

**PAGE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 27, 2016**

A Work Session Meeting of the Page City Council was held at 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2016, in the Council Chambers at City Hall in Page, Arizona. Mayor Bill Diak presided. Vice Mayor John Kocjan, Councilors Mike Bryan, Levi Tappan, Korey Seyler, and Dennis Warner were present. Councilor Scott Sadler was excused.

Mayor Diak called the meeting to order.

Staff members present: City Manager, J. Crystal Dyches; City Attorney, Joe Estes; Community Development Director, Kim Johnson; Public Works Director, Cliff Linker; Deputy City Clerk, Sue Kennedy; and City Clerk, Kim Larson.

Mayor Diak introduced City staff present.

Glen Canyon National Park Service employees were present at the Work Session to discuss Horseshoe Bend. Park Superintendent William (Billy) Shott introduced himself and asked the following to introduced themselves: Acting Deputy Superintendent, Lindy Mihata; Chief of Facilities, Chris Cook; Chief of Administration, Business and Technology, Chad Nelson; Acting Chief of Science and Resource Management, John Spence; Assistant Superintendent, Teri Tucker; Chief of Interpretation and Education in Parks, Christianna Admiral; and Acting Chief Ranger, Mari Sias.

Discussion only by the City Council pertaining to the Horseshoe Bend Parking Lot

Community Development Director Kim Johnson stated that she was looking for interim recommendations to remedy the safety concerns at Horseshoe Bend. She then reviewed the Community Development Department Memorandum dated January 27, 2016 (attached hereto and by this reference made a part of herein).

There was discussion. The consensus was made after discussion with the Park Service regarding the Centennial Grant for Horseshoe Bend.

The consensus of City Council was to have the Park Service review the conceptual plan, as soon as possible, to verify the interim solution would not conflict with the long-range plans.

Discussion only by the City Council pertaining to a presentation by the National Park Service regarding the Centennial Grant for Horseshoe Bend

Park Service Superintendent William Shott said the primary objection was to partner with the City of Page and to come up with strategies to move forward and create long-term planning for Horseshoe Bend.

Christianna Admiral gave a brief background about the Centennial Grant. The Centennial Grant is for the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the National Park Service, which is August 25, 2016. As part of the mission for the Centennial Grant, the Park Service is to connect with partners to find ways to serve a century of visitors together, and partnership funding is available for special projects through the Centennial Grant.

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Ms. Admiral reviewed the amount of visitors going to Horseshoe Bend and the improvements that were needed, along with the safety concerns.

Teri Tucker spoke regarding the plans to improve Horseshoe Bend and how to move forward. She stated that combining the Rim View Trail and Horseshoe Bend was included in the 2009 Trail Design Proposal.

Superintendent Shott discussed funding options. He said there was one of two options available, the Centennial Funding requiring partner matching funds, and the other option through the Helium Act.

He said there have already been two Centennial proposals funded and he heard that the Centennial Grant application for Horseshoe Bend scored high, however he was still waiting to hear if it was approved.

Mr. Shott gave three options regarding how to move forward as follows:

1. Do nothing - wait and see if the Centennial Grant is approved.
2. Do some pre-work - implement a plan agreement with information such as how wide the trail should be, how many tourists to accommodate, etcetera.
3. Preferred option - start by getting design work done, in-house or hired out, enter into an agreement, and split the cost for the design work.

There was lengthy discussion.

Gary Ladd, Page resident, stated concerns regarding the size of the parking lot and that it needed to be enlarged as soon as possible. He also stated concerns that the proposed parking lot plans were not large enough to accommodate the amount of traffic at Horseshoe Bend.

The consensus of the City Council was to have Staff work with the Glen Canyon National Park Service toward option 3.

There was discussion pertaining to an Intergovernmental Agreement being prepared for option 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

  
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Kim Larson  
City Clerk

  
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~~William R. Diak~~ JOHN KOZIAN  
VICE-Mayor

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council Work Session Meeting, held on the 27th day of January, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Larson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kim Larson, City Clerk



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

**MEETING DATE:** January 27, 2016  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Kimberly Johnson, Community Development Director  
Cliff Linker, Public Works Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Horseshoe Bend Parking Lot  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Schematic Parking Lot Layout

### BACKGROUND

Horseshoe Bend is a prized amenity in the Page Community and on the Tourism circuit. This natural amenity has been identified as a priority by the City Council, City of Page Community Development Advisory Board, City of Page Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and the National Park Service.

According to the National Park Service, there are an estimated 5,000 visitors daily during the peak visitation season of May through October, with an average of 1.2 million people estimated to visit the Horseshoe Bend Overlook annually.

In addition to accessibility issues on the trail and overlook, parking and access thereto has been identified as a major concern and safety issue. The current parking lot is minimally improved with no striping or designation of stalls, and no designated area for bus and oversize vehicle parking. This causes drivers to park in a chaotic manner, including buses, which often take more space than they need and impede adequate circulation. Further, because the parking is not well organized, drivers often park along the access drive and along Highway 89.

In a memo from the City Manager to the Mayor and City Council dated September 8, 2015, the following recommendations were made:

- Redesign parking lot to improve flow, increase parking, and separate passenger/commercial vehicles.
- Increased monitoring.
- Improved signage.

Staff has taken these recommendations under further consideration and developed a plan for interim improvements to the parking lot which will improve circulation, delineate parking stalls, direct drivers, and provide a parking area for buses and oversize vehicles. This plan involves the following elements:

- Expansion of the parking lot to the north to provide a bus and oversize vehicle parking and maneuvering area. If this project is undertaken in-house the associated costs would be approximately as follows:
  - Parking lot expansion:
    - Earth work and Base course installation-\$5.94 per cubic yard **\$17,820.00**
    - Finish course
      - Crushed Asphalt R.A.P. would be at **no cost**, as the City already has this resource, just the cost to haul within house equipment and labor; or
      - ABC base course 2400 tons @ \$25.00 per ton **\$60,000.00**
    - 3-4 weeks to get the project done with in-house labor
- Signage \$1,000
- Bumper blocks for parking 106 @ \$54.94 each **\$5,823.54**

This project has an estimated cost of between \$25,000 and \$85,000 depending on the materials used. Most of the proposed work will establish the groundwork for a permanent solution in the future, and the bumper blocks can be reused in a permanent future project if desired.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL DIRECTION**

Staff would like to hear from the Mayor and City Council thoughts on making interim improvements to the parking area at Horseshoe Bend.

