
Minutes Rio Salado/ Papago Park Ad Hoc Committee June 23, 2009

Minutes of the Rio Salado/ Papago Park Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on June 23, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., Pyle Adult Recreation Center, 655 E. Southern Ave., Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Sharon Doyle, Chair
Bob Gasser
Ed Parker
Lisa Roach
Stu Siefer

Members Absent:

Darlene Justus
Shane Anton

City Staff Present:

Shawn Wagner, Recreation Supervisor– Parks & Recreation
Isabel Flores, Assistant Recreation Coordinator – Parks & Recreation
Mike Crusa, Mayor’s Chief of Staff – Community Relations

Meeting convened at 4:06 p.m.

Sharon Doyle, chair, called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: May 7, 2009

Committee members approved minutes for meeting held on May 7, 2009.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

No public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Regional Meeting Update: June 15, 2009

Committee members discussed the Papago Park Regional Public Workshop held on June 15, 2009.

- Shawn Wagner, Recreation Supervisor, provided an overview of the regional workshop. Approximately 80 participants attended each of the sessions. The format consisted of a half hour presentation that provided a summary of the information obtained from the previous regional meeting and laid the foundation for the focus for the remainder of the workshop. The remainder of the workshop divided the participants into small groups that provided input on various themed concepts.

- Bob Gasser noted that in the morning sessions approximately half of the participants attended the first regional workshop on April 29.
- Lisa Roach attended evening session, and noted that people were responsive and asked questions. The people were passionate.
- Shawn Wagner - Café table set-up gave opportunities for attendees to be interactive and passionate.
- Sharon Doyle – Wanted to know if people were assigned to a certain table.
- Lisa Roach – People chose their station and stayed 20 minutes. They had the opportunity to visit each station.
- Shawn Wagner – provided overview of project schedule. Committee members suggested the PowerPoint presentation slides be more reflective of the comments received from the first community workshop in Tempe on May 30.
- Sharon Doyle – Was there anything from Tempe Residents Mission and values significant to be added to the Public Vision Draft?
- Lisa Roach – Historical component added to Public Vision.
- Shawn Wagner – Mission/Vision are rough draft.
- Stu Siefer – Carrying capacity. The term Signature Park suggests large public attraction. He would like to focus more on preservation.
- Ed Parker – The design of the park should reflect its purpose. If we are trying to attract crowds to visit Papago Park, we need to add features for that purpose, not build a wall around it.
- Stu Siefer – How do you know when the carrying capacity of the park has been met?
- Sharon Doyle – The purpose must be addressed.
- Sharon Doyle – What were the instructions given by the facilitators when the public went to the work tables?
- Lisa Roach – The participants were encouraged to evaluate each theme and talk about their likes and dislikes. They were encouraged to use the maps and markers at each station to document their thoughts.
- Shawn Wagner – They were instructed to write on the posters and the survey. They could turn in the survey at that time, fax or mail back. Arrangements have been made to have copies of the large posters for the break out tables in the next community workshop.

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- Sharon Doyle – What would you change/use from the Public Workshop to incorporate into Tempe Workshop?
 - Shawn Wagner – The concepts are drafts and to be used to encourage discussion. They can be changed.
 - Stu Siefer – Concern – infrastructure, natural resources are vague concepts. If super-imposed may not line up in the end fragments. Concern with too many ideas; preservation point of view and tourist attraction point of view. How do you tie all ideas together? Hopefully designers are smart and connect everyone's ideas
 - Bob Gasser – How to address the connectivity to various attractions within the park.
 - Ed Parker – Tram circulator that gets you throughout the park.
 - Sharon Doyle – Access trails connectivity is a concern. Papago Park is too big for people to walk it all.

Agenda Item 4 – Community Meeting Recap: May 30, 2009

Committee members discussed the Papago Park Community Workshop held on May 30, 2009.

- Sharon Doyle – Thank you to Lisa Roach and Bob Gasser to taking notes in the breakout sessions. The public comments were very insightful.
- Committee members want to make sure that the information gathered from the previous community workshop will be included in the next community workshop.
- Shawn Wagner – The information gathered from the first community workshop was submitted to the regional consultants and will be included in the next workshop.

Agenda Item 5 – Community Meeting Planning and Outreach: June 30, 2009

Committee members discussed the planning and outreach for the next community workshop on June 30, 2009.

- Sharon Doyle – On Thursday, July 2nd she will address Tempe City Council. Sharon invited other committee members to attend the Issue Review Session (IRS) at 6 p.m.
- The last regional workshop is spread out over 2 days the morning of August 19th and evening of August 20th.
- Sharon Doyle – What are your thoughts about moving the final Tempe workshop after the August workshop.
- Bob Gasser – It would have to be held before as they need to wrap up by September.
- The committee agreed to keep the community workshop as it was previously scheduled on July 30.
- Sharon Doyle – Thank you Shawn for getting everything together.

- AZ Central, Get Out, City Calendar, Press Releases to News Media, List Serves, Twitter, and Posters at City facilities.
- Shawn Wagner – The ads will also run in the Tempe Republic.
- Ed Parker – Ken McDonald and Rolling Hills are a great spot to have posters/fliers.
- Sharon Doyle – Can this be added to Tempe 11.
- Shawn Wagner – Will talk to Skip Neely to see if a slide can be inserted about the community workshop.
- Mike Crusa – We are doing our part to get the word out to Tempe Residents.
- Shawn Wagner – Will document where fliers are advertised.

Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

Sharon Doyle, chair, asked committee members to submit ideas for future agenda items to either herself or Shawn Wager, Recreation Supervisor.

Agenda Item 7 – Chair Board Member Comments

Committee members gave their final comments.

- The next meeting has been rescheduled. It will take place July 21, 2009 at 4:00 pm at the Pyle Adult Recreation Center.
- Isabel Flores will notify committee members of the change in date for the next meeting.

Meeting convened at 5:17 p.m.

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