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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

COUNCIL MINUTES

December 1, 2020

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session Meeting via a virtual format streamed into the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, on December 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT	COUNCIL ABSENT	OFFICERS PRESENT
John Giles*	None	Christopher Brady
Mark Freeman*		Dee Ann Mickelsen
Jennifer Duff*		Jim Smith
Francisco Heredia*		
David Luna*		
Kevin Thompson*		
Jeremy Whittaker*		

(*Council participated in the meeting through the use of video conference equipment.)

Mayor Giles conducted a roll call.

1. Review and discuss items on the agendas for the December 1 and December 8, 2020 Regular Council meetings.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflict of interest: None

Items removed from the consent agenda: Item 6-b.

City Manager Christopher Brady announced that staff have a presentation pertaining to Item 4-k, **(The Studios@Mesa City Center – Second Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP No. 2) (District 4.))**, on the December 8, 2020 Regular Council meeting agenda.

Downtown Transformation Manager Jeff McVay introduced Ji Mi Choi, Arizona State University (ASU) Associate Vice President for the Office of Knowledge Enterprise and founding Executive Director of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Institute and displayed a PowerPoint presentation. **(See Attachment 1)**

Mr. McVay explained when the City of Mesa (COM) first entered into the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and lease agreement with ASU, the City was obligated to build out between 6,000 to 12,000 square feet of what was once the City's first public library located at 59 East First Street which will be now be called The Studios @ Mesa City Center. He advised the December 8 agenda calls for approval of the second of the three Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the

project that allows the early procurement and installation of critical path items which total approximately $3.5 million.

Mr. McVay provided an overview of the architectural changes to the building. He mentioned one feature is the new enclosed lobby on the northeast corner of the building that will include lighting that will highlight the building at night. He remarked another feature is a new reimagined wavy canopy that reflects the historic architectural features and explained the concept of reusing remnant pieces of the original wavy canopy to create an entry monument feature at the pedestrian level. He noted the glazing on the southeast corner of the building will create day lighting on the inside of the building and the connector plaza on the east side of the building will connect people between the two buildings. (See Pages 2 and 3 of Attachment 1)

Mr. McVay stated the City is only obligated to build out the first floor, which is approximately 7,000 square feet, and also provided details for all three floors in the event that funding or corporate sponsorships come into play. (See Page 4 of Attachment 1)

Mr. McVay highlighted the first-floor design elements that include a two-story entry and community event room. He remarked the building is being designed as a flexible space to adapt as technologies change. (See Page 5 of Attachment 1)

Mr. McVay pointed out the interior will contain spaces set up for open collaboration, spaces for open individual workstations, spaces for informal and formal meeting areas, and a break room. (See Pages 6 and 7 of Attachment 1)

Mr. McVay mentioned that while the City is partnering with ASU, the intent of The Studios @ Mesa City Center is to be a standalone innovation and entrepreneurship program and not just an extension of ASU academic programming.

Ms. Choi shared the core principles of the vision for The Studios that honor the intention of the space, including community space, adaptable areas, picking up on the overall ecosystem, as well as being an area where all companies can utilize the space and incubate new products, services, processes, and technology. She stated The Studios is a gateway for people to access what Downtown Mesa and the innovation district offers, while serving a purposeful role filling any gaps and providing adaptable space that connects community-based organizations. She commented the programming is centered on business development, technical skills, ecosystem development, innovation, entrepreneurship, and diversity. She added that ASU will provide a community manager who will serve as a concierge for the Innovation District as a whole to ensure the connectivity of the community space and that the space has diversity of events and users of the space. She noted The Studios will have connectivity to the academic programs, corporate research, and program partners. She discussed utilizing on-site installation programs with organizations such as Boeing and Mesa Unified School District. She finished by saying that conscientious design choices were made based on the design sessions that included feedback from the community.

Mr. McVay advised that the third GMP is anticipated to come before Council after the first of the year which will primarily be for construction activities. He estimated project completion at the end of 2021 or beginning of 2022 with the Plaza being finished first, followed by The Studios, then the ASU building.

In response to a question from Mayor Giles, Mr. McVay advised that the formal licensing agreement is in process which will lay out the arrangement and timing. He mentioned the goal is

to start activating the space as soon as possible even if that is in advance of the academic programs.

Ms. Choi added outreach has begun by connecting with the community at events so by the time the building is open there will already be a pipeline of relationships, as well as programmed events.

In response to a question posed by Councilmember Duff, Mr. McVay clarified the City will complete the obligated activities on the ASU building by the end of 2021, at which time the building will be handed over to ASU for buildout. He explained the timing for the academic programs is not complete at this time.

City Manager Christopher Brady expanded by saying once buildout is complete, ASU will provide the equipment and furniture and anticipates academic programming to begin closer to the summer of 2022. He said the Plaza will need to be finished for Merry Main Street the following year.

In response to a question from Councilmember Duff regarding The Studios programming, Ms. Choi indicated the anticipation is that the programming will be scheduled and monitored by ASU. She added as part of the Entrepreneurship Innovation Institute a robust catalog of different workshops, seminars, and boot camps will be available. She stated 60 venture mentors are currently working with individual teams and startup companies and the same activity will happen within the COM of cross-promoting events and co-hosting events together.

Mr. Brady verified that part of the agreement between ASU and the COM was that ASU would be responsible for the programming and manage the space without chargeback to the City.

Mr. McVay said per the agreement the baseline obligation is that ASU will provide a minimum of 45 public events per year either at The Studios, within the ASU building, or in the Plaza; and the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Institute will provide 20 events and 25 film-related events per year. He mentioned the focus is more on the Entrepreneurship and Innovation related programming and mentorships, in addition to the minimum requirements.

In response to a question from Councilmember Duff regarding whether there is a fee schedule to use the space, Ms. Choi reported at the moment there is no anticipated fee for use, but there is the possibility of charging for direct costs such as cleaning crews after an event. She noted The Studios is an investment that has already been made by the City and a co-investment made by ASU to program and operate the space and does not anticipate this being a revenue source for the COM. She commented that the hope is that as corporate sponsors and partners come onboard, they will contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of the space.

Mr. McVay noted one option would be to have memberships available to access the space during off hours because innovation happens at all hours and ASU will not be staffing the building after 5:00 p.m., but the idea would not include a revenue structure.

Ms. Choi pointed out the concept is not competition but to help get businesses off the ground, establish a firm business model, to a place where they are able to generate revenue, and to a point of financial self-sufficiency.

In response to a question posed by Councilmember Duff, Mr. McVay clarified the operations side is the day-to-day costs, which will be covered by ASU; the maintenance side will be covered by the City.

Vice Mayor Freeman remembers going to this building when it first opened as the library. He appreciates the architectural component of the design to keep the established history. He is excited to see the renovation of the building.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Freeman regarding whether there have been any corporate sponsorship inquiries, Ms. Choi said the hope is to have certain corporate partners and will continue working on creating that interest.

Vice Mayor Freeman inquired about having a component that addresses the needs of neighborhoods to have an available meeting space to spread out because with the pandemic it is difficult to find enough open area to meet and socially distance.

Councilmember Luna expressed his excitement about the partnership with Mesa Public Schools (MPS) to be a vehicle for students developing their entrepreneurial skills. He added The Studios will be the centerpiece in the downtown area for creativity and innovation. He outlined that community space is a premium in the COM and he is happy that the space will foster community development.

Ms. Choi emphasized the idea is about welcoming community users and wanting them to activate the space together. She mentioned the Youth Entrepreneurship Program is one of the more successful programs that has been launched with the institute which focuses on how to get young people to be creators and purveyors of media and technology and not just consumers.

Mayor Giles thanked Mr. McVay and Ms. Choi for the presentation.

