor Lane: On the Preserve, yes.

City Attorney Bruce Washburn: On the Preserve? The answer to that is depends what it is. I think that's --

Mayor Lane: Maybe it hasn't been defined.

City Attorney Bruce Washburn: In any event, that's my opinion. Other people have discussed this issue as well. I think unless and until we know exactly what the proposal does, then we won't know the legal parameters.

Mayor Lane: It's far close to what the meaning of "it" is. I'm forced to accept that. Well, in any case, I'm only asking for that one issue and I don't know how that gets settled, but before we continue down this road with an obstacle that could be insurmountable in the progress of this, and it could be. I'm not suggesting one way or another, I would like to get that resolved.

So I will support the measure to move forward as you got it outlined here in the step by step and I'm presuming that that item, that bullet point I mentioned is something we are going to do and find out as part of our next session when we are considering the whole thing. So with that, Councilmember Korte.

[Time: 01:28:51]

Councilmember Korte: Thank you, Mayor. I would like to make a motion to direct staff to move forward with contract negotiations with Desert Discovery Center Scottsdale Inc. for the first phase of the services for the DDC, and consider directing our treasurer to review possible funding sources for the first phase of services.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Second.

Mayor Lane: Would the second like to speak toward it?

Vice Mayor Milhaven: No thank you.

Mayor Lane: Well, minding to my own manner about these kinds of things, I'm going to ask the motion maker to consider the idea that we get a resolve on location.

Councilmember Korte: I will accept that friendly amendment.

Mayor Lane: Would the second --

Vice Mayor Milhaven: So what you are asking is before we do any other work, we will decide on location?

Mayor Lane: Before we commit to any further study that we have the location set, so that the study can be meaningful.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: But which comes first the chicken or the egg? I think what -- the city attorney said, what it is, is going to determine the location. I'm reluctant to support that amendment.

Strategic Services Executive Assistant Kroy Ekblaw: You touched on it that part of the challenge with location, and the city attorney mentioned is what it is. And that's been part of this process of the RFQ of coming forward and defining it, so we can then match that to a proposal on location, and bring that forward together. It would be very hard to go back to the -- part of the reason for not presenting anything to the preserve commission for a recommendation up to this point is we don't know what it is. And that really is a bit of this challenge, is that the two have to be defined in -- in -- what in concert in coming forward to really nail that and, yes, your discussion in March, I won't say it was unanimous, but there was a strong consensus to look at the gateway, and so that is what the RFQ went out at. That's what we would expect the discussion to continue to look at, but depending upon what is defined as to be part of this project will impact its ability to be in the preserve as is, or with an amendment or any of the number of various options that could possibly come up. So I just want to caution, it would be very hard for us to deliver prior to some of the other definition a location solution to that point. We are certainly intending to bring that together and have those discussions with all of the appropriate public entities, commissions and yourself before coming up with significant dollars, but there would be some dollars that would have to be spent to get there.

[Time: 01:32:28]

Mayor Lane: Number one, I would say that I -- I find it odd that we are talking that we don't know what it is. I mean, we have working on this for years, various and sundry potential partners know

what it is. And we are talking about where we go and what would be placed, what would be placed in that location. So I -- I'm sorry, Mr. Ekblaw, but I don't necessarily go with that particular thinking. And I'm not trying to be argumentative with that, but there is a way maybe of solving -- if it's important, I would love to be able to support this, but I think the point I made is a valid one. Now we are talking we don't even know what it is, much less where it's going to be. So we don't know anything about this thing as it is. You know, we might as well start all over. So I just -- I just don't get that.

And I do think irrespective of -- if it's anything -- if it is anything like what's been talked about for months and years now, is going to go on the Preserve, we should have April -- an idea as to whether it can go there or not or whether we have to amend something or otherwise. Personally, I think there's only one place it should be, is on the Preserve. If we need to redefine it, we may be talking about a different dollar amount or feasibility, all kinds of things that are thrown up in the air. We don't even know what it is, we are in deep trouble. There may be a way around this.

And Mr. Earle, you may have the secret to this. If we were to go to slide 5, and it's -- it's the pull down on step one, where it says legal and regulatory issues related to site selection. If that's part of the program, who is going to do that and when?

City Engineer Derek Earle: Mayor, this effort is directed by the city staff. So we will be working with recommendations from our consultant, but then we'll be working also with city legal staff, to evaluate the site location and the legal and regulatory issues associated with that. So the presentation, just because the applicant says, hey, we think everything is fine on this location with this project, we are obviously more skeptical and want to make sure that we have all of the legal and the regulatory issues that you are comfortable, legal is comfortable --

Mayor Lane: Mr. Earle within the motion of guidance and direction to be given, that's a component part and you just said with the consultant. So do we need to hire the consultant before we can answer that question?

