

# Citizen's Focus Group Committee Meeting

## Friday, February 26, 2016

Andrea started the meeting at 2:00pm in the Fire Dept. Training Room. A sign in sheet was passed to members to record attendance.

### Present:

Andrea Gardner – City Manager  
Kevin Keller – Public Information Officer  
Michael Neujahr – Fire Chief  
Scott Howard – Fire Captain  
Tim McGinnis  
Chris Mulvey  
Marc Payne  
Ray Torres  
Sandy Vegh  
Ron Viss  
James Pierce Jr. – Council Liaison

### Absent:

Marcie Lowery  
David Morris – Council Liaison

- Chief Neujahr gave a presentation on “Fire Department Training and Operations” requirements. The new Fire Station #2 Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony information was provided and all were invited to attend.
- Tim asked about Business Hwy 190 Masterplan Phase I. Andrea advised the project would let for bids very soon and that construction could begin as early as summer 2016. Center turn lanes will be gone, replaced by the median.
- Marc asked about FM 116 utility relocates. Andrea explained they would begin within the next month.
- Marc asked about the west end monument sign construction. Andrea advised we are currently working to ensure the correct brick/stone color is used and construction will begin very soon.
- Discussion was held regarding SH9 having no off ramp to the Five Hills Shopping Center and the SE Bypass only being two lanes as opposed to four. Andrea explained funding opportunities for the additional two lanes would need to go through KTMPO.
- Discussion was held regarding the W Hwy 190 water improvements infrastructure.
- Marc inquired on the recent personnel movement in the City Manager's Office. Andrea explained Justine had taken another position at PW and that we would be hiring a new receptionist/clerk for the PIO Dept.
- Sandy asked about the possibility of building a new City Hall. Andrea suggested it would be at least 10-15 years before that would ever occur. Explained some Council members wish to keep the old City Hall, other wish to possibly sell the land. As it stands, an RFP was issued for a broker for MLS listing. There was a concern about selling the property by a few; Andrea explained the Joint Use Facility plans on the property of the current Coryell County Annex. Andrea stated she

would bring the Needs Assessment to the next meeting. Discussed possibility of Council Chambers moving to new IS Building in the future.

- Andrea spoke about the Council currently reviewing City properties and current leases.
- Sandy inquired on TPW grants. Andrea explained how we had been on probation from a previous incident but that we no longer are; grant opportunities are not so well right now.
- Andrea explained future plans of building a conference center on the east end, possibly in the Narrows, and also converting the civic center in a community center.
- Discussion was held concerning Christmas lights. Andrea will provide the invoices to the group for those lights purchased in '07. Community raised and provided money to the City to purchase lights.
- Andrea told the group the recycle center on E Hwy 190 had recently been purchased.
- Discussion was held on the '07 Impact Fees. Andrea stated currently researching Transportation User Fees. Andrea spoke of the Capacity Reservation; will send to the group.
- Kevin will contact the group regarding the next meeting.