Mr. Brady communicated that staff have a presentation pertaining to Item 4-i, **(Main Library Improvements – Kids' Zone (District 4.))**, on the December 8, 2020 Regular Council meeting agenda.

Library Director Heather Wolf displayed a PowerPoint presentation relating to the Kids' Zone improvements for the Main Library which are funded by the 2018 voter approved Arts and Culture Bond. **(See Attachment 2)**

Ms. Wolf stated the current library location was open in 1981. She explained the first floor was originally devoted to the library and the second floor housed City departments until 1998 when the library expanded to both floors. She pointed out the overall plan of the project will allow expansion of the children and teen areas and will take up approximately 50% of the first floor. (See Page 2 of Attachment 2)

Ms. Wolf reported the demolition plan includes eliminating a couple of walls in order to make the space more flexible. She added the children's restrooms will also be updated to family restrooms. (See Page 3 of Attachment 2)

Ms. Wolf advised the buildout will allow enhanced flow and create a more open and bright space for the children. She mentioned zones will be created for different age groups from infants up to tweens. (See Page 4 of Attachment 2)

Ms. Wolf provided a conceptual drawing of the unique new entrance to the children's space. She remarked the artwork has not been finalized, but the theme for the new space is Arizona's amazing animals. (See Page 5 of Attachment 2)

Ms. Wolf presented the bighorn sheep exhibit and reading area perspectives which depicts how animal tracks will be used as a wayfinding device for children. (See Page 6 of Attachment 2)

Ms. Wolf reviewed the Mexican gray wolf exhibit, adding that staff are working with Arizona Game and Fish, as well as local experts, to ensure the depictions of the animals and their habitations are accurate. She commented that the remodel will pair each early literacy computer with an adult computer to encourage parents to sit side-by-side to interact with their children. (See Pages 7 and 8 of Attachment 2)

Ms. Wolf stated the roadrunner tracks will lead to the enclosed baby/toddler area that will be designed to keep the youngest visitors safe. She highlighted the pop-up story time area. (See Pages 9 and 10 of Attachment 2)

City Engineer Beth Huning presented the contract amount and asked for Council approval on the construction contract to start the project in January. She remarked the project will be done by the end of May in time to begin the summer reading program. (See Page 11 of Attachment 2)

In response to a question from Mayor Giles, Ms. Wolf clarified the computers will be specifically designed for parents or caregivers to use while their children are on the computer next to them. She added the general public computers will be relocated to the second floor.

In response to an inquiry from Vice Mayor Freeman regarding why the Mexican gray wolf was chosen, Ms. Wolf advised that the idea was to select animals specific to Arizona, although she understands the Mexican gray wolf is also found in parts of Mexico.

Vice Mayor Freeman stated the Mexican gray wolf has not been in Arizona for over 100 years and challenged staff to look for a different animal that is more common to Arizona.

In response to a question posed by Mayor Giles regarding how the improvements will separate the young families and children from the mainstream users, Ms. Wolf explained with the reconfiguration of the library the only thing remaining on the first floor for the general population is the main desk which is located near the front entrance.

Mayor Giles thanked staff for the presentation.

Assistant City Manager John Pombier introduced Assistant Chief Lee Rankin and Police Legal Advisor Geoffrey Balon and displayed a PowerPoint presentation pertaining to Item 6-b, **(Amending Title 6 of the Mesa City Code (Police Regulations) by adding a new Chapter 25 entitled "Marijuana Prohibitions" prohibiting certain activities and facilities related to marijuana including: recreational marijuana retail establishments, except for retail sales by a state dual licensee at a shared location; marijuana testing facilities; delivery of marijuana unless delivered by a nonprofit medical marijuana dispensary in accordance with state regulations; and the consumption of marijuana on City property, certain prohibited property, and in vehicles/transportation. (Citywide))**, on the December 1, 2020 Regular Council meeting agenda. **(See Attachment 3)**

Mr. Pombier informed Council that the reality of the situation is that Proposition 207 contemplated that local jurisdictions would regulate the introduction of recreational marijuana into the community. He stated the purpose tonight is ensuring uniformity across the Valley, adding a similar ordinance has already been approved in Scottsdale and Gilbert. He explained the

presentation tonight will be a snapshot of lessons learned from other jurisdictions and how to effectively introduce the new proposition into our community.

Assistant Chief Rankin reported the new law allows cities to enact reasonable regulations, including limitations on recreational marijuana retail establishments, marijuana testing facilities, delivery of recreational marijuana, and possession of recreational marijuana on property that is occupied, owned, controlled, and operated by the City of Mesa (COM).

Assistant Chief Rankin stated in anticipation of the passage of Prop 207, members of Mesa PD traveled to Colorado to meet with officials of the Denver PD to gain a better understanding of the public safety challenges related to the recreational marijuana industry. He commented based on the findings staff have worked with the City Attorney's Office to come up with reasonable regulations with the goal of ensuring the health, welfare, and safety of the residents as well as public safety personnel.

Assistant Chief Rankin provided a map depicting the 13 medical marijuana dispensaries currently located in Mesa. He emphasized the dispensaries are limited to light and general industrial areas; must be 5,280 feet from another dispensary; 2,400 feet from treatment and transitional home facilities; 1,200 feet from churches, parks, libraries, and K-12 schools; and 500 feet away from daycare facilities. He noted that the COM has a population of 509,000 with 13 dispensaries and that Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert, and Queen Creek have a combined population of approximately 700,000 with only 12 dispensaries. (See Page 4 of Attachment 3)

Assistant Chief Rankin advised that currently there are approximately 130 medical marijuana dispensaries in the state and the early application period will allow for those establishments to apply for recreational marijuana licenses. He indicated other surrounding cities are considering moving towards restricting recreational marijuana establishments to dual licensed facilities. He added if other cities pass their ordinances and Mesa does not, the COM would be in a position to absorb a disproportionate number of recreational marijuana establishments which would strain the existing public safety resources.

Assistant Chief Rankin stated Mesa PD has been working on the impact of Prop 207 in anticipation of its approval by voters. He highlighted Denver is approximately 33% larger than the COM and the proposed ordinance was crafted in a way to address public safety concerns that were learned from the Denver PD. (See Page 5 of Attachment 3)

Assistant Chief Rankin outlined that Prop 207 prohibits smoking marijuana in public, prohibits consumption of marijuana or marijuana products in a vehicle, and allows business owners to prohibit or regulate marijuana or marijuana-related product consumption on their property. (See Page 6 of Attachment 3)

Assistant Chief Rankin listed the items that would be restricted by the proposed ordinance, adding that violation of the ordinance is punishable by fines only. (See Page 7 of Attachment 3)

In response to a question from Councilmember Duff, City Attorney Jim Smith clarified the proposition states there can be a license for a recreational marijuana dispensary for every 10 pharmacies. He stated as of Monday there are 1,333 pharmacies in the state of Arizona which means there are 133 potential recreational licenses available. He pointed out there are a limited number of future additional recreational-only dispensaries due to the wording of Prop 207.

Mr. Smith stated Scottsdale, Gilbert, and Fountain Hills have adopted ordinances similar to what is before Council, which is a model ordinance coming from the National League of Cities; Chandler and Tempe will be recommending adoption by next week.

Councilmember Duff inquired whether there is a legal concern for medical marijuana facilities possessing the recreational licenses and monopolizing the market. She expressed her concern that the current facilities have first dibs on the recreational licenses and empowers them even more to be able to influence legislation.

Mayor Giles agreed that one of the arguments against Prop 207 was that it offers a monopoly to the stores already in the business, which was not enough to persuade the voters to vote against the measure.

In response to a question posed by Mayor Giles regarding whether the State is exercising discretion when handing out the licenses, Mr. Smith advised that information is not yet available. He commented that applications will start coming in next month and the answers to some of our questions may not be known until the licenses are actually issued.