City Engineer Derek Earle: Mayor, the consultant brings to the table a better definition of the vision of the facility and in doing that we are able to evaluate the regulatory issues on the site. There was an argument that was the site was approved for a much smaller visitors center but not an allegedly commercial program as is proposed, and that's why we say when we define what it is, to make sure that we are accurately describing the scale of the facility and where that fits within the original site plan approval that was at the gateway location for a facility, a visitor facility. If the site is scaled down to a smaller visitors center without bells and whistles and restaurants and all the other stuff, it's entirely possible it fits within the current preserve ordinance and the current site plan approval, et cetera. If it's a larger commercial activity, with a larger exhibit, gift shop, those types of things, it's entirely possible it's contrary to the preserve ordinance. That's what we are trying to define.

Mayor Lane: The first feasibility study on this, it was a matter of having overstuffed deli sandwiches and a cafeteria or a restaurant that would be there overlooking the mountain. That was the only feasibility study I had ever heard. Everything that's been shown in the meantime has had various

components within that same layout of that. That's the it I'm working with and that's the it that everybody else is working with. If you are saying now that we are going to hire somebody to redefine it all together, then we really are talking about an entirely new independent feasibility study with whatever is determined to be the workable object that would be placed on the Preserve.

City Engineer Derek Earle: Mayor, the intent is to build on the previous studies and to finalize the vision and if that includes those types of commercial activities that need consideration under the Preserve ordinance, then that will drive us towards the actions that are necessary to approve the location.

Mayor Lane: Well, if you knew whether you could or couldn't, that would sort of determine which way you design it too. I still think that finding that out would be a good thing, but I understand that the majority here probably isn't concerned with that. Vice Mayor Milhaven.

[Time: 01:37:50]

Vice Mayor Milhaven: You made a comment. It sounded from your comments that you supported the DDC in the Preserve. Did I hear you correctly?

Mayor Lane: I do.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: And I agree. So if your intention in the amendment was to say that you would like to see the work proceed with the direction of planning it in the Preserve, I would support that amendment.

Mayor Lane: Planning it in the Preserve.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: That the plans contemplate it locating it in the Preserve.

Mayor Lane: Of course, that doesn't necessarily determine that it can be, in whatever form it is. If what I understood and part me for having somewhat of a conversation back and forth on this. This is almost like a work study but nevertheless, if what I just heard Mr. Earle say and that is the determination of what it will be is going to be determined a bid -- a bid, thank you, a bid by whether it can be on the Preserve or not.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Maybe that's the how to. If we want to say we want it to be on the Preserve, then the plans to figure out what that should be, but say that that would be our desire.

Mayor Lane: My only concern beyond that and I don't disagree with what you are saying is spending \$600,000 --

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Well, we are not committing to spend anything today.

Mayor Lane: But if we are hire a consultant, to answer that question, we will have before we have

answer to it. I'm sorry. Mr. Washburn.

City Attorney Bruce Washburn: Thank you, Mayor. If I could just clarify my earlier response to your question, it's my understanding that the RFQ -- the response to the RFQ basically assumes that the -- that the DDC will be in the Preserve. And so what the legal regulatory issues related to site selection are that have to be resolved is -- it has to be resolved is what the legal parameters are for putting the DDC in the Preserve. But unless and until we know what the DDC is going to be, we won't know what the legal issues are that go with it.

Mayor Lane: You will want to get away from that word "it," right? I'm sorry.

City Attorney Bruce Washburn: So it's my understanding that what Mr. Earle said, that's what we would be resolving, would be looking at what it is that will be built and then from that, we would know what the legal parameters are. And then whether or not, for example, the Preserve ordinance might or might not have to be amended or the master site plan might or might not have to be amended and what would be involved in doing all of that. So as I understand it, the idea would be we would be addressing your concern and the Vice Mayor's concern of what would be involved in putting this in the Preserve and trying to resolve those questions as we figure out what it is that is being contemplated.

Mayor Lane: For the moment, I'm going to go ahead and support the motion and the second that's on the table but I will say that before -- at least with regard to my vote, we exercise some kind of new contract and commit to it. I would love to -- I would like to have an explanation and frankly determination of how that sets out. That's my position. As I say, I will support the motion, as it is, but that's my qualifier for the next round on this. So you may hear this all again.

Well, thank you, everybody for the presentation. Thank you Mr. Earle and for the work you have done to bring it to this point and frankly to the organization that has also worked to bring it to this point as well. Thank you for all of that.

