Tempe

# Minutes
# Rio Salado Advisory Commission
# January 22, 2008

**Minutes of the Rio Salado Advisory Commission held on January 22, 7:00 PM at the Rio Salado Operations Center, 620 N. Mill Ave., Tempe, Arizona.**

**Members Present:**
Dana Burkhardt
Alana Chavez
Maureen DeCindis
Mary Hannaman
Sue Lofgren
Julie Ramsey

**Members Absent:**
Christina Cenzano
Michael Curlee
Walter McCraney
Brett Siegal

**City Staff Present:**
Diane Johnson
Kevin O'Melia
Nancy Ryan

**Guests Present:**

**Nancy Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.**

**Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2007 and December 4, 2007**
Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

**Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Development Review Sub-Committee Minutes from November 26, 2007 and January 3, 2008**
Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances**
There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 4 – Service Award for Randy Smith**
Randy Smith was unable to attend this meeting.

**Agenda Item 5 – Review Site Plan for Ryan's Express Transportation**
The commission members were given a copy of the site plan for Ryan's Express Transportation located at 820 N. McClintock Dr., Tempe. Kevin O'Melia, Senior Planner, stated the site plan changes are the addition of a masonry building, a retention basin with landscaping, and making the front building smaller.

Commission Comments:

- An improvement in the appearance
- Would like to see a enhanced presence on McClintock
- Would like to see new materials for the wall & fence along McClintock
- Commission members appreciated the added landscape along the frontage

Recommendation: Site plan meets goals of Rio Salado and commission members feel it is an appropriate land use.

**Agenda Item 6 – 2008 Meeting Topics**

**Nancy Ryan,** Rio Salado Project Manager, asked the commission members what meeting topics they would like to see on the 2008 ESC agenda. Some of the topics they suggested are project updates on the Pedestrian Bridge, Boathouse, Between the Bridges, Hayden Flour Mill, Veteran's Memorial, Splash Playground, and Elements at Tempe Center for the Arts. Other topics are lake use, dock policies, park use & amenities, Urban Open Space Plan, and a water taxi.

**Agenda Item 7 – Urban Open Space Plan**

**Nancy** divided the commission members into teams of two. She then assigned each team a different section of the Urban Open Space Plan to review. She asked them to bring back to the next RSAC meeting their comments and recommendations on the section assigned to them.

**General discussion** regarding the **Urban Open Space Plan**, including:

- In the Urban Open Space Plan **Alana Chavez** stated she liked the photos showing how it would look with the changes instead of what it does look like and the way the plan was done in building blocks. She also felt the consultants listened to the commission members' recommendations and put them in the plan.

**Agenda Item 8 - Committee Updates**

- Friends of Rio Salado – Julie Ramsey had no report.
- Enhanced Services Commission – Nancy Ryan stated the ESC met on January 9, 2008. At the meeting they moved to replace a private member due to his job change. They also met the new City Manager for Tempe, Charlie Meyer, and Mark Vinson, Principal Architect, gave a presentation on the arts Elements project.
- Development Review Committee – Maureen DeCindis reported they reviewed Hayden Harbor, Tempe Landing, and Rio East Linear Park.
- Parks Board Commission – Nancy Ryan said the Parks Board also reviewed the Rio East Linear Park concept, discussed the Urban Open Space Plan, and reviewed Goodwin Park master plan.

**Agenda Item 9 – Project Updates**

**Nancy** gave a short summary on public projects in Rio Salado.

1) Nancy stated Council has asked staff to look at whether the Priest Maintenance Yard should be put up for sale before or after environmental studies are done.
2) In the Elements project located west of the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) the anchors will be Arizona Bronze, Meltdown Glass, Robert Venn School of Luthiery, and Childsplay. She stated this would be a unique development where you can view art being made and then be

able to purchase the art. Staff is looking at doing a RFP for the land west of the Elements to find out what the community would like to see developed.

3) There are several Super Bowl Parties scheduled to be held at Town Lake. "Super Bowl Saturday Night", a free concert with the Counting Crows, will be held in Tempe Beach Park on February 2, 2008 at 6 pm. At the TCA there will be a private party with NFL football players and top NFL members attending. Also Hayden Ferry Lakeside is sponsoring five different Super Bowl Parties.
4) Nancy reported Pier 202 will start the infrastructure construction in March or April. They will go vertical in 2009.
5) A permanent pump station at the east dam is being designed.
6) USACOE Phase III Habitat has moved the vegetation to the side slopes instead of the river bottom. In this phase a multi-use path will be completed from Rural to McClintock on the south side of the lake, and then on the north side a path from McClintock to Indian Bend Wash.
7) Staff is working on the design for the Playa del Norte drainage basin.
8) Police equestrian and bike squads and the Park Rangers are talking about relocating their offices to the east side of the LoPiano Habitat.

The Committee's next meeting will be **February 26**.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.**

Prepared by: Diane Johnson

Reviewed by: Nancy Ryan

Nancy Ryan
Rio Salado Manager