In response to a question from Councilmember Duff, Mr. Smith defined CHAA as Community Health Analysis Area. He mentioned the Department of Health Services (DHS) created CHAA to study whether there is a higher rate of particular diseases in different areas of the state. He mentioned CHAA could be a method used to determine license dispersion.

Mr. Smith pointed out that his interpretation of the legislation, after speaking with industry lawyers and lobbyists, is that the idea will be when an existing medical marijuana dispensary gets a co-location license, that will use up one of the available recreational marijuana licenses; therefore, the City will not end up with an additional 133 recreational licenses to hand out because a number of the licenses will be used up from the start as dual licenses. He estimated between 10 to 20 licenses will be left over, in addition to the subcategory of 26 social equity licenses that will be given out.

In response to a question from Mayor Giles regarding whether there is an opportunity for additional medical dispensaries, Mr. Smith explained he is unclear if the scenario of dual licenses would net out two separate facilities or just one facility. He remarked that in the future it is possible that more medical marijuana dispensaries relocate to the COM. He mentioned the intention of the ordinance is to maintain consistency with all the other municipalities and provide additional time for Planning & Zoning (P&Z) to do a more detailed analysis and look at the zoning code as far as dispersion. He advised P&Z will bring a more detailed analysis to Council sometime in the first quarter of next year.

In response to a question from Councilmember Duff, Mr. Smith shared information obtained from DHS that shows there are 121 medical marijuana dispensaries in Arizona; and with 133 potential licenses, that leaves 12 available, plus the 26 social equity licenses. He added there is a set aside provision that deals with counties who have zero or one dispensary for the entire county; and those licenses have to stay within those counties, but the social equity licenses can go anywhere within the state.

In response to a series of questions from Councilmember Heredia, Mr. Smith stated he is uncertain at this time how many future medical marijuana facilities will be allowed and that part of this ordinance process is to give P&Z additional time for research. He verified the COM is not topped out on the number of medical marijuana facilities at this point. He described when Mesa

originally passed the medical marijuana ordinance within the zoning code, Mesa allowed facilities within industrial areas as long as they met certain separation requirements and other cities used a permit process.

Councilmember Thompson indicated it is appalling that drinking alcohol while driving is a misdemeanor crime, but smoking marijuana is a petty offence. He remarked both are driving under the influence (DUI), whether it is alcohol or marijuana. He feels the language of Prop 207 hampers the City's ability to protect citizens.

In response to an inquiry from Vice Mayor Freeman as to what the ramifications would be if Council did not move forward with the ordinance tonight, Mr. Smith advised if City action is delayed, an application could be submitted under the guidelines of the proposition; and if the City did not issue the license, that would open up the possibility of a lawsuit against the City. He expanded for this reason it is important for cities to pass an ordinance regulating local dispensaries.

Vice Mayor Freeman echoed the concerns of Councilmember Thompson, adding this will be a learning curve. He applauded Mesa PD for going to Denver in order to vet out some of the possible challenges, and staff for creating an ordinance similar to surrounding communities.

In response to a question from Councilmember Whittaker regarding whether driving under the influence of marijuana is a petty offense, Assistant Chief Rankin stated an officer would still have to prove impairment to the slightest degree under the DUI statute. He remarked an investigation would take place to determine if the individual would be charged under the DUI statute or the ordinance. He continued by saying it would be difficult to discern in the field whether a person was consuming edibles or using a vape pen that contained THC and the officer would conduct an investigation which could ultimately result in the need for testing in a lab.

In response to a question posed by Councilmember Whittaker, Mr. Smith stated an analysis has not been done to determine anticipated lost revenue by limiting the sale of recreational marijuana in Mesa.

Councilmember Whittaker requested Item 6-b be removed from consent. He voiced the opinion that this is no different than selling alcohol on every corner. He commented on the issue of monopolies with dual dispensaries which makes it relatively impossible for anyone else to establish a recreational dispensary. He mentioned the voters approved Prop 207 by a huge margin and the ordinance is overreaching.

Mayor Giles advised that Prop 207 passed, and nothing being proposed in the ordinance is inconsistent with what the voters approved. He said some of the tenets of Prop 207 were that there would be local control and this process is consistent with that. He commented that Mesa has 13 medical marijuana dispensaries, more than the rest of the East Valley combined, and the reason is because Mesa has taken a non-political approach to issuing licenses. He stated these licenses will be very profitable and there will be pressure from individuals trying to obtain the licenses. He advised the importance of the proposed code is to ensure consistency with Prop 207. He confirmed there is no public smoking of marijuana allowed under Prop 207, but the City does need to address use of marijuana in public spaces. He indicated there are some unanswered questions that will need to be addressed within the next few weeks because the City needs to act before it is too late. He asserted it is appropriate for Mesa to join with other communities to avoid becoming a magnet for this industry.

In response to a question from Councilmember Duff, Mr. Smith highlighted A.R.S. 36-2857(a)(6) that states a locality may prohibit or restrict delivery within its jurisdiction. He added that the City is restricting delivery of recreational marijuana, but when DHS comes out with its guidelines for delivery for medical marijuana, which will only be permitted for specific health reasons.

Mayor Giles urged staff to address at next week's public hearing, the number of potential licenses that could come to Mesa if Council did not move forward with the ordinance.

Planning Director Nana Appiah reported the City has the potential of having a maximum of three to four additional licenses to maintain compliance with the distance requirements as it stands currently.

Mayor Giles thanked staff for the presentation.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Freeman regarding Item 7-b, **(Amending Chapters 2, 5, 6, 8, 31 and 86 of Title 11, Zoning Ordinance, of the Mesa City Code, relating to assisted living and nursing and convalescent homes. The amendments include, but are not limited to, amending land use requirements and development standards, adding measuring distance from an intersection, modifying the definition of assisted living facility, and adding definitions including assisted living home and assisted living center. (Citywide))**, on the December 1, 2020 Regular Council meeting agenda, Mr. Appiah explained the changes include having separation requirements for assisted living facilities, homes, and centers. He stated the recommendation is to have a 600-foot setback from major intersections and for each one to be separated with a minimum distance of 1,200 feet to minimize overconcentration. He pointed out that group homes, which are classified as five or less residents, are not part of this discussion.

In response to a question from Councilmember Heredia regarding Item 5-a, **(Approving and authorizing the City Manager to accept a $476,527 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, Embedding Clinicians in Law Enforcement Agencies, for the Police Department's Crisis Response Team. (Citywide))**, on the December 1, 2020 Regular Council meeting agenda, Mr. Brady advised the grant is to support the PD Community Resource Team that is currently assigned to address these calls and to provide additional resources to have a mental health expert available to assist.

Assistant Chief Rankin elaborated that the mental health experts are coming from the local organization that provides crisis counselors and will be embedded with the Crisis Response Team to assist on mental health related calls. He stated PD has worked for many years with the crisis counselors and the renewal grant is to expand the service.

2. Approval of minutes from an executive session held on September 10, 2020.

Mayor Giles stated that pending no objection from Council, Agenda Items 2 and 3 will be voted on in one motion.

See: Item 3

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various boards and committees.

3-a. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting held on September 9, 2020.

3-b. Transportation Advisory Board meeting held on September 15, 2020.

3-c. Museum & Cultural Advisory Board meeting held on September 24, 2020.

3-d. Judicial Advisory Board meeting held on October 19, 2020.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Luna, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged and the executive session minutes from September 10, 2020 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Giles-Freeman-Duff-Heredia-Luna-Thompson-Whittaker
NAYS – None

Carried unanimously.

4. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Mayor Giles –	Falcon Field control tower historic wrap dedication Merry Main Street tree lighting ceremony
Councilmember Luna –	Falcon Field control tower historic wrap dedication
Councilmember Duff –	Merry Main Street tree lighting ceremony Small Business Saturday – Downtown Mesa

Mayor Giles announced the Merry Main Street ice rink is open every night until 10:00 p.m. and due to COVID restrictions a reservation is required.