With that, we have a motion and this is for direction as was stated by the motion maker, Councilwoman Korte and so now if you are -- those in favor please indicate by aye and those opposed with a nay. Aye. The motion passes 5-2 with Councilwoman Littlefield and Councilman Phillips opposing. Again, thank you very much.

ITEM 12 – RECEIPT OF CITIZEN PETITIONS

[Time: 01:42:18]

Mayor Lane: That completes our regular agenda items. We have no further public comment cards. We do have a citizen petition, item 12. Let me grab my copy of the petition, which each of you have got a copy of and was spoken by Mr. Thompson earlier. And it -- just for the record, it's me the undersigned residents and business owners in Scottsdale's petition of the Scottsdale city council to direct the special events committee to immediately rescind the permit recently issued to artesian markets on central bank for the following reasons, special events committee has no authority under

the current ordinance, and per mitt for \$159 twice ace week during seven months, it's a gift and therefore, prohibited by the Arizona State constitution and our city charter. The permit will negatively impact surrounding businesses which is in violation of the current special events policy. So that's been spoken by Mr. Thompson in support. Is there any indication? Councilman Phillips.

[Time: 01:43:30]

Councilman Phillips: Thank you, Mayor. I would like to ask our city attorney, the gentlemen that gave us this petition after he read it, he said, to consider this at the next study session. So in your legel opinion, is that part of this request or is the request is to immediately rescind? Because I don't think we can do that.

City Attorney Bruce Washburn: Yes, you are correct, Councilman Phillips. You cannot do that at tonight's meeting because it's not agendized for that. The three things you can do at tonight's meeting are take no action on the petition, direct the city manager to bring back a report on the petition, or direct that the petition -- the matter on the petition be agendized at a future meeting.

Councilman Phillips: Okay. So I can move that we agendize it at a future study session on the events ordinance? So moved.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Second.

Mayor Lane: I don't know that -- if that necessarily is part of the three items or the three specific directions we can give. I think the direction would be to direct the city manager to consider this for inclusion in the next study session, if that's what you choose to do. Am I will correct, Mr. Washburn? Would that be more correct than --

City Attorney Bruce Washburn: I believe the language -- one of the three things permitted is directed that it be agendized to the future council meeting. So --

Mayor Lane: My mistake.

City Attorney Bruce Washburn: Let me just double check real quick. I'm not sure. I believe that's correct.

Mayor Lane: Maybe formally it's to ask the city manager to agendize it.

Councilman Phillips: Yeah, number one direct the city manager to agendize the petition for further discussion.

Mayor Lane: Yes, that's what I said.

City Attorney Bruce Washburn: I believe the direction could be to agendize it at a specific meeting if you wanted to.

Mayor Lane: But we are asking the city manager to do it. That's one of our directives, I believe.

City Attorney Bruce Washburn: Yes.

Mayor Lane: That's the only thing I was suggesting. That's the motion?

Councilman Phillips: Yes.

Mayor Lane: Okay. Motion has been made and seconded. I think Councilwoman Littlefield made that motion. Okay. So we have a motion and a second to direct the city manager to agendize it to the next study session. We do have some further -- or at least a request for additional councilmembers to speak. Councilmember Korte.

[Time: 01:46:23]

Councilmember Korte: Thank you, Mayor. Just a simple question, last city council meeting last week, did we not direct staff to research this -- the special events ordinance and come back to us with suggestions, working through some of the conflicts of what we have been practicing, versus what's in the ordinance? So isn't this a little bit premature?

Acting City Manager Brian Biesemeyer: Mayor, Councilmember Korte, we didn't really finish all of that discussion. There was direction on that, but we have now -- we will continue that study session on the 21st. So where there was some direction, staff is waiting for the completion of the study session before proceeding.

Councilmember Korte: Thank you.

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Councilwoman. Councilman Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: Thank you, Mayor and I think just to clarify, this would be for those specific three items to city manager to go through that and have the study session and you discuss, you know, if they do have no authority on the current ordinance, granting of the permit and permit negatively impacts the surrounding. So it's a little bit more specific, I think is the point.

Acting City Manager Brian Biesemeyer: Councilmember Phillips, the request, though, I guess it would say here is it that they rescind the Artisan Market's permit. That's a decision or an action that a study session could not address.

Councilman Phillips: Okay. This doesn't have to be a study session. You just said it could just be a regular agendized discussion and what they are asking for is to rescind because of these three reasons. So what we're asking you to do is to investigate these three reasons and find out if that is a reason to rescind or not.

