



Minutes City Council's Mill and Lake District Committee November 5, 2009

Minutes of the meeting of the City Council's Mill and Lake District Committee held on Thursday, November 5, 2009, 3:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Tempe City Hall, 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Committee Members Present:

Vice Mayor Shana Ellis
Councilmember P. Ben Arredondo
Councilmember Mark W. Mitchell
Councilmember Joel Navarro
Councilmember Onnie Shekerjian
Councilmember Corey D. Woods

Committee Absent:

Mayor Hugh Hallman

City Staff Present:

Karen Fillmore, City Clerk's Office
Lisa Collins, Dev Svcs/Dev Svcs
Chris Anaradian, Dev Svcs Mgr
Heidi Graham, Comm Dev
Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Admin
Kathy Berzins, Comm Svcs
Sheri Wakefield-Saenz, Econ Dev
Hunter Hansen, Comm Dev
Jyme Sue McLaren, Comm Dev
Larry Schmalz, Comm Dev
Shelley Hearn, Comm Rel

Nancy Ryan, Rio Salado Proj
Chris Salomone, Comm Dev Mgr
DeeDee Kimbrell, Comm Dev
Chris Messer, Comm Dev
Jeff Kulaga, Dep City Mgr
Sam Thompson, Parks & Rec
Durrant Williams, Comm Dev
Mark Vinson, Comm Dev
Kaylee Colter, Parks & Rec
Shelly Seyler, Pub Wks
John Osgood, Pub Wks

Guests Present:

Adam Jones, DTC
Bruce Bell
Mike Goldstein
Mike Wasko

Dennis Robinson
Nancy Hormann, DTC
Todd Marshall

Vice Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 3:40.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None.

Agenda Item 2 – Approve the meeting minutes – September 17, 2009

Motion passed 6-0.

Agenda Item 3 – Streetscape Plan

Mark Vinson gave a PowerPoint presentation on downtown streetscapes showing existing conditions and a suggested reference plan and matrix. Creation of a visually exciting, vibrant, memorable environment with a pronounced “wow factor” was discussed. Due to the high cost of hiring a consultant to prepare a final plan, staff is proposing a team of qualified in-house personnel to take on this project.

Public comment: Mike Wasko, downtown resident, suggested using Tempe Marketplace as a point of reference for customer satisfaction and cleanliness.

Consensus: Directed staff to return to the Committee at their next meeting and:

- Explore ASU participation.
- Estimate cost of consultant option.
- Summarize applicable aspects of previous plans.
- Continue to develop inventory of existing materials and conditions.
- Suggest/illustrate some potential modifications.
- Identify options for a public participation process.

Agenda Item 4 – ASU Project Update

Neil Calfee, Director of ASU Real Estate Development, gave an update on what is being done at two ASU owned properties.

Alpha Drive – This is a 14 acre site that ASU is proposing to redevelop into fraternity housing. Eight of those acres will be devoted to 2,000 student housing units. ASU is in the process of working with City officials to subdivide this property.

Block 12 – Proposals for this land are in the process of being reviewed, with a short list of respondents to be identified within two weeks. To date, the number of respondents has been reduced from 30 to 10. There is a substantial focus on finance as this project progresses – specifically how the campus bookstore, grant offices and retail units are impacted.

Agenda Item 5 – Future agenda items

- ASU project update
- Change this meeting to a night other than when Council meetings are scheduled

Agenda Item 6 – Public Appearances

None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

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Reviewed by: Chris Salomone

Jan Hort, City Clerk