Mayor Giles mentioned the COVID upsurge and that Arizona health experts are predicting that hospital capacities will max out this month. He urged community members to act responsibly and to observe the safety guidelines. He mentioned the concern expressed by the school superintendents about spreading COVID and that kids are getting sick at activities occurring outside of school. He reminded the community that the Governor's executive order requires authorization from the City for gatherings in excess of 50 people.

Councilmember Thompson communicated his thanks to Mr. Brady and staff for working on the compensation plan for COM employees.

5. Scheduling of meetings.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated that the schedule of meetings is as follows:

Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 5:15 p.m. – Study Session

Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 5:45 p.m. – Regular Meeting

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

CITY OF MESA CORPORATE SEAL MARICOPA COUNTY, AZ

JOHN GILES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 1st day of December 2020. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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(Attachments – 3)

City Council
Study Session
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The Studios @ Mesa City Center

Jeff McVay
Manager of Downtown Transformation

Ji Mi Choi
Associate Vice President, Knowledge Enterprise
Founding Executive Director, J. Orin Edson Entrepreneurship and Innovation Institute

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Exterior Design

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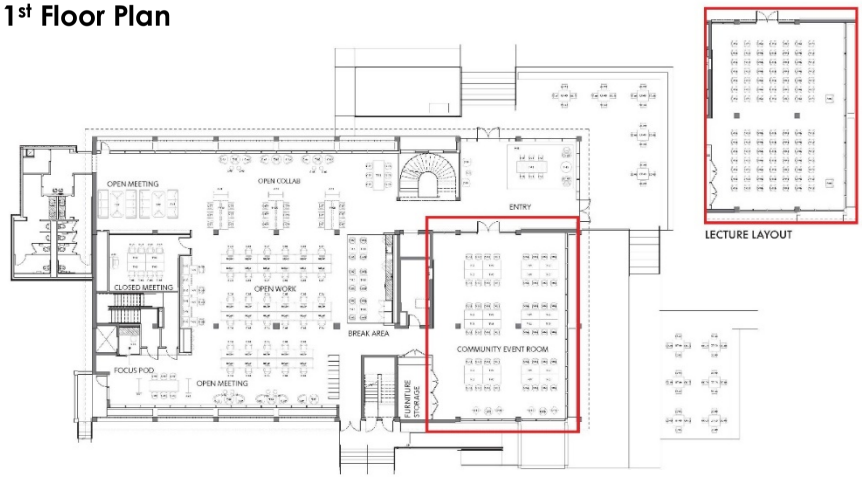
Floor Plans

1st Floor Plan



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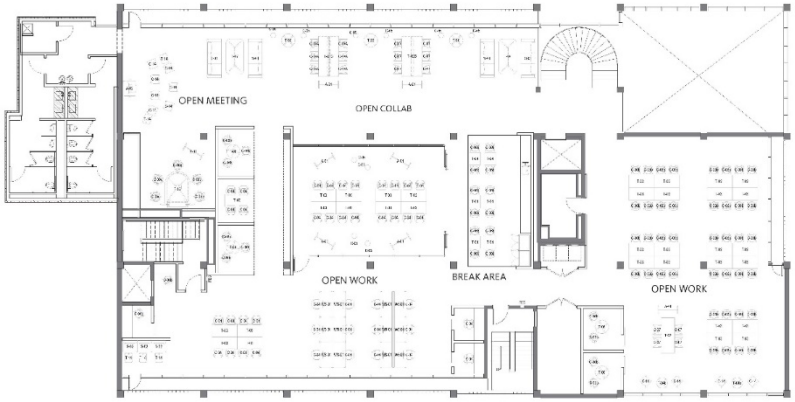

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Interior Design

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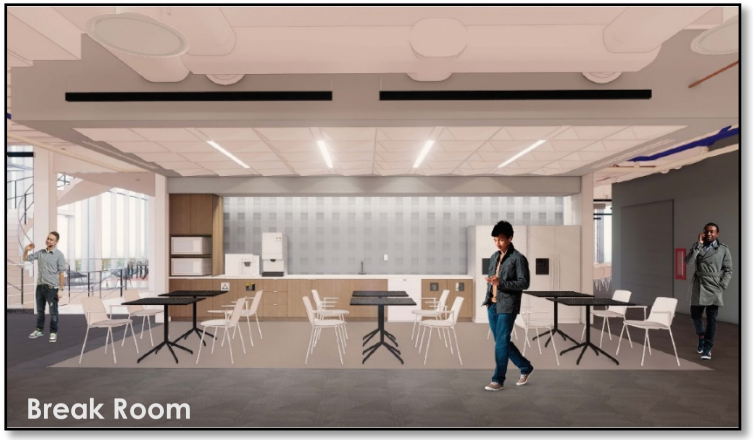
Meeting Area

Break Room - Today

Meeting Area – Today


Break Room

Program

- Partnership with ASU Entrepreneurship and Innovation Institute
- Public gateway to the downtown Innovation District
- Adaptable, open design that allows wide variety of activities
  - Public entrepreneurship and innovation workshops and events
  - Entrepreneurship training
  - Mentoring
  - Incubator and accelerator programs
- Community event space
- Corporate partnerships
- Ideate, prototype, incubate

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

NIGHT RENDERING

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Main Library Kids' Zone Improvements

Presented to the Mesa City Council

Tuesday, December 1st, 2020

Heather Wolf, Library Director

Beth Huning, City Engineer

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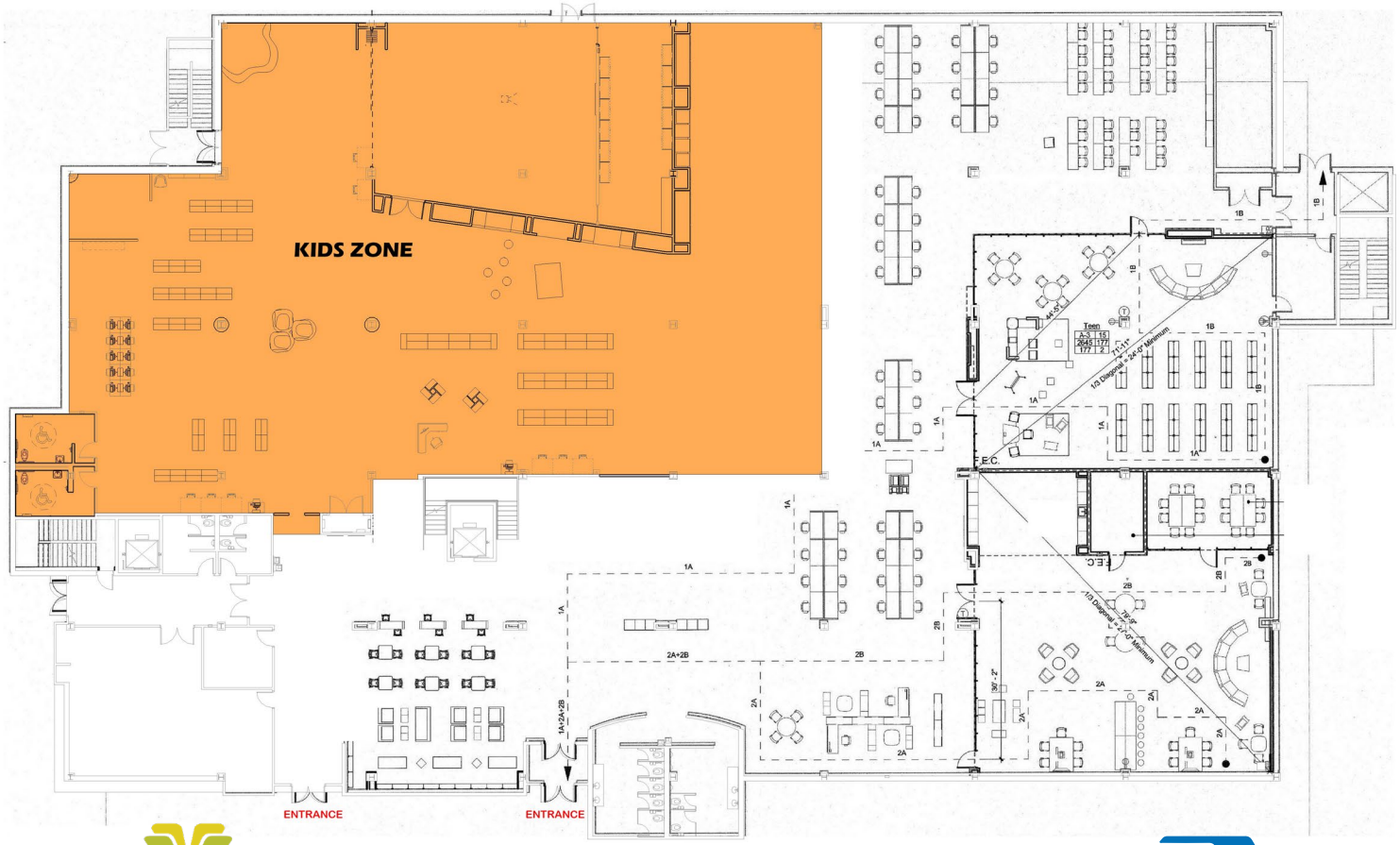