Acting City Manager Brian Biesemeyer: Mayor Lane, Councilman Phillips, I got a little confused on that. So I guess I would ask is that direction to have me report back or agendize this?

Councilman Phillips: I would say agendize and that's the motion we made and the reason is because when you report back to us at that agendized discussion if the council so moved then you can tell us if these three reasons are true or not and then we can vote on whether or not to rescind it.

Acting City Manager Brian Biesemeyer: I understand, thank you.

[Time: 01:49:15]

Mayor Lane: Is that consistent with the language as you understood it from the first motion? It's not being agendized. It's being agendized individually, not to the next work study session. Is the second agreeable to that?

Acting City Manager Brian Biesemeyer: That's correct Mayor.

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: Your Honor, just to clarify then if this goes forward,

Mayor Lane: I can't imagine why you need this...

City Clerk Carolyn Jagger: That what we would be doing is allowing the -- changing the agenda language for the 21st to address these three issues that are in the petition, so that they could be discussed. But if there was a desire to rescind the permit, that would have to get agendized at all future council meeting, because the council would not be able to take action at the study session.

Mayor Lane: The second, of what you -- oh, they would not be able to have a study session. Certainly. But I will go to the motion maker. With the change that was just discussed here, what I will understand it to be coming from Councilman Phillips and Councilman, please correct me if I've got this wrong and that is asking the city manager to investigate this item and bring it to a council meeting with your recommendations.

Councilman Phillips: That's correct. So it would be all separate item. I don't know if you have time on that agenda.

Mayor Lane: On a council meeting. Is that what you understood it? I'm sorry, Mr. Biesemeyer.

Acting City Manager Brian Biesemeyer: Yes, it would be a separate agendized item for an upcoming council meeting.

Mayor Lane: With your input or the staff's input on it.

Acting City Manager Brian Biesemeyer: Mayor, Council, is there a date specific on it?

Councilman Phillips: It's dependent on how long it takes you to find out the answers to these questions. You would be the one agendizing it.

Mayor Lane: And the second understood that. And the city clerk? Okay. All right. Very good. All right. Vice Mayor.

[Time: 01:51:35]

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you, Mayor. I would like to make an alternative motion. Based on what the clerk was mentioning. I suggest we agendize this petition to be on the work study, because this is part of the bigger special events and it would be to agendize this for the discussion. That would be an alternative motion.

Mayor Lane: The motion fails for a second. All right. Then we do have the original motion on the table and it has been seconded. No further discussions seen. We are now ready to vote. Those in favor of the motion, please vote by aye, and those opposed with a nay. Aye. The motion passes 5-2, with the Vice Mayor Milhaven and Councilmember Korte opposing. Okay. Completes our items for the meeting. Now, this -- we will move now to our boards and commission. So for the boards, commissions and task force nominations. And for that purpose, I will turn it over to the Vice Mayor Milhaven.

ITEM 13 – BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND TASK FORCE NOMINATIONS

[Time: 01:52:57]

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you, Mayor. This evening, the City Council will be nominating Scottsdale residents interested in serving on ten citizen advisory boards and commissions. Those nominated will be interviewed at the City Council meeting on Monday, September 21st, 2015, and appointments will follow each set of interviews. Let's get started.

The first one is the Board of Adjustment. We have one opening. The Board of Adjustment has the power to hear and decide on appeals from administrative decisions and variances from the provisions of the zoning requirements. There is one vacancy and four applicants. I will entertain motions beginning with Councilman Phillips.

Councilman Phillips: No nomination.

Councilman Smith: Alex Roncancio.

Councilmember Korte: Dana Belknap.

Mayor Lane: No further nominations.

Councilwoman Klapp: No further.

Councilwoman Littlefield: No further.

[Time: 01:53:55]

Vice Mayor Milhaven: All righty. Building Advisory Board of Appeals. There's one opening. The Building Advisory Board of Appeals has the jurisdiction to recommend that minor variances in the electrical, plumbing and mechanical application of the Building Code be granted and that alternative construction methods or materials be allowed. I will begin with Councilman Smith.

Councilman Smith: Ed Peaser.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: And I believe that's the only application. So we will move on to the Development Review Board. DRB has one opening. The purpose of the Development Review Board is to maintain the quality of development in Scottsdale through review of architectural design and layout of proposed development plans for commercial development and preliminary plats for residential subdivisions. There's one vacancy and three applicants. I will begin with Councilwoman Korte.

Councilmember Korte: Prescott Smith.

Mayor Lane: Doug Craig.

Councilwoman Klapp: No further nomination.

Councilwoman Littlefield: No further.

Councilman Phillips: No further.

