



Minutes Enhanced Services Commission October 8, 2008

Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on October 8, 2008, 8:30AM, at the Rio Salado Operations Center, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Randy Levin
Chris Salomone
Gary Cheek
Jerry Hart
Greg Loper
Gordon Cresswell
Nancy Hormann
Neil Calfee

City Staff Present:

Nancy Ryan
Dee Dee Kimbrell
Roger Halsted
Julie Sparr

Members Absent:

Chris Anaradian
Tom Canasi
Mark Richwine

Meeting convened at 8:30 AM.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: September 10, 2008

Randy Levin asked if the members had an opportunity to review the minutes from the September 10th meeting.

MOTION: Chris Salomone moved to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Gary Cheek

DECISION: The minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

Peter Wolff, Wolff Company

Agenda Item 3 – Town Lake Boating — Joe O'Connor, Sr Recreation Coordinator

Currently Town Lake has five boating programs rowing, outrigger paddling, dragon boat paddling, sailing and kayaking. Tempe Town Lake hosts events on the lake such as Regattas,

Triathlons and Special Olympics. The lake is also popular for out of state teams to practice during winter breaks and team building events for corporate entities. New programs like moonlight paddling are popular with adults. Starting new water recreation programs on the lake would be a great opportunity for the lake to generate recreational usage.

General discussion regarding the **Town Lake Boating**, including:

- Randy asked if the City of Tempe rents boats from Rio Lago Cruise or does the city own their boats. Joe answered the City of Tempe owns their own fleet.

Agenda Item 4 – City Budget — Roger Hallsted

Roger introduced a handout of the CFD budget and expense summary explaining cost of lake maintenance.

Jerry Hart, Financial Services Manager, the city is experiencing budget constraints due to the economic down turn. As a result of the budget constraints the city and its employees are looking for appropriate long term sustainable budget changes for the city. On November 6 the city manager will report to city council with a tentative plan for the necessary changes.

General discussion regarding the **City Budget**, including:

- Randy complimented the city and its staff for a job well done for coming up with changes, and recommended tightening up budget vs actual expenses.

Agenda Item 5 – Private Project Update

Each private developer gave a summary of projects around Town Lake.

Greg Loper provided an update for Northshore and Onyx. Closings of Northshore condos are going well. Sales for Onyx units are continuing in order to start condo construction.

Peter Wolff provided an update for South Bank. Infrastructure will be complete in early January 09 for South Bank.

Nancy Hormann, DTC President & Executive Director, provided an update for the DTC. Planning to promote Downtown Tempe with destination retail and create a social night.

Randy Levin provided an update of the Hayden Ferry Lakeside project. Hyatt Regency is the hotelier that will replace Le Meridian. The second office tower recently sold. Suncor has picked up the building permits for the third office tower at Hayden Ferry Lakeside and will start construction in late spring or summer next year. Guidelines for Hayden Ferry Lakeside East have been approved by ASU and comments from City of Tempe have been received which we are incorporating into final guidelines. We expect approval shortly.

Agenda Item 6 – Public Project Update — Nancy Ryan

The American Planning Association has named Mill Ave one of the ten Great Streets of America for 2008 through its Great Places in America Program.

The Arizona Park and Recreation Association awarded Tempe Town Lake and Robert Albin for instituting bio-sustainable practices in turf management.

Pedestrian Bridge project will be on the November Agenda for approval to start construction in January 09.

Rio East Linear Park design is almost complete.

Committee Consensus: _____.
Or provide other voting/decision information.

The Committee's next meeting will be **November 12**.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50AM.

Prepared by: Julie Sparr

Reviewed by: Nancy Ryan

Nancy Ryan
Rio Salado Project Manager