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LEGISLATIVE GOVERNMENTAL MALL COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2003
Senate Hearing Room 1 -- 3:30 p.m.

(Tape 1, Side A)

Chairman Knapp called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and attendance was noted by the secretary.

Members Present

Senator Waring	William McMullen	Bob Williams
LeRoy Brady	David Richert	Tom Knapp, Chairman
Donald Keuth, Jr.	Tom Smith	

Members Absent

Betsey Bayless	Joy Rich	Polly Rosenbaum

Speakers Present

Jule Dionne, representing JDL, LLC

Approval of Grace Court Development site plan revision

Jule Dionne, representing JDL, LLC, stated he is presenting a revision to the committee today for approval so he can approach the City of Phoenix with a rezoning proposal. He reviewed the site plan as approved and the revisions to the site plan he is requesting (Attachment 1). One of the proposed tenants in new building is the federal General Services Administration (GSA) office. The parking structure would need to be in compliance with new federal regulations in relation to setbacks from the building. The only way this will work is if the parking structure is moved to another portion of the parcel.

Chairman Knapp welcomed Senator Waring to the committee. Chairman Knapp announced Heidi Burch will be replacing Bob Williams at the next meeting.

Mr. Keuth said he thinks this revision is a very creative use of space and compliance with GSA requirements. The idea of placing the residential portion of the property in front of the parking structure makes it appealing to the neighborhood and brings quality housing to the area.

Mr. Smith asked if relocating the parking structure would have any adverse noise effects on the apartments. Mr. Dionne replied the apartments and parking structure will be separated by a solid masonry wall and a five foot corridor.

Mr. Richert stated there is an apartment complex at Central and Roosevelt in Phoenix where the parking structure sits in the middle of the structure and there does not seem to be any noise issues. He recommended that Mr. Dionne incorporate the concept from Arizona Public Service where photovoltaic panels are used as canopies while generating solar energy. He added that only a variance may be needed as the structure is less than five stories in height. This would be much better than going through the lengthy rezoning process.

Mr. Richert moved that conceptual approval be given to the Grace Court Development site plan revision. Mr. Keuth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Review of Code Talker Monument

Mr. Smith said he attended a committee meeting last week where a bill was heard to create a Code Talker Memorial in Wesley Bolin Plaza (WBP). The bill passed the committee but an attempt was made to circumvent the recommendations made by this committee. That attempt failed.

The $20,000 appropriation from the general fund was removed so the bill would get out of committee. The artist who was commissioned to create the statute has a statue that is ready to be cast. He informed the sponsor of the bill that even though the concept may have been approved, it usually takes about two years before it can be finished. No one is here today to receive this committee's approval for the concept.

Chairman Knapp said Representative Laughter, who was the sponsor of the previously mentioned bill, is not present and he is concerned that the artist may be casting a statue that will not meet the specifications for statues in WBP. He will contact Representative Laughter to talk about receiving this committee's preliminary approval before the statue is cast. There are other responsibilities for items in WBP that may not have been taken into consideration.

Mr. McMullen asked how the artist was chosen and if the procurement process was being bypassed. Mr. Smith responded the sponsor of the bill has been notified as to the process. He would be willing to work with Representative Laughter on the matter to ensure the process is handled correctly.

Mr. Brady said some research was done and it was determined that the Hopi also had code talkers. However, due to Hopi tradition and belief, they want no part of a war memorial. A bill is going through the process to name the stretch of State Route 264 from Tuba City to the New Mexico border "Code Talker Highway." The Hopi are not participating in that project either.

Chairman Knapp stated he will be drafting a letter of appreciation for John Clements for all his efforts with the committee.

Discussion ensued on the frequency of meetings and date/time of the meeting. It was determined that the meeting will move to Fridays during Session. The next meeting will be March 21, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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Andrea Allen, Committee Secretary
March 10, 2003

(Original minutes, attachments and tape on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk.)