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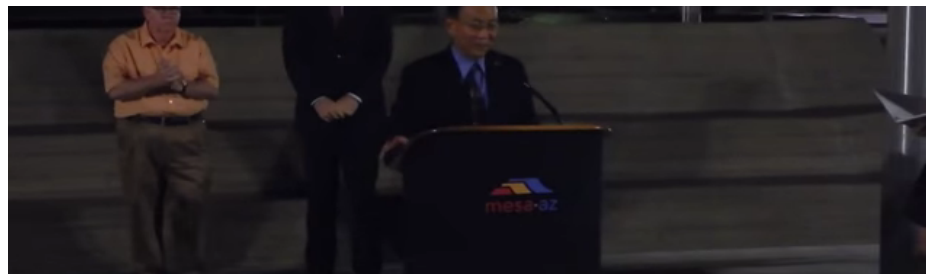
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Mesa Fiesta District micro parks lighting ceremony Oct. 13



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(Video by Richard H. Dyer, Independent Newspapers. A story about the ceremony will be posted later this week at <http://mesaindependent.com>.)

Mesa Mayor John Giles, Vice Mayor and District 3 Councilman Dennis Kavanaugh, Deputy City Manager Kari Kent and Mesa Community College President Dr. Shouan Pan spoke and participated in a 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, lighting ceremony at one of the Fiesta District micro parks constructed along Southern Avenue in the Fiesta District.

The four and Mesa City Manager Chris Brady pushed a button that turned on a fountain and lights at the micro park just west of the northwest corner of Southern and Longmore.

The event celebrated completion of five micro parks that are part of a major streetscape improvement project in the Fiesta District designed to create a uniquely identifiable area that is economically vibrant, pedestrian friendly and an active urban destination. The micro parks include new sidewalks, landscaping, shade structures, lights and a water feature, city officials said.

Along with the recent completion of the Fiesta District improvements along Southern Avenue from Alma School Road to Sycamore, nodes create a relaxing refuge for pedestrians and bicyclists, while also providing non-vehicular connectivity in the Fiesta District. These nodes will tie-in with the recent Fiesta District improvements along Southern Avenue, according to a press release.

The total cost of the project is \$2,190,156.10. A Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant provided \$1,809,018.00 to fund this project. The remaining amount of \$381,138.10 was funded by city of Mesa Local Street Sales Tax, according to a release.

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