



## Minutes Rio Salado Advisory Commission September 28, 2010

Minutes of the Rio Salado Advisory Commission held on September 28, 7:00 PM at Hatton Hall, 34 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Tempe, Arizona.

**Members Present:**

Alana Chavez-Langdon  
Michael Curlee  
Mary Hannaman  
Sue Lofgren  
Julie Ramsey  
Brett Siegal

**Members Absent:**

Sharon Doyle  
Eric Emmert

**City Staff Present:**

Diane Johnson  
Kevin O'Melia  
Nancy Ryan

**Guests Present:**

**Alana Chavez called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.**

**Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2010**

**Alana** asked the commission members if there was a motion to approve the RSAC minutes from May 25, 2010.

**MOTION: Sue Lofgren moved to approve minutes**

**SECOND: Mary Hannaman**

**DECISION: Minutes were approved unanimously**

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 3 – Development Review of New Industrial Building**

**Kevin O'Melia**, COT Planner gave a development review overview of the new industrial building for Phoenix Pumps located at 1212 N. McClintock Dr. This site is located within the Rio Salado overlay district. The plan review is for a 35,600 sq. ft. building with an office, warehouse, and manufacturing component on 2 1/4 acres. They are asking to amend the general use plan from commercial to industrial.

**General discussion** regarding the **Development Review**, including:

- Michael Curlee recommended putting windows for light and visual interest on the McClintock side of the building. Kevin said the City planners had also suggested windows on the same side of the building.
- Julie Ramsey asked how many parking spaces will be provided. Kevin reported there will be 66 parking spaces.

**Committee Consensus: The Commission agreed Phoenix Pumps development, located at 1212 N. McClintock Drive, is an appropriate use and meets the goals of Rio Salado.**

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Dam Replacement / Pedestrian Bridge**

**Nancy Ryan**, Rio Salado Project Manager reported the downstream dam replacement is ahead of schedule. In July the contractor was able to mobilize shortly after the dam failure and they have finished installing three rubber bladders and placed a coffer dam where the fourth bladder is located. The fourth bladder is currently being shipped to Tempe. Today was media day where reporters came down to the lake to see the newly installed bladders.

On Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> the City will start to fill Town Lake and it will take approximately two weeks to complete. While the lake was empty staff has been able to grade the bottom of the lake, level sand bars, repair docks, and remove debris from the lake bottom. Once the lake is filled the City will test the water quality for the upcoming Ironman in November. Next week staff will recommend when recreation boating should return to the lake. Arizona Game and Fish Department will be adding fish habitats to the lake after the lake fill is completed. Some fish are expected to come in with the fill and the initial fish stocking for the lake are the type of fish that eat mosquito and midge fly larva.

The Pedestrian Bridge is being fabricated off site and will be delivered in December. A sprinkler system to cool the new rubber bladders will be attached under the bridge. The project should be completed in April/May.

**General discussion** regarding the **Dam Replacement / Pedestrian Bridge**, including:

- Brett Siegal asked what the status was on the permanent dam replacement. Nancy stated the rubber bladders are temporary for five years. In that time the City will select a dam type, identify funds, design, and install a permanent dam replacement. Staff has narrowed their recommendations down to three technologies – rubber bladders, hybrid of rubber pillows with metal gates, and full hydraulic gates. In the order given there will be more cost, more complexity in design, and more regulatory approvals required.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Rio Salado / CFD Budget Update**

**Nancy** gave an update on the Rio Salado and CFD budget. She reported the City has consolidated Community Development and Development Services into one department. Additionally substantial reductions have been made to Rio Salado and Community Facility District (CFD) budgets. Rio Salado/CFD budget was reduced 1.1 million this fiscal year with a commitment for another half million next year.

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**Agenda Item 6 - Committee Updates**

- Friends of Rio Salado – Julie Ramsey reported the October scary boat ride has been canceled because the lake will not be open until the first of November.
- Enhanced Services Commission – Nancy Ryan reported the items discussed at the ESC meeting were departmental re-organization, CFD budget reductions, ESC bylaw changes, and the Town Lake reserve study. Staff also announced the turnover of the private development Hayden Ferry Lakeside to Sunbelt Holdings.

**Agenda Item 7 – Project Updates**

- 1) The TTL south bank path from TCA to Priest has been identified as a finalist for a Valley Forward award. Also up for an award is the O'Connor House. The awards banquet will be held this Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2) South bank USACE path from east dam to McClintock is projected to open November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 3) The City and ADOT jointly submitted for a State highway improvement grant to fund the path underpass that drops below the 202 at the 101. The pedestrian underpass has been ranked number one in the State for a one million dollar grant. This is part of a larger path project providing a connection from McClintock to Dobson.
- 4) Staff is taking to Council on Oct. 7th a recommendation for a new boat concessionaire for the lake.

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

- Julie asked what was happening with the Veterans Memorial. Nancy stated there has not been a formal meeting since February, this is partially due to lack of fundraising efforts to move the design forward to construction.

The Rio Salado Advisory Commission's next meeting will be held on **October 26**. Committee members have voted to combine the November and December meeting and they will meet on November 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be the RSAC last meeting as a commission.

**MOTION: Michael Curlee moved to adjourn the meeting**

**SECOND: Brett Siegel**

**DECISION: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM**

Prepared by: Diane Johnson

Reviewed by: Nancy Ryan

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Nancy Ryan  
Rio Salado Manager