Tempe

Minutes
Papago Park / Rio Salado Ad Hoc Committee
March 10, 2009

Minutes of the Papago Park / Rio Salado Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on March 10, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., Library Conference Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:
Sharon Doyle, Chair
Bob Gasser
Ed Parker

Members Absent:
Mary Ann Miller – Excused
Stu Siefer – Excused
Lisa Roach – Excused
Darlene Justus – Excused

City Staff Present:
Shawn Wagner, Recreation Supervisor– Parks & Recreation
Isabel Flores, Assistant Recreation Coordinator – Parks & Recreation

Guests Present:
Shane Anton, Cultural Preservation Program Supervisor – SRP-MIC

Meeting convened at 5:05 p.m.

Sharon Doyle called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2009
No action taken. Committee did not reach quorum.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances
No discussion.

Agenda Item 3 – Papago Park Site Visit Discussion
Members of the committee took a tour of Tempe's side of Papago Park.

General Discussion by the Committee:

- Bob Gasser will send Shawn Wagner information for the Eisendrath House fundraiser. Shawn Wagner will forward notice to boards and committees.

- Sharon Doyle will be sending committee members invitations to the elementary school Spracale Dinner hosted by the TIE Foundation on April 11, 2009.

- Sharon Doyle thanked Shawn Wagner for the tour of Papago Park. The tour was insightful and offered a view that had not been seen before by some of the committee members.

- Shawn Wagner could arrange a vehicle tour or the City of Phoenix side of Papago Park which is roughly around 1200 acres.

- Sharon Doyle expressed concerns over KDA and committee's time constraints. A tour of the Phoenix side of Papago Park would be nice if it does not interfere with the duties of the Rio Salado/Papago Park Ad Hoc Committee.

- Sharon Doyle was concerned that the Design Principles Charette was not open to input from the community. The committee has a responsibility of voicing their opinion.

- The Design Principles Charette was designed for directors of various municipalities to come together and give their perspective about the park. By no means was in intended to set the tone for future public meetings. The upcoming public workshops will give the public an opportunity to give their ideas.

- The workshops will take place April 29, 2009, June 15, 2009 and August 20, 2009.

- www.discoverpapagopark.com will be launched soon.

- Information about the dates of the public workshops will be printed on fliers and sent out in water bills and a mayoral public address will air on various local stations.

- Committee members would like Papago Park to have cultural component and educational tools for the public. Possibly incorporating interactive kiosks with information about the parks history or a self-guided tour.

- Shane Anton would like the park defined and work with what we have.

- Shawn Wagner would like to know what the public's perception is and build to that standard.

- Define locations and once people are drawn to the attraction, they will realize there is more to Papago Park.

- Shane Anton asked how we change the public's perception of viewing the park as a whole.

- Shawn Wagner will forward the committee information about the upcoming public workshops and organize tour of the Phoenix portion of Papago Park.

- Next meetings will be held April 14, 2009 and May 12, 2009.

Agenda Item 4 – Papago Park Master Plan Update
No discussion.

Agenda Item 5 – Miscellaneous Information
No discussion.

Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items
No discussion.

Agenda Item 7 – Chair/Board Member Comments
No discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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