Councilman Smith: No further.

[Time: 01:55:03]

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you. Next is the Environmental Quality Advisory Board. The Environmental Quality Advisory Board provides guidance on the prioritization of future environmental activities and recommends environmental policies to the City Council. There are two vacancies and five applicants. I think we will begin with the Mayor.

Mayor Lane: Ted Geisler.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: There's two vacancies. So you may nominate two.

Mayor Lane: I'm sorry, what are we? Did it just change? I don't have any update to it. I will leave it at that.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: All right. Councilwoman Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Yours was Ted Geisler, right? Dane Englert and Aliza Sabin.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Steven Schlosser.

Councilman Phillips: No additional.

Councilman Smith: No addition.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Move on to the Human Relations Commission. There are two openings. The Scottsdale Human Relations Commission will advocate and promote all dimensions of diversity. The commission will act as an advisory body to the mayor, city council and staff and to make recommendations on ways to encourage mutual respect and understanding among people, to discourage prejudice and discrimination, and to work towards cultural awareness and unity. The commission may also make recommendations as to special events which will further its purpose. There are two vacancies and four applicants. So each of us may nominate two. I begin with Councilwoman Klapp.

Councilwoman Klapp: Janice Eng and Joseph Ettinger.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: I nominate Allen Reed. Councilwoman Littlefield.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Daria Lohman.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Councilman Phillips. Oh, that's everybody. Thank you. The Human Services Commission has two openings and is a seven member citizen advisory committee appointed by the City Council to provide advisory recommendations to the staff and City Council on human services priorities and programs. The Commission also reviews and suggests funding allocations for Scottsdale Cares, Community Development Block Grants, HOME, Human Services Emergency and General Funds. There are two vacancies and three applicants.

Beginning with me. Denny Brown and Marty Day.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Marty Day and Janice Eng.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: And that's all the applications. Moving on to the Loss Trust Fund Board.

Councilman Phillips: I think Raymond Texiera.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Oh, I apologize.

Councilman Phillips: Ok, let's add Raymond Texiera to it.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you. The Loss Trust Fund Board is responsible for recommendations of city council on such items as: preservation strategy, funding, land acquisition, educational/promotional programs, master planning and other Preserve-related issues.

Councilman Phillips: I guess we will vote for the applicant, whoever it is.

[Time: 01:58:38]

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Next is the McDowell Sonoran Preserve Commission. The Commission, with the assistance of city staff, makes recommendations to the City Council on such items as preservation strategy, funding, land acquisition, educational/promotional programs, master planning and other Preserve-related issues. There's one vacancy and five applicants. We begin with Councilman Smith.

Councilman Smith: Cynthia Wenstrom.

Councilmember Korte: No further.

Mayor Lane: No further nomination.

Councilwoman Klapp: No further nominations.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Cassandra Jonkosky.

Councilwoman Littlefield: Perry Becker.

Councilman Phillips: No further.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: The Parks and Recreation Commission is a citizen advisory committee that advises the City Council on the acquisition of lands and facilities for use as parks or recreation centers; the Parks and Recreation Commission also advises on the operation, use, care and maintenance of these parks and recreation areas. There are two openings and we begin with Councilmember Korte.

Councilmember Korte: Virginia Harris and Miguel Medrano.

Mayor Lane: I nominate Tom Gagen.

Councilwoman Klapp: No further nominations.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: No additional.

Councilwoman Littlefield: No additional.

Councilman Phillips: No additional.

Councilman Smith: Chris Thuman.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: Thank you. The Transportation Commission advises the City Council on matters relating to the safe and efficient movement of vehicles, transit, pedestrians, and bicycles. There's one opening. We begin nominations with the mayor.

Mayor Lane: I nominate I believe it's Jyme McLaren.

Councilwoman Klapp: Pamela Iacovo.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: No additional.

Councilwoman Littlefield: David Vaughan.

Councilman Phillips: No additional.

Councilman Smith: No additional. Sorry.

Councilmember Korte: No additional.

Vice Mayor Milhaven: This concludes our nominating process this evening. City staff will contact those who are nominated and provide them with additional information about the interview process. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank those who applied to serve on a citizen advisory board or commission, even if you were not nominated your application will remain on file for one year for consideration at a future date if there are additional vacancies and I will turn the meeting back to the Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

[Time: 02:01:06]

Mayor Lane: Thank you, Vice Mayor. That concludes our business for this meeting. So I would accept a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Klapp: Move to adjourn.

Councilmembers: Second.

Mayor Lane: The motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor of adjournment, please indicate by aye. We are adjourned. Thank you to staff.