

Town Hall Meeting Summary
March 1, 2010
Starbright Theater

Attendance

Mayor Oscar B. Goodman
Councilman Stavros Anthony
Betsy Fretwell
Department Directors

Summary of Event

There were approximately 70 participants in attendance. Following the presentation by the City Manager, written questions were moderated and are indicated below.

Audience questions included the following:

1. Several participants expressed support for keeping the Reed Whipple Cultural Center open.
2. The City should consider utilizing a police reserve unit, such as what is done in Los Angeles. The participant also committed to volunteer.
3. Could the City ticket people with out of state license plates?
4. Senior Centers are underutilized. They should be closed down one day a week.
5. The programs at Reed Whipple operate efficiently because of the center.
6. How many organizations pay to use Reed Whipple and how many are employed there?
7. How can young people help with the budget cuts?
8. We should organized more space for graffiti art.
9. Are there any youth opportunities to help with youth homelessness?
10. Has a decision been made about closing Reed Whipple?
11. The Town Hall meeting was not well publicized.
12. A participant praised the Fire Department and indicated that brownouts would negatively affect Summerlin.

13. The City should set-up a hotline for complaining about vehicles not registered in the state and vehicles emitting smog.
14. The City should ask celebrities to conduct a charity event to raise funds for the Reed Whipple Center.
15. The City should expand cultural opportunities for youth.
16. How is the Smith Performing Arts Center affected by the budget?

The following were questions/suggestions/comments that were provided and will be included in the public record.

Miscellaneous

17. Arizona has raised millions of dollars by leasing out government building. This a band aid approach but it would bring in much needed revenue.
18. Combine fire and police as done in other cities to reduce cost and boost revenue.
19. What is the city doing to help reduce foreclosures when banks are not cooperating with short sales or loan modification?
20. Reduce street cleaning during dry seasons to reduce city costs.
21. Reduce when senior citizen center are open for cost reduction.
22. By reducing fire prevention personnel, we risk the safety to schools, day cares, senior group homes and other businesses. We take for granted when we walk in to a building that it has been properly inspected for safety.
23. Create a reserve officer program to reduce overtime. Have professionals volunteer and pay for their training and uniforms, give them the same status level as fulltime officers.
24. Consider sale or lease of the convention center to increase revenue.
25. Why are fire inspection personnel being laid off using department seniority?
26. Whose decision was it to lay off fire prevention inspectors? There is conflicting information about this with Chief Gammon and Betsy Fretwell.

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

27. Why does the proposed budget include the closure of the “Reed Whipple Cultural Center” when this center provides so many programs for the poor in the community?
28. Please stop the new city hall project and keep the “Reed Whipple Center” open. This center provides cultural nourishment for our youth; it would be a loss if we did not provide this service to the community.
29. Don’t close the center down! Our youth need a place to come to.
30. The Las Vegas Youth Orchestra need a home, please do not close the center down.
31. What is going to happen to with the Rainbow Youth Orchestra when the Reed Whipple is closed down?
32. Why did you not announce this town meeting published? More constituent would have attended it if they would have been prior notice.