
Minutes Papago Park / Rio Salado Ad Hoc Committee November 20, 2008

Minutes of the Papago Park / Rio Salado Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on November 20, 2008 4:00 p.m., Library Conference Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Sharon Doyle, Chair
Stu Siefer
Bob Gasser
Lisa Roach
Ed Parker
Darlene Justus
Mary Ann Miller

Members Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Shawn Wagner, Recreation Supervisor– Parks & Recreation
Isabel Flores, Assistant Recreation Coordinator – Parks & Recreation

Meeting convened at 4:02 p.m.

Sharon Doyle called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome & Introductions:

Committee members and staff introduced themselves

Agenda Item 2 – Overview of Committee Purpose

Sharon Doyle, Ad Hoc Committee Chair and Shawn Wagner, Recreation Supervisor, provided an overview of the committee’s purpose.

1. An overview of the current committees involved in the Papago Park Master Plan process was provided. These committees are comprised of various elected officials and staff from the Salt River Maricopa Indian Community, Tempe, Phoenix and Scottsdale.
 - a. Papago Park Executive Committee
 - b. Papago Park Ad Hoc Committee
2. An overview of this committee’s purpose was provided
 - a. To insure that an opportunity for robust feedback from Tempe’s residents and other interested parties

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- b. Committee members currently include representatives from the Parks Board, the Rio Salado Commission, the historical Museum Advisory Board, the historical Preservation Commission and the North Tempe neighborhood Association
 3. Committee members received a brief history of the Papago Park area
 4. Committee members received information on the background, vision and scope of the current planning efforts for Papago Park

Agenda Item 3 – Papago Park DVD Presentation

Shawn Wagner, Recreation Supervisor, provided the committee members with a DVD that highlights Papago Park and some of its current amenities.

1. Committee members were shown the welcome and introduction portion of the DVD
2. Sharon Doyle encouraged the committee members to view the remainder of the DVD, which includes more detailed information about some of the park's amenities

Agenda Item 4 – Great American Parks Presentation

Jeff Kratzke and Randall Kopff, Olsson Associates, provided a presentation to the committee on Great American Parks. The presentation included the following:

1. The key elements of high quality parks or park systems
2. Vision elements of high quality parks or park systems
3. Six great American parks
 - a. Central Park – a sense of identity
 - b. Balboa Park – strategic planning and implementation
 - c. Grant Park – cultural epicenter
 - d. Griffith Park – recognized icon
 - e. Fair Park – collaborative partnerships
 - f. Golden Gate Park – blending past and present
4. Value to the community
5. Desired outcomes

General Discussion by the Committee:

- Committee members expressed concern over the park being “loved to death”
- Jeff Kratzke discussed the importance of public involvement and education throughout the process
- Committee members discussed the importance of considering those amenities located outside of the park boundaries
- Committee members discussed the importance of wayfinding, signage and trails

Agenda Item 5 – Papago Park Master Plan Update

Shawn Wagner, Recreation Supervisor, provided the committee with an update on the Papago Park Master Plan efforts

1. The Papago Park Executive and Ad Hoc committees have given staff direction to begin negotiations with the recommended firm Olsson Associates. The Olsson Associates Team includes the following;
 - a. Olsson Associates – Project Manager, Park Master Planning and Design
 - b. KDA – Public Involvement
 - c. EcoPlan – Environmental Planning
 - d. Thinking Caps – Park Identity / Signage

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- e. Pros Consulting – Strategic Park Management and Implementation Strategies
 2. Staff from the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, Tempe, Phoenix and Scottsdale will work with Olsson Associates to bring the project within scope and budget
 3. The cities of Tempe and Phoenix have received grant monies from the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community for this project, Tempe - \$100,000 and Phoenix - \$284,000
 4. Tempe and Phoenix have agreed to contribute an additional \$100,000 respectively for the project

General Discussion by the Committee:

- Committee members agreed that public involvement in this process is key to its success

Agenda Item 6 – Public Appearances

There were public appearances

Agenda Item 7 – Miscellaneous Information

There was no miscellaneous information

Agenda Item 8 – Meeting Schedule

Sharon Doyle, Chair, led the committee in selecting the next meeting date

1. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items

The committee suggested the following for future agenda items

1. Update on Papago Park Master Plan
2. Field trip through Papago Park
3. Cultural resources

Agenda Item 10 – Chair/Board Member Comments

1. Committee members are excited to be involved in this process and are looking forward to becoming more involved as this project progresses

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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