
Minutes Rio Salado Advisory Commission November 30, 2010

Minutes of the Rio Salado Advisory Commission sunset meeting held on November 30, 6:00 PM at Community Development Conference Room, 31 E 5th St., Garden Level, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Michael Curlee
Sharon Doyle
Mary Hannaman
Sue Lofgren
Julie Ramsey

Members Absent:

Alana Chavez-Langdon
Eric Emmert
Brett Siegal

City Staff Present:

Diane Johnson
Nancy Ryan

Guests Present:

Mayor Hugh Hallman

Nancy Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes from October 26, 2010

Nancy asked the commission members if there was a motion to approve the RSAC minutes from October 26, 2010.

MOTION: Sue Lofgren moved to approve minutes

SECOND: Julie Ramsey

DECISION: Minutes were approved unanimously

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Committee Update

- Friends of Rio Salado – Julie Ramsey reported Friends is having their annual Christmas Party on December 4, 6:30 PM at Monti's La Casa Vieja.
- Papago Park Ad-Hoc Committee – Sharon Doyle reported Council unanimously approved a resolution supporting multi-jurisdictional management and implementation of the Papago Park Regional Master Plan. The similar resolution is also to be approved by Phoenix, Scottsdale and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

Agenda Item 4 – Project Update

Nancy gave a short summary of projects in and around Rio Salado

- 1) An RFP is out for trail rides in Papago Park.
- 2) Eisendrath House is currently having lead paint removed from the house. Phase II of the construction will begin in late January or February and take 18 months to complete.
- 3) The Veterans Memorial design was approved at the November 18th Council meeting.
- 4) Arizona Ironman was successful.
- 5) The downstream dam piers are being prepped for the installation of the Pedestrian Bridge. Next month they will begin to assemble the components of the bridge on the piers.
- 6) The City is beginning to see a new interest in old development projects around the lake and downtown Tempe.
- 7) Stand-up paddleboards:
 - Rules & Regulations have been drafted
 - Code amendments are planned to go to Council in January
 - Boat concessionaire plans to rent paddleboards once approved

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

- Sue asked about the funding for the boathouse. Nancy Ryan reported the Rio Salado Foundation is working with the respondent on the \$7M project.
- Sue asked about the Arts Village. Nancy stated 2 of the 4 artisans still have interest in the project. The proposed site will require \$12M in remediation/infrastructure development and no city funds are available.

Agenda Item 5 – Commission Members Tribute

Mayor Hallman thanked the Rio Salado Advisory Commission members for helping to make Town Lake an operational entity. It took the lake 7 weeks to fill up originally and two weeks to fill up last month. Rio Salado has become a water conservation project, bringing life back to the river. The flora and fauna thrives upstream and downstream of the lake as restoration of water brings amazing consequences. The Town Lake dam systems have been tested and they work well. Because of the dam failure and water release the public has discovered the lake contributes to the community and has a regional and state impact.

Mayor Hallman thanked the Rio Salado Advisory Commission for their service. The Mayor presented each commission member a certificate to commemorate their service.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Prepared by: Diane Johnson
Reviewed by: Nancy Ryan

Nancy Ryan
Rio Salado Manager