

Minutes
Enhanced Services Commission
August 10, 2011

Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on August 10, 2011, 8:30 AM, at the Tempe Center for the Arts, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Chris Anaradian, Secretary
Kathy Berzins
Don Bessler
Gordon Cresswell
Wayne Dames, Vice President
Travis Dray
Nancy Hormann
Ken Jones, Treasurer
Heidi Kimball, Chairman of the Board
Roger Pryor substituting for Peter Wolff

City Staff Present:

Roger Hallsted
Chris Messer
Nancy Ryan
Kathy Wittenburg
Brenda Buren
David Humble
John Rush

Members Absent:

Neil Calfee, President
Peter Wolff

Public Present:

None

Meeting convened at 8:30 AM.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of meeting minutes: May 11, 2011

Heidi Kimball confirmed the commission members had reviewed the minutes.

MOTION: Ken Jones
SECOND: Gordon Cresswell
DECISION: Minutes approved

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Security Plan Proposal

John Rush introduced the Security Plan Proposal

Nancy Hormann presented information on the current status of disorderly youth presence in the downtown and lake districts and how the Park Rangers and Police Department manage that program now and how it can be better managed with this new proposal. With the new proposal of a Downtown Safety Patrol, there will be two teams of “Ambassadors” who will go through extensive training, including CPR, and do exactly what the Rangers do now, but with more varied work shifts and partnering with other City departments, such as Code Compliance, the value of service will increase, with no increased fees.

There will be two teams; one for the lake and one for downtown. The lake team responsibilities will not change, but by combining these programs and having a designated a manager, who will be cross trained, to facilitate the program. The team should be scheduled to work certain hours in specific areas instead of doing the administrative duties the new manager position will handle, thus freeing up the teams to work on the beats instead of doing paperwork.

John Rush discussed the partnership with Metro and light rail and other park rangers at Library, etc.
Replaced with G4S.

Kathy Berzins questions citations and John replied that the park rangers can issue citations; but rarely do. They can resolve a lot of problems through verbal warnings, etc., but the DSP could get the authority and education to do that.

Nancy Ryan stated that Ranger Mannering wants to make sure that all of the functions and services will be provided. My perception is this sounds great for downtown, but is concerned about attention on the lake.

Nancy Hormann confirmed that no services will change, just the management of services, essentially by changing personnel and rate of pay.

Gordon Cresswell asked would there be a possibility to hire more people like this rather than a “rent a cop”?

David Humble replied that the promoters of the event hire security, not the City, and that would have to be negotiated in the contract for special events.

There was general discussion about cost savings options and Chris Messer confirmed that the approved budget is slightly over a half a million for security and that there was a goal to cut that in half; Roger Hallsted will confirm if that goal was met.

Nancy R: As you go forward, consider these key points....addressing urban camping, citations, connection with PD through the radio system for calls for help or backup. The current contributions for a flood event, they are out there in the morning and night to handle those demands...it would be disappointing to lose that. Boat permits are a revenue resource, they should be checked.

There was more general discussion about how this program will work and address any outstanding issues, and it was determined that the group would meet again in September to address more detailed questions.

Agenda Item 4 – Private and Public Project Update

Heidi Kimball gave an update on her conversation with Jeff Kulaga regarding the Reserve Study Update. The options are still under review and the options are being assessed. It has been identified that the dam needs to serve two purposes in regards to the 100 year flood parameters which would involve managing the flow in and out. The earthen dam option has been tabled because it could not meet the requirements for a 100 year flood. Conversations were had with Bridgestone, but no progress has been made. A cost analysis will be discussed on September 15th

The Committee's next meeting will be October 12th, 2011 at the Tempe Center for the Arts.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Prepared by: Kathy Wittenburg
Reviewed by: Chris Anaradian



Chris Anaradian
Secretary