



## **Minutes Enhanced Services Commission March 11, 2009**

**Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on March 11, 2009, 8:30 AM, at the Rio Salado Operations Center, Tempe, Arizona.**

**Members Present:**

Randy Levin  
Chris Salomone  
Jerry Hart  
Nancy Hormann  
Tom Canasi  
Gordon Cresswell  
Neil Calfee

**City Staff Present:**

Nancy Ryan  
Roger Hallsted  
Dee Dee Kimbrell  
Julie Sparr

**Members Absent:**

Mark Richwine  
Greg Loper  
Chris Anaradian

**Meeting convened at 8:30 AM.**

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

Randy Levin asked if the members had an opportunity to review the minutes from the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**MOTION: Gary Cheek moved to approve the minutes.**

**SECOND: Gordon Cresswell**

**DECISION: The minutes were approved unanimously**

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances**

Peter Wolff, Wolff Company  
Steve Carlson, SunCor  
Brad Wilde, Veterans Memorial Committee Representative  
David Lucier, Veterans Memorial Committee Chair  
Karen Huffman, City of Tempe, Financial Services Department

**Agenda Item 3 – Veteran's Memorial Update** – Nancy Ryan

David Lucier, President Tempe Veterans Tempe Foundation  
Brad Wilde, Rio Salado Foundation Non-Profit Organization Representative  
Veterans Parade features steel plates along the promenade which represent Veterans through the ages. The Visitor Plaza will encompass Ash Avenue Abutment and Court of Service Memorial which will represent the different branches of service. The Veterans Memorial is

anticipated to have at least the 1<sup>st</sup> phase complete for November 11, 2010 (Veterans Day) and the celebration will include the Vietnam Veterans Memorial traveling wall. A kick off for fundraising will be held May 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

**General discussion** regarding the **Veteran's Memorial Update**, including:

- Randy asked how the Veterans Memorial will be impacted with the sale of the Pennysaver lot. Nancy responded no specific provisions have been made but we would work with a prospective buyer. Shade from a multi-story building may require additional lighting on the promenade silhouetted to achieve the shadows.
- Randy asked what was needed from the Commission. Nancy responded that comments will be taken into consideration or a general statement of support will be great.
- The Commission stated they endorsed the project for the Veterans Memorial.

**Agenda Item 4 – CFD Budget Update and Presentation of 2009-10 Budget** – Roger Hallsted

Roger presented the current 2008-09 and proposed 2009-10 budgets with a handout. The 2008-09 budgets explain current and budget expenditures to date. The proposed 2010-11 budget illustrates no increase for the 2008-09 budget.

**General discussion** regarding the CFD Budget Update and Presentation of 2009-10 Budget including:

- Steve Carlson, SunCor, inquired about the administration costs. Roger responded that it includes employees, office supplies, advertisement and attorney fees.
- Randy asked whether employees in Rio Salado will be taking on additional tasks from different departments as part of the city's re-organization. Chris Salomone responded no; some of the Rio Salado staff will still operate the same, but with some under different department management.

**Agenda Item 5 – City Economic Forecast** – Jerry Hart

General funds are comprised of sales tax and state shared revenue sales tax. Reduced purchasing has had a negative impact on this crucial revenue source and impacts the city budget. A 5-year budget balance plan has been proposed to City Council. To achieve proposed budget the City Manager has suggested a series of budget cuts that include eliminating 146 staffing positions in the general fund. City Council has reviewed the budget plan with the emphasis to avoid layoff and directed staff to return with a revised budget plan. Next meeting with City Council is March 24.

**General discussion** regarding the **City Economic Forecast**, including:

- Steve Carlson's, SunCor, concerned if Tempe charitable organization reductions are made. The affected organizations would like to know in advance to navigate in a new direction.
- Jerry responded that City Council has been very sensitive with the budget cuts and no decisions have been made.
- Randy complimented City for taking pro-active steps in balancing the budget but prolonging would make things worst.

**Agenda Item 6 – Agenda topics / issues for 2009** – Nancy Ryan

Nancy introduced ESC agenda topics outline for 2009. Of the suggested topics the commissions agreed to vote on the 2009-2010 CFD Budget in April; and recommended changing ESC monthly meetings to quarterly meetings starting in July; and recommended an update about dam replacement in May.

Nancy asked the ESC board what other topics they would like to see added to this list.

**Agenda Item 7 – Private Project Update**

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

Peter Wolff provided an update for the South Bank project. Infrastructure improvements will be complete with installation of lights the month of May, 2009.

Neil Calfee provided an update for ASU regarding the 9.5 acre sale agreement located at southeast corner of Rio Salado Parkway and Rural Rd. Agreement for this site should be made available by the end of March, 2009.

**Agenda Item 8 – Public Project Update**

Tom Canasi provided an update on TCA activities and operations

Nancy Ryan

“What’s Happening” pamphlet for the spring and summer seasons has been printed and extra copies are available for condo owners and businesses.

Rio Salado is sponsoring the Creative Path Art Walk to celebrate art in Rio Salado and introduce the public to the latest segment of the path from TCA to Priest. While walking down the path you will enjoy vendors, music and artisans.

Amateur athletic facilities sports RFP issued February 11<sup>th</sup> and closes April 17<sup>th</sup>.

As part of the re-organization, the Rio Salado Advisory Commission is proposed to merge with the Parks and Recreation Board.

Council approved Rio East Linear Park construction which will commence with the issuance of permits from the Flood Control District.

**The Committee’s next meeting will be April 8, 2008.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.**

Prepared by: Julie Sparr

Reviewed by: Nancy Ryan

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Nancy Ryan  
Rio Salado Project Manager