Tempe

Minutes
Enhanced Services Commission
April 8, 2009

Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on April 8, 8 AM, at the Rio Salado Operations Center, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:
Chris Anaradian
Neil Calfee
Tom Canasi
Gary Cheek
Gordon Cresswell
Jerry Hart
Nancy Hormann
Randy Levin
Mark Richwine
Chris Salomone

City Staff Present:
Diane Johnson
Roger Hallsted
Dee Dee Kimbrell
Edith Ross
Nancy Ryan

Members Absent:
Greg Loper

Meeting convened at 8:33 AM.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: March 11, 2009
Randy Levin asked if the commission members had an opportunity to review the minutes from March 11, 2009.

MOTION: Nancy Hormann moved to approve the minutes.
SECOND: Neil Calfee
DECISION: The minutes were approved unanimously

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances
There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Town Lake Dams Update
Charlotte Benson, COT Attorney gave an update on negotiations with Bridgestone on the downstream rubber dam bladders (RDBs). The resolution was Bridgestone will manufacture 4 new RDBs for the downstream dam and will lease them to Tempe for 5 years at one dollar per month.

Tempe's contractor will remove the existing RDBs and install new ones at Bridgestone's cost. COT will operate and maintain replacement RDBs and will develop a future dam system to be installed at the end of the lease term. Bridgestone will build and install a sprinkler system over the downstream RDBs and Tempe will maintain it. The new RDBs installation will be completed in phases using a coffer dam. The construction timeline will be January 2010 to October 2010 with the five-year lease term beginning in December 2010.

General discussion regarding the **Town Lake Dams Update**, including:

- Chris Anaradian asked why there is a need for dam replacement in five years. Ms. Benson reported Bridgestone required that the dams be removed no later than 5 years from the date of the last bladder's completed installation. Bridgestone is no longer manufacturing rubber dam bladders. This lease period allows the City of Tempe time to complete the design, bid process, and procure a new dam system for installation.
- Ms Benson stated only the downstream dams are being replaced due to their size and the harsh environment which caused faster deterioration than anticipated. Another possible reason for rapid deterioration of the dams may be the ceramic chips embedded in the rubber for vandalism prevention.
- Chris Salomone reported Tempe is planning to build the Pedestrian Bridge over the downstream dam at the same time as the RDBs are being replaced.

Agenda Item 4 – 2009/10 CFD Budget Approval

Roger Hallsted, Rio Salado Financial Analyst, gave each commissioner a handout of the FY 2008/09 CFD showing the budget at 63% with three quarters of the year completed. The handout also showed the proposed FY 2009/10 CFD Budget of $3,646,000. The budget is the same as last year with the cost for water quality management going down while the costs for security and lake surface, and shoreline cleanup going up due to labor cost.

General discussion regarding the **CFD Budget Approval**, including:

- Randy asked if the infrastructure replacement cost will stay the same. Nancy stated there will be a need to adjust the cost sometime in the future after the City selects an alternative dam replacement and when the costs associated with it are known. Randy stated the private property owners would like to see the infrastructure replacement costs go down.
- Chris A. suggested updating and changing the CFD infrastructure replacement terminology in the FY 2009/10 O & M Budget.
- Nancy reported URS has completed a study of alternate dams. Chris Salomone stated the engineering department is meeting to discuss the URS study. He also said Tempe is planning to do independent testing on the current RDBs after they are removed.

Committee Consensus: The Enhanced Services Commission recommended the proposed FY 2009/10 CFD Budget.

Agenda Item 5 – Update of CFD Plat

Nancy reported a letter will be going out to property owners requesting a CFD plat modification. The modification will list all the parcels of land as they are currently platted by Maricopa County. Each property owner will have to sign the letter in order for the CFD plat modifications to be made.

General discussion regarding the **Update of CFD Plat**, including:

- Chris A. asked what benefit the plat modification will have. Roger said attorney Keith Hoskins stated every time you split a parcel you need to update the plat.
- Commissioners felt it would be impossible to get 100% signatures on the letter. Neil Calfee suggested a public notice.
- Chris S. said he would invite Keith Hoskins to the next ESC meeting to answer questions about the plat modification.

Agenda Item 6 – Private Project Update

Private property owners gave a project update.

1) Randy reported the "City Market" will open in two weeks at Hayden Ferry Lakeside (HFL). In May the "Segway of Tempe" store will also open at HFL. Randy stated he would like to see more activity on the lake during the week.
2) Neil Calfee reported ASU is still working on the agreement for the 9 acres on the NE corner of Rural Road and Rio Salado Parkway.

Agenda Item 7 – Public Project Update

Nancy gave a public project update.

1) Nancy announced Greg Loper will be unable to attend the monthly ESC meetings. Randy said Greg notified him that he could attend quarterly meetings but not monthly meetings. Nancy reported the ESC will be going to quarterly meetings starting in July. The quarterly meetings will be scheduled for the months of July, October, January, and April.
2) Approximately 200 people attended the Creative Path Arts Walk on March 31st. William Eaton, Grammy Award winning artist performed at the event.
3) Staff is completing the Flood Control permits for the Rio East Linear Park.
4) The City received a MAG grant for a path design from McClintock Dr. to Mesa Riverview.
5) Playa Del Norte Park is going in for final permits.
6) Tempe Marketplace is starting Phase III of the project.
7) Nancy Hormann reported there is a new event called "Music on Mill". Music street performers will be on Mill Avenue from HFL to University Dr. from 5 pm to 9 pm every Thursday night until it gets too hot.

The Committee's next meeting will be May 13.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Prepared by: Diane Johnson
Reviewed by: Nancy Ryan

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Nancy Ryan
Rio Salado Project Manager