

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE**LEGISLATIVE GOVERNMENTAL MALL COMMISSION**

**Minutes of the Meeting
November 17, 2016
10:00 a.m., Senate Hearing Room 1**

Members Present:

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| Kevin DeMenna, Chair | Nicole Ong |
| Senator Judy Burges, Advisory Member | Jason Rodgers |
| Barry Aarons | Carol Shuler |
| Don Keuth | |

Members Excused:

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| Vanessa Hickman | Representative Lela Alston, Advisory Member |
| Karen Johnson | Dr. Susan Shaffer Nahmias Ph.D. |

Staff:

Robin Hillyard, Senate Research Analyst
Brittany Green, House Research Analyst
John Rudolph, House Research Assistant Analyst

Chairman DeMenna called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and attendance was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Keuth moved the minutes of March 4, 2016 be approved. Mr. Aarons seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED.

REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR APPROVAL**Rezoning 950 West Van Buren Street, Holiday Inn Express and Suites**

Nick Wood, Law Firm of Snell & Wilmer, representing the Ahir family, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "10th Avenue Hotel" (Attachment A). Mr. Wood gave an overview of the Ahir family and the plans for a Holiday Inn Express and Suites at 950 West Van Buren. Mr. Wood explained the need for development in the area and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Keuth moved approval. Mr. Aarons seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-3 (Attachment 1).

Rezoning 9th Avenue & Woodland, Woodlands Arts Center

Taylor Earl, Earl, Curley & Lagarde, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Woodland Arts Center" (Attachment B). Mr. Earl explained the Woodland Arts Center project and his client's vision for the property at 9th and Woodland Avenues. Mr. Earl answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Aarons moved that the Legislative Governmental Mall Commission approve the rezoning at 9th Avenue and Woodland for an arts center in the existing structure. Ms. Ong seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-3 (Attachment 2).

Fallen Corrections Employees Memorial

Nola Barnes, Assistant Director, General Services Division, Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA), distributed a letter and pictures from ADOA (Attachment C), gave an overview and recommended approval of the Fallen Corrections Employees Memorial project.

Chuck Ryan, Director, Arizona Department of Corrections, gave an overview of his background and introduced Stan Bates.

Stan Bates, retired Corrections Warden, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "ADC Fallen Employee Memorial Presentation To The Governmental Mall Commission On Thursday November 17, 2016" (Attachment D). Mr. Bates explained the enabling legislation for the ADC Fallen Employee Memorial. Mr. Bates gave an overview of the Memorial Committee and project. Mr. Bates answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Barnes answered questions posed by the Committee.

Justin Martinez, Architect, Arrington Watkins Architects, explained the scale of the memorial in relation to other memorials and multi-use aspect of memorial. Mr. Martinez answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Bates answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Barnes answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Aarons moved the Legislative Governmental Mall Commission give preliminary approval to the Fallen Correctional Employee Memorial. Mr. Keuth seconded the motion with the addition that the Memorial Commission come back with responses to the questions and issues raised at this meeting in order to get final approval.

Mr. Aarons restated the motion and moved the Legislative Governmental Mall Commission give preliminary approval to the Fallen Correctional Employee Memorial with the stipulation that the DOA give the Commission updates periodically on the questions that were posed during this hearing and bring it back for final approval at an appropriate date. Mr. Keuth seconded the motion.

Mr. Bates answered additional questions posed by Mr. DeMenna.

The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-3 (Attachment 3).

PRESENTATIONS

Assyrian Genocide Monument

Robin Hillyard, Senate Research Analyst, explained that legislation was introduced in the 52nd Legislature, 2nd Regular Session to place a memorial in the Governmental Mall commemorating the Assyrian Christian Genocide and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Alan Mooshekh, Attorney, Resnick & Louis Attorneys at Law, representing the Assyrian American Cultural Organization and the Seyfo Center, distributed a letter from the Assyrian American Cultural Organization of Arizona (Attachment E) and gave an overview of his background. Mr. Mooshekh gave an overview of the purpose of the Assyrian Genocide Monument and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Burges referenced the Governor's Veto letter for SB 1367 (2016) (Assyrian genocide; monument; procedures) (Attachment F).

The Committee recommended for the Armenian and Assyrian communities to work together in reference to their memorials.

Metro Light Rail Update, Valley Metro

Sonya Pastor LaSota, Valley Metro, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Capitol/I-10 West Light Rail Extension" (Attachment G). Ms. LaSota gave an overview of the light rail project that will be extending a route to the Capitol and I-10 West and the project timeline.

Darren Lozano, Project Manager, Capitol/I-10 West, Valley Metro, explained the project, routes, and timelines. Mr. Lozano answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. LaSota answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Lozano answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. LaSota answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Monument and Memorial Review, ADOA

Nola Barnes, Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA), distributed and explained handouts entitled "Governmental Mall Monuments and Memorials ARS 41-1363" (Attachment H), a table comparing what different states have regarding regulation of memorials (Attachment I) and "States that have advisory bodies to review proposals for monuments and memorials" (Attachment J). Ms. Barnes explained the area covered by the Governmental Mall and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee discussed how to proceed with planning, requirements needed and layout of the Governmental Mall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Ponce
Committee Secretary

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