CAPITAL FACILITIES PLANNING & BUDGETING COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 13, 2011, Tracy Hall - Multipurpose Room

Members Present: Ed Childs, Neil Fulton, Tom Gray, Evan Pierce, Barry Rotman, Tom Sterling

Members Absent: John Lawe, Bob White

Secretary: Nancy Kramer Others: None

Tom Gray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

1. Review of Agenda. After minimal discussion the agenda was left as is.

- 2. Public Comments. None.
- 3. Discussion of Possible Agway Property Purchase and Public Forum. Rotman stated that in his opinion the justification for doing any renovations for Public Works, Police or Fire has not yet been developed. The Committee discussed that the Affordable Housing Committee will be a subcommittee of the Planning Commission going forward. The affordable housing revolving fund, the use of Agway for affordable housing and inclusionary zoning were briefly discussed. Childs feels there is a need to get to a public forum on the potential purchase of the Agway property soon in order to get a sense of its viability. There was a discussion about the lack of real numbers for Public Works, Fire and Police improvements at the existing locations. Pierce suggested a scaled down renovation option c as a lower cost alternative. Sterling asked if the Committee should set up a subcommittee to explore. After much discussion, the Committee agreed that a needs assessment for Public Works, Fire and Police needs to be done. The Committee also discussed potential public resentment over following the developer's timeline, the estimate of 77 homeowners whose insurance costs could rise if the fire station is moved and the possible negative sentiment spillover to all projects brought forward by the Committee. Based upon these concerns and the fact that the needs of the departments and the costs of potential alternatives for meeting them have not been adequately documented, the Committee discussed taking Agway off the table. The Committee agreed by consensus that pursuing the Agway purchase at this time was a waste of time and money. Fulton will verbally deliver the message to David Clem, the Agway property's owner. A November 3rd Development Review Board hearing on the Agway property will be cancelled.
- 4. Continue Review of Reserve Funds. Postponed.
- 5. Review Tentative Meeting Schedule. Continue meeting Thursday mornings at 8:00 am.
- 6. Discussion of Agenda for Next Meeting. Fulton will prepare an RFP for a facilities deficiencies and functional needs analysis for the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments for review at next week's meeting.
- 7. Review Minutes. The Committee approved the October 6, 2011 minutes by consensus.
- 8. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:29 am.

Approved by the Committee October 20, 2011.

Nancy Kramer, Secretary

Tom Gray, Chair

Future Meetings: Thursday, October 20, 2011, 8:00 am