



Minutes Rio Salado Advisory Commission May 26, 2009

Minutes of the Rio Salado Advisory Commission held on May 26, 7:00 pm at the Rio Salado Operations Center, 620 N. Mill Ave., Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Dana Burkhardt
Alana Chavez
Sue Lofgren
Julie Ramsey
Brett Siegal

Members Absent:

Christina Cenzano
Michael Curlee
Sharon Doyle
Eric Emmert
Mary Hannaman

City Staff Present:

Diane Johnson
Nancy Ryan
Shawn Wagner

Alana Chavez called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2009

April minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Discover Papago Park

Shawn Wagner from Tempe's Parks & Recreation Department gave a PowerPoint presentation on Papago Park Regional Master Plan. He said the cities of Phoenix, Tempe and Scottsdale together with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community are conducting a public planning process to develop a vision and a series of recommendations to guide the future of Papago Park as a premier regional park.

The 2009 Papago Park Regional Master Plan will update the prior master plans with a new regional focus and incorporate current data, analysis, and public comment. Public involvement comes through workshops, website, calls/emails, surveys, and interviews. He suggested the commission members visit the "Discover Papago Park" website at www.discoverpapagopark.com to give their opinion on the plan.

Shawn stated a community workshop will be held Saturday, May 30 from 11 am to 1 pm at Tempe's south PD sub-station. The second regional community workshop will be held on Monday, June 15 at Desert Botanical Gardens from 10 am to noon and at the North Tempe Multi-Generational Center from 6 to 8 pm.

General discussion regarding the **Discover Papago Park**, including:

- Alana asked if there was discussion in the master plan about connectivity within Papago Park on how to get from one amenity to the next. Shawn stated at this phase of the plan they are seeing a need for connectivity. The next phase will look at how to implement the connectivity.
- Dana Burkhardt asked whether a larger (readable) version of the Papago Park inventory map is available. Shawn said he would email the map to Nancy for the RSAC members.

Agenda Item 4 – Hayden Ferry Lakeside Design Guidelines

Nancy Ryan reported the presenter for the HFL design guidelines was unable to attend tonight's meeting. The guidelines will be presented at the RSAC June meeting.

Agenda Item 5 - Committee Updates

- Friends of Rio Salado – Julie Ramsey reported there was a Veterans Memorial Day Celebration yesterday in Tempe Beach Park. Nancy said she attended the celebration where they had a musical concert from The Arizona Academy of Performing Arts. The celebration also had a flag raising ceremony over the Ash Avenue Abutment. Speakers included Governor Jan Brewer, Senator John McCain, House Representative Harry Mitchell, Col. Joey Strickland (AZ Dept. of Veterans Services Director), and Mayor Hugh Hallman served as emcee.
- Enhanced Services Commission – At the May 13th ESC meeting Nancy Ryan reported the commission discussed the process needed to modify the Community Facilities District (CFD) plat. After the meeting members were invited on a Segway tour around the lake.
- Parks Board – Nancy Ryan reported at the May 20th Parks Board meeting they had a presentation on the Papago Park Regional Master Plan, a park renovations update, and Kiwanis Park tennis court update.

Agenda Item 7 – Project Updates

- 1) Shawn gave an update on current Tempe park renovation and restoration projects. The projects include the Diablo Stadium athletic field lighting & scoreboard replacement and renovation of Daley Park. Other projects in Kiwanis Park are sprinkler system replacement & landscaping, ramada renovation, and recreation center wave equipment replacement.
- 2) Amateur Sports Facility RFP had two respondents. The respondents are American Sports Centers and Field House Development Group. The proposals are being evaluated.
- 3) Staff submitted an application for a \$700,000 grant from "Save America's Treasure" for the Eisendrath Center for Water Conservation.
- 4) Tempe Beach Park new restrooms are now open and the old restrooms have been closed.
- 5) Staff is starting to plan for a celebration of Tempe Town Lake's ten year anniversary. The celebration is proposed to be held in December.
- 6) Rio East Linear Park pre-construction kick-off meeting will occur this week.
- 7) The ADOT 202 widening project will relocate the north bank path at the end of this week or the first part of next week. The regular path will be closed from June to November.

General discussion regarding the **Project Updates**, including:

- Alana asked if the RSAC is still merging with the Parks Board and if so when it would occur. Nancy said at this time she is waiting for direction from Mayor and Council.
- Sue Lofgren asked what was happening with the Elements project. Nancy stated right now the project is deferred until there is enough funding for the Brownfield clean-up and restoration.
- Sue asked the status of the Pedestrian Bridge project. Nancy reported that the city is discussing the project's timing in correlation with the bladder replacements beginning in January 2010.

The Committee's next meeting will be **June 23**.

MOTION: Sue Lofgren moved to adjourn the meeting

SECOND: Julie Ramsey

DECISION: Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM

Prepared by: Diane Johnson

Reviewed by: Nancy Ryan

Nancy Ryan
Rio Salado Manager