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OVERALL PLAN

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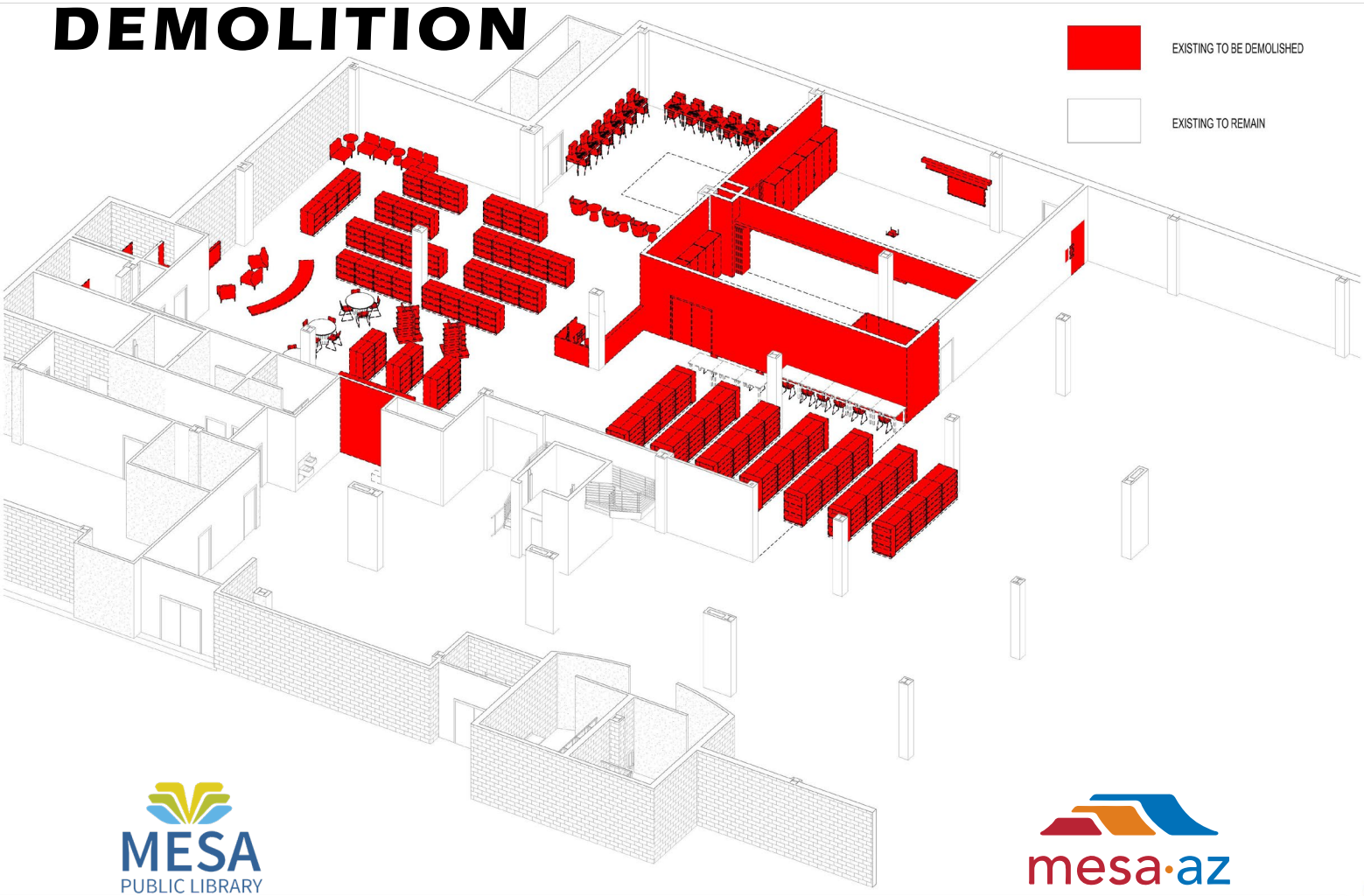

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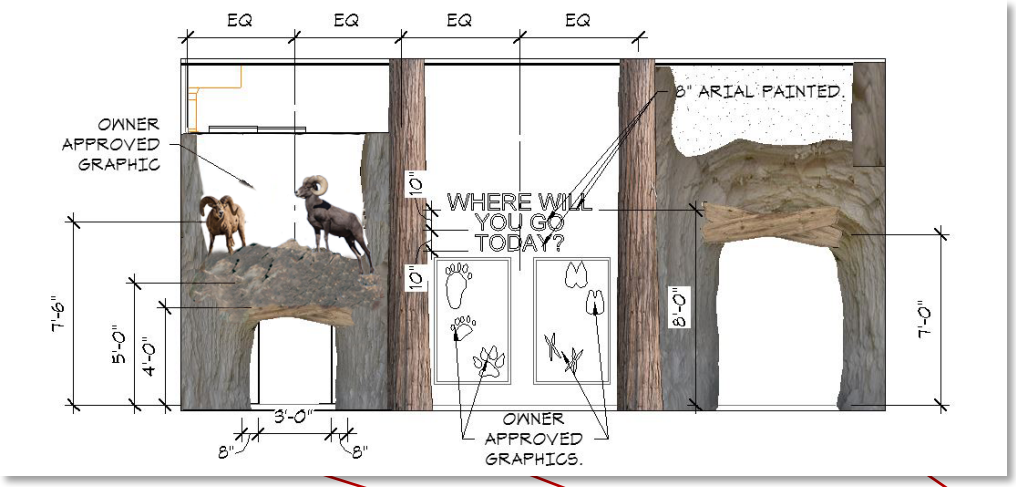

