

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MAY 6, 2014
MINUTES**

**City Council Chambers
530 E. Monroe Ave.
Buckeye, AZ 85326
3:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present: Councilmember Strauss, Councilmember McAchran, Councilmember Heustis, Vice Mayor Orsborn and Mayor Meck.

Members Absent: Councilmember Garza, Councilmember Hess.

Departments Present: City Manager Stephen Cleveland, City Attorney Scott Ruby, City Clerk Lucinda Aja, Summer Stewart Clerk's Office, Assistant to Council Christine Grundy, Public Works Director Scott Lowe, Director George Flores, Government Relations Manager George Diaz, and Human Resources Director Nancy Love

**2. Presentation and Discussion on the Design School Graduate Design Studio
Staff Liaison: Adam Copeland, Development Services
District No. N/A**

Mr. Copeland opened the presentation and introduced Professor Darren Petrucci, who thanked the City of Buckeye, Mayor Meck and Council. Professor Petrucci provided an overview of the City designs and explained that the approach the students used was to develop infrastructures that are connective, by utilizing landscape and amenities already latent in the community, and to develop that connectivity. Specific conditions of the City were addressed, case studies were performed, and significant research was done. ASU Student Alba Rodriguez provided an overview of the current landscape of Buckeye and the use of "Buckeye Bands" the students developed to unite the amount of existing communities, amenities and landscape. Ms. Rodriquez presented a wide scale outline of the designs, demographics of the City, the potential of the design proposals, and strategies of the proposals. ASU Student Ann Rothove presented the students' transect proposals and strategies, and discussed public and private infrastructures. Several design maps were displayed representing existing infrastructure, conceptual strategies, demonstrations of specific areas, and phasing, as well as drawings of potential perspectives.

4:10 p.m. through 4:49 p.m. Council observed presentation boards of the designs arranged by the students.

Council thanked the students for their presentation and all of the work they put into developing the designs. The importance of increasing the value of available land and developing infrastructure as well as developing a transit system was discussed. The students addressed Council questions related to specific slope angles utilized, increasing the value of the land, preserving the Wildlife Corridor, and creating specific amenities within the communities.

Discussion was held regarding adopting a general plan for the city, updating codes, implementing design guidelines, and challenges the City faces when developing communities.

3. Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Orsborn and seconded by Councilmember Strauss to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Jackie A. Meck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Regular Council Meeting held on the 6th day of May, 2014. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Lucinda J. Aja, City Clerk