



Minutes Rio Salado Advisory Commission March 24, 2009

Minutes of the Rio Salado Advisory Commission held on March 24, 7:00 PM at the Tempe Public Library Conference Room, 3500 S. Rural Rd, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Christina Cenzano
Michael Curlee
Sharon Doyle
Eric Emmert
Mary Hannaman
Sue Lofgren
Julie Ramsey
Brett Siegal

Members Absent:

Dana Burkhardt
Alana Chavez

City Staff Present:

Diane Johnson
Nancy Ryan

Guests Present:

Kenneth Irwin
Laron Turley
Kristin Varker
Michele Valenzuela

Christina Cenzano called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2009 and February 24, 2009. Christina asked the commission members if there was a motion to approve the RSAC minutes for the months of January 27, 2009 and February 24, 2009.

MOTION: Sue Lofgren moved to approve minutes for January 27, 2009

SECOND: Mary Hannaman

DECISION: Minutes were approved unanimously

MOTION: Sue Lofgren moved to approve minutes for February 24, 2009

SECOND: Mary Hannaman

DECISION: Minutes were approved unanimously

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Economic Stimulus Projects

Nancy Ryan reported last October COT departments submitted a list of projects for the economic stimulus package. The submitted projects were required to be ready to begin construction within 180 days. Nancy handed out to the commissioners a list of Rio Salado projects submitted for the package. Staff is optimistic there will be stimulus money for Tempe but does not know whether any Rio Salado projects will be funded.

Agenda Item 4 – Rio Salado Management Plan Update

Nancy reported the current Rio Salado Management Plan was written in 1998 and adopted in 1999 before there was a Tempe Town Lake. She stated staff is working on updating the plan with red line mark-ups. She asked the RSAC members if they would like to participate with other city staff in a review meeting of the update and provide public input on the various chapters of the plan. Nancy would like to review changes in April & May then take the changes to Council committee in June or July and full Council later this summer. The commission members identified their interest to review the plan.

Agenda Item 5 - Committee Updates

- Friends of Rio Salado – No update was given.
- Ad Hoc Committee Tempe Papago Park Master Plan – Sharon Doyle reported on March 10th the Ad Hoc committee took a field trip of the Tempe component of Papago Park. They discussed whether the public thinks of Papago Park as a whole destination or are there destinations within the park and how it should be marketed.
- Enhanced Services Commission – Nancy reported at the ESC meeting the Community Facility District (CFD) budget contained no increased costs from last year's budget. The ESC also discussed the CFD property owner's payoff process for the lake CFD construction assessment. ESC also discussed topics for the year and whether to go to quarterly meetings instead of monthly meetings.
- Parks Board Commission – No update was given.

RSAC members suggested having a joint meeting with ESC by the end of the fiscal year. Nancy said she will set-up a joint meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Project Updates

Nancy gave an update on projects in Rio Salado

- 1) The Creative Path Arts Walk will be held on Tuesday, March 31 from 5 to 8 pm. The walk will start at the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) with William Eaton (Grammy Award winning guitarist), Roberto Venn School of Luthiery, and three garage bands from the Tempe Music Festival performing. Also attending are Arizona Bronze and many different artists.
- 2) Tempe Music Festival will be held on April 3 & 4 at Tempe Beach Park. At the same time as the festival there will be a Red Bull Wake Lab on the lake.
- 3) Earth Day 5K Run/Walk & Expo will be held on April 22 from 5 to 8 pm. The starting line will be just west of the TCA.
- 4) An RFP is out for a 52-acre Amateur Sports Facility on Rio Salado Parkway west of Priest Rd. The proposal is due by April 27.

- 5) Nancy is attending the ULI Brownfield Conference in Phoenix on March 24 & 25. She is looking for ways to help facilitate clean-up and development of previous landfills in Rio Salado.
- 6) TCA has a "Walk-in Wednesday Open Mic with Walt Richardson" from 5 to 7 pm every Wednesday.
- 7) Segway of Tempe will be moving into their Hayden Ferry Lakeside office in May.
- 8) Tempe Beach Park restrooms have the walls up and will open in May.

The Committee's next meeting will be **April 28**.

MOTION: Brett Siegal moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Eric Emmert

DECISION: Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Prepared by: Diane Johnson

Reviewed by: Nancy Ryan

Nancy Ryan
Rio Salado Manager