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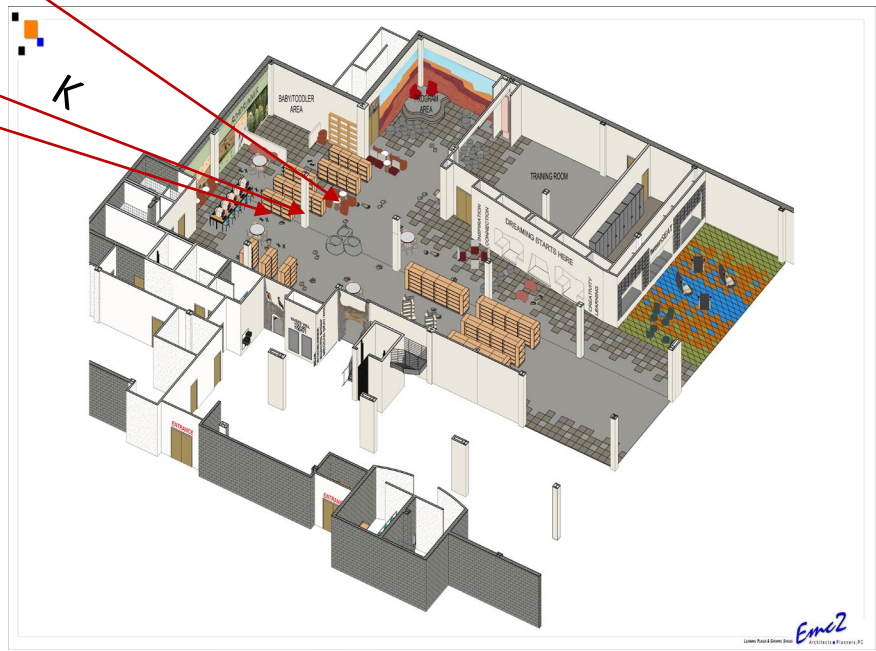

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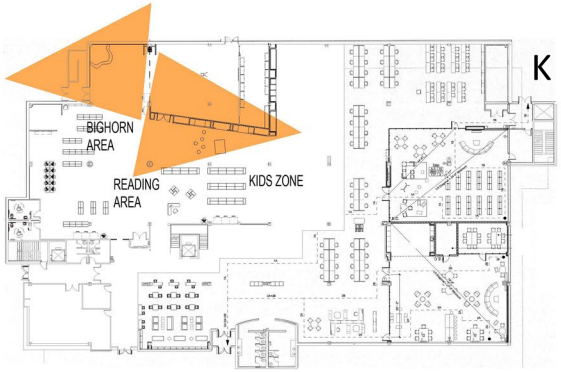
PERSPECTIVES

BIGHORN SHEEP EXHIBIT

READING AREA



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Learning Places & Growing Spaces

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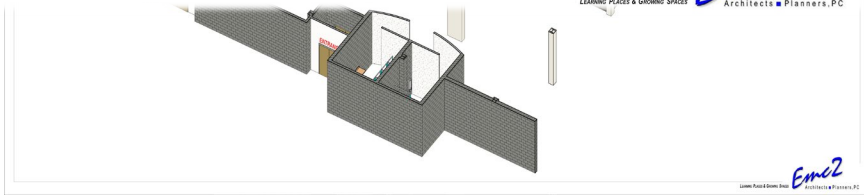

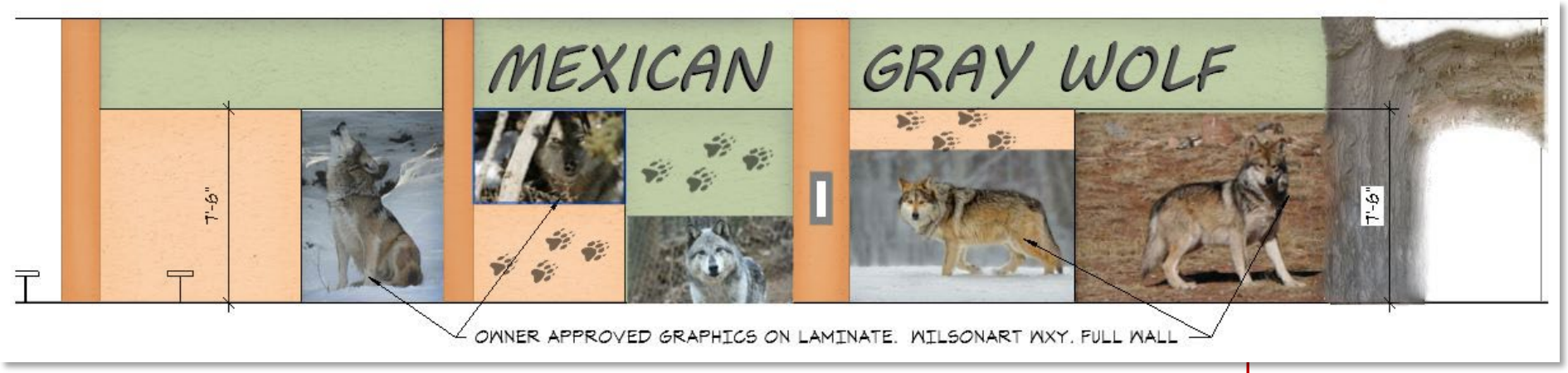

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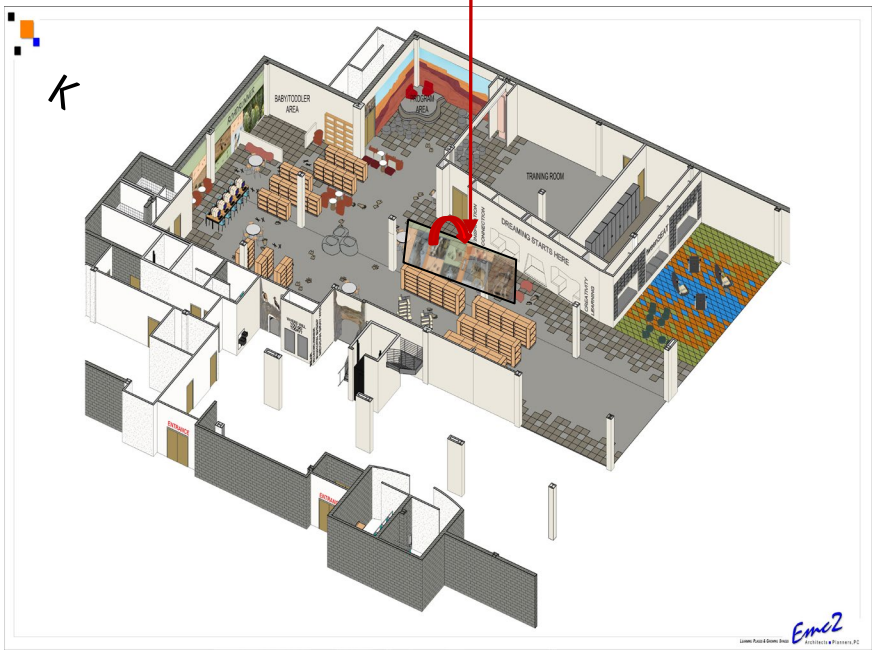

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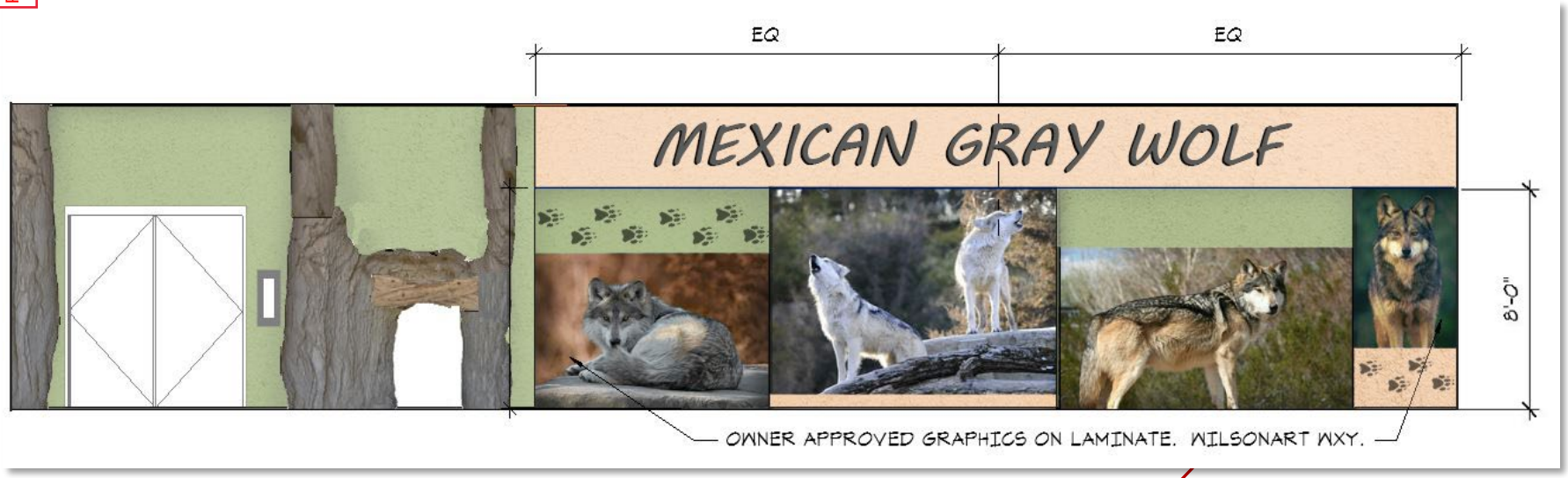

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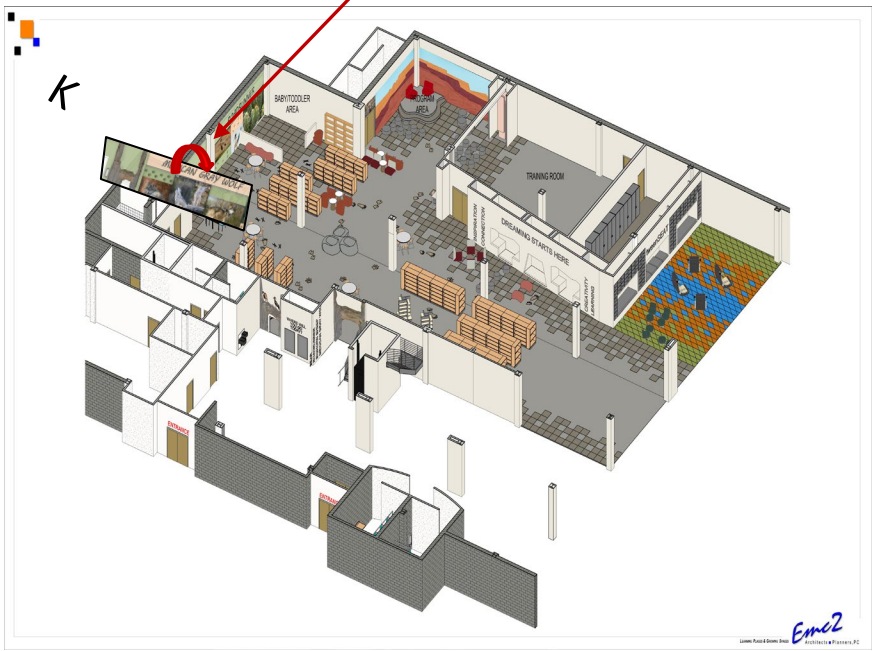

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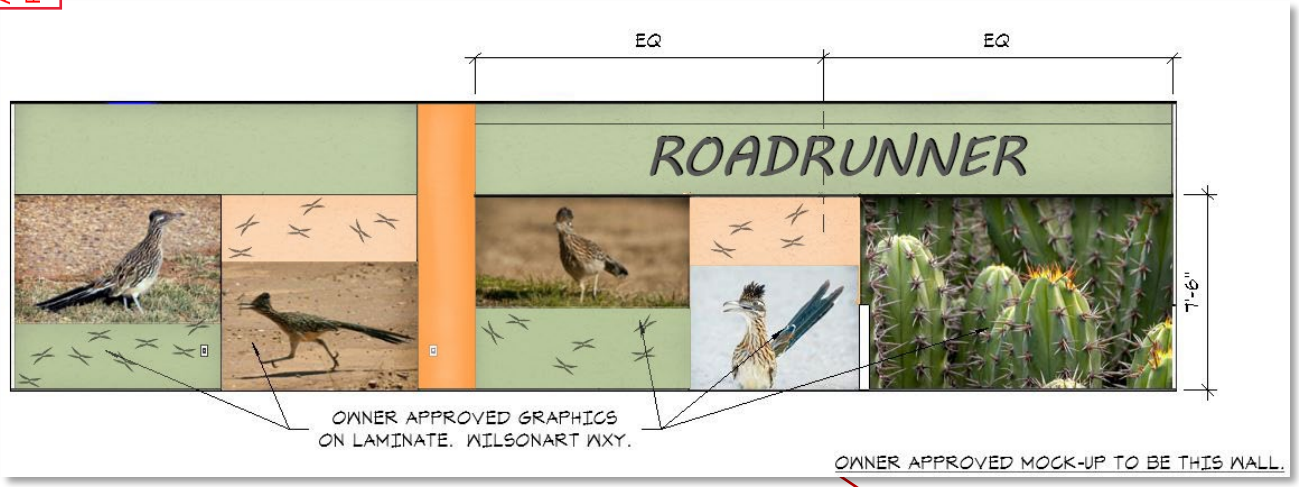

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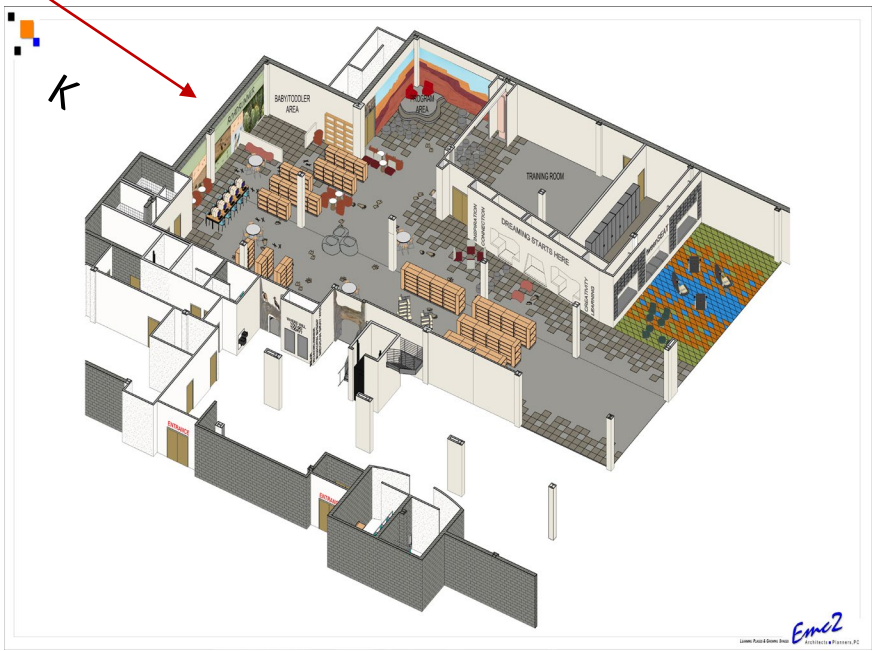

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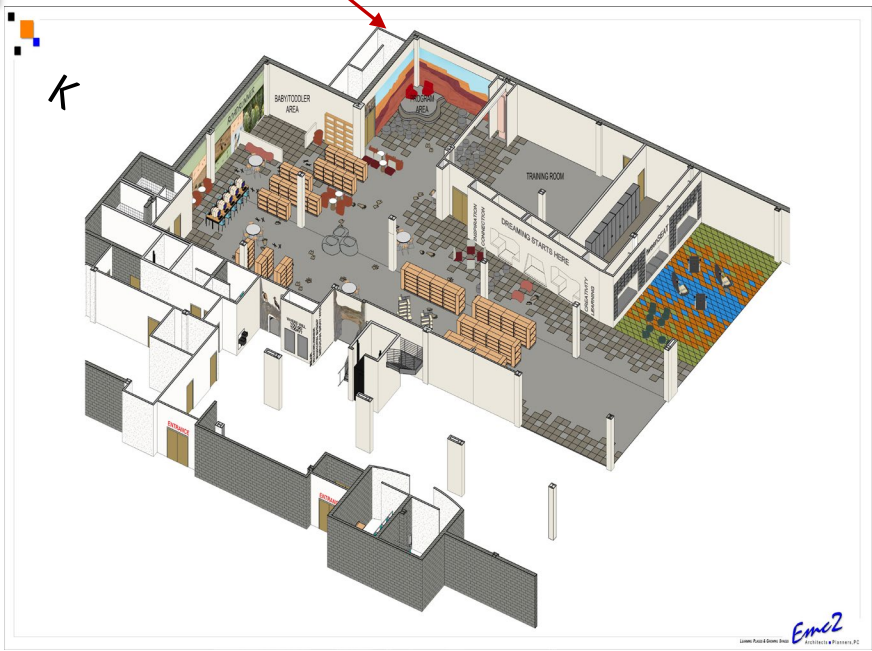

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MESA MAIN LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS KIDS' ZONE CONTRACT

Construction Contract Award	$830,835
10% Contingency	$83,084
Total Construction Request	**$913,919**

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RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ORDINANCE: *PUBLIC SAFETY HEALTH AND WELFARE*

Presented by Assistant Chief Lee Rankin

Mesa Police Department

OBJECTIVES OF ORDINANCE PROPOSAL

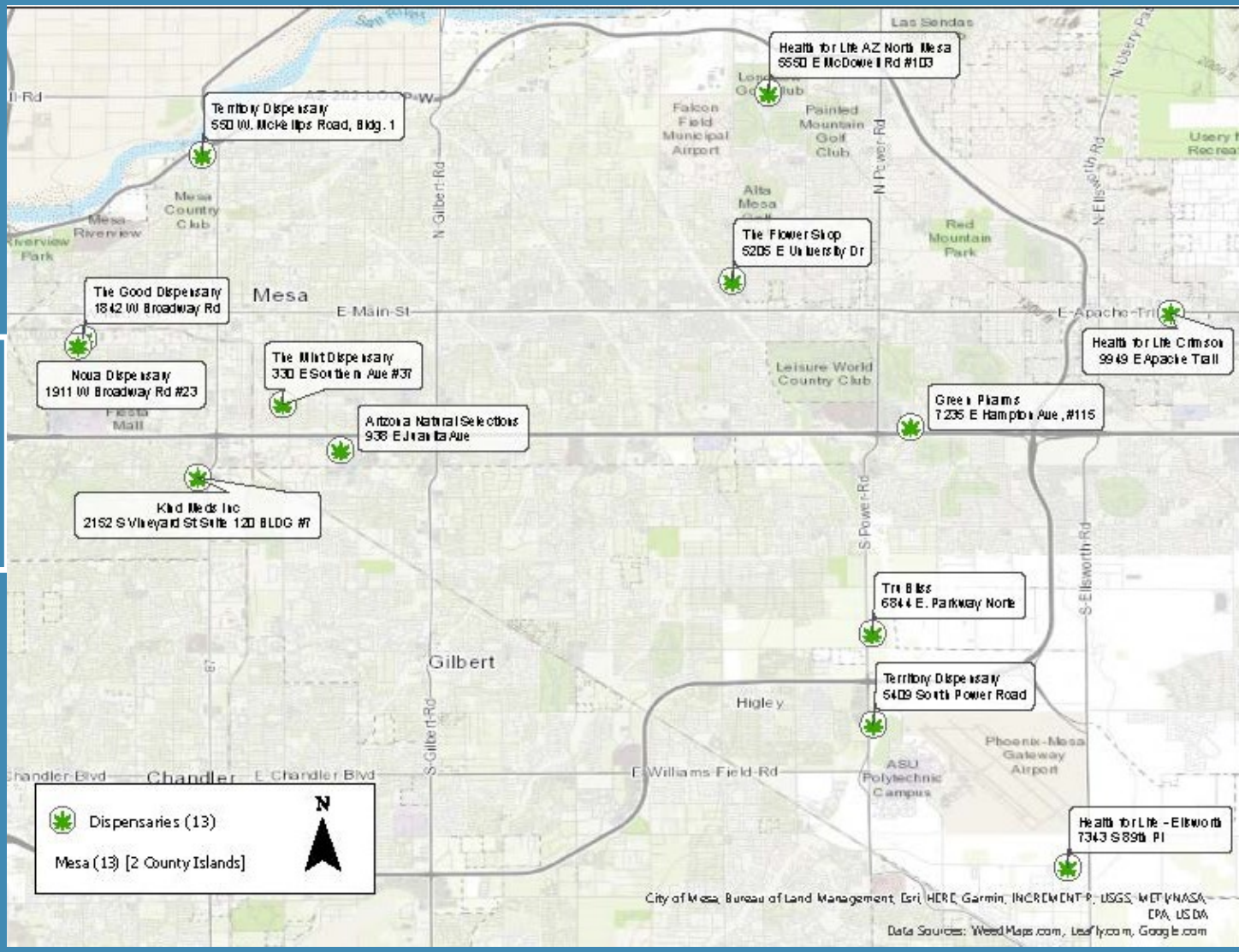
1. Crime Mitigation Strategy
2. Ensure Safety of Residents and Motoring Public
3. Maintain Quality of Life
4. Minimize Impact on Public Safety Response

"SMART AND SAFE ARIZONA ACT" PROPOSITION 207

Authorizes cities and towns in part to:

1. Prohibit recreational marijuana retail establishments or marijuana testing facilities or both, with the exception for entities that hold a dual license to operate a nonprofit medical marijuana dispensary and a recreational marijuana retail establishment cooperatively at a shared location. A.R.S. 36-2857(A)(2)
2. Prohibit and regulate consumption of marijuana or marijuana products on City property. A.R.S. 36-2851(9)
3. Prohibit or restrict delivery of recreational marijuana within its jurisdiction. 36-2857(A)(6)

MESA MARIJUANA FACILITIES



DENVER
A SNAPSHOT

- In 2019, burglary or attempted burglary accounted for 57% of marijuana industry-related offenses. Theft accounted for another 10% of all marijuana industry-related offenses.
- There were 22 violent offenses related to the marijuana industry for every 244 violent offenses overall.
- Marijuana business make up less than 1% off all businesses in Denver, but account for approximately 10% of all reported business burglaries.

PROPOSITION 207

Does not:

1. Allow any person to "smoke marijuana in a public or open space." A.R.S. 36-2851(8)(a)
2. Allow any person to "consume marijuana or marijuana products" in a vehicle. A.R.S. 36-2851(8)(b)
3. Restrict the ability of any person or business from prohibiting or regulating marijuana or marijuana product consumption on their property. A.R.S. 36-2851(7)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE : TITLE 6, CHAPTER 25

- Prohibits recreational marijuana retail establishments except those who hold both a nonprofit medical marijuana dispensary registration and a recreational marijuana retail license at a shared location. MCC 6-25-4
- Prohibits marijuana testing facilities. MCC 6-25-5
- Prohibits marijuana use, sale, possession on City property. MCC 6-25-3
- Prohibits recreational marijuana delivery. MCC 6-25-6
- Prohibits consuming marijuana on private property where notice has been provided. MCC 6-25-7
- Prohibits consuming marijuana in vehicles. MCC 6-25-8
- Penalty:
  - A violation of this chapter is a petty offense (fine only) to be adjudicated in the Mesa Municipal Court

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