



Joint Meeting Minutes Rio Salado Advisory Commission Enhanced Services Commission April 7, 2008

Minutes of the Rio Salado Advisory Commission and Enhanced Services Commission joint meeting held on April 7, 12:00 PM at the Hayden Ferry Lakeside, 80 E. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Dana Burkhardt
Christina Cenzano
Alana Chavez
Maureen DeCindis
Sharon Doyle
Sue Lofgren
Chris Anaradian
Gary Cheek
Gordon Cresswell
Chris Salomone
Jerry Hart
Randy Levin

Members Absent:

Michael Curlee
Mary Hannaman
Walter McCraney
Julie Ramsey
Brett Siegal
Chase Wiles
March Richwine
Tom Canasi
Greg Loper
Scott Cole
Chris Wilson

City Staff Present:

Diane Johnson
Dee Dee Kimbrell
Nancy Ryan
Julie Sparr

Guests Present:

Brad Gorman – Pier 202
Mimi Hoffman - SunCor
Peter Wolfe – Pier 202
Stacey Pawlowski – Rio Salado Foundation

Randy Levin, Enhanced Services Commissions President and Christina Cenzano, Rio Salado Advisory Commission Chair each called the meeting to order at 12:17 PM. Nancy Ryan, Rio Salado Project Manager, asked each commission member to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Review Rio Salado 2008-09 Proposed Capital Improvement Projects

Nancy Ryan asked the commission members to look at the handout of the Rio Salado proposed 2008-09 CIP budget requests and the memo of the proposed 5-year Capital Improvements Program for the City. Nancy went down the list of proposed projects and pointed

on a map where each project was located. She also handed out several packets that gave a full description of each project.

General discussion regarding the **Rio Salado 2008-09 Proposed Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)**, including:

- Nancy reported the water east of upstream dam is proposed to be moved by a permanent storm bypass.
- It was asked if a cost had been established for replacement of the west dam. Nancy said staff is doing an analysis to identify the options to replace the dams, the costs for construction, and the long term operation of the dams.
- Rio East Park on the south side of Town Lake from Rural to the east dam is in design. Construction is proposed to start this summer.
- Brad Gorman asked if there is an opportunity to add relocation or burial of 230kV at the ASU 9-acre to the CIP list? Nancy stated relocation of 230kV into Rio Salado Parkway is necessary before Marina Heights can develop, and the issue can be added in the next year's CIP request.
- Staff stated Tempe Beach Park restrooms need to be rebuilt closer to sewer line before the end of 2008.
- Veteran's Memorial has \$500,000 set aside, with a goal to raise 2.4 million. This is one of the fundraising projects of the Rio Salado Foundation.
- Jerry Hart reported the budget does account for inflation over time.
- Randy Levin asked if the transit easement along Rio Salado Parkway is still needed for rail or other transit options and when would it be implemented? Chris Salomone said at this time a committee is looking at a north/south route on Rural Road and another committee is looking at a trolley down Mill Avenue. He stated Rio Salado Parkway is included in this discussion.
- Pedestrian Bridge has \$4.5 million for construction, using \$1.75 million from MAG funds and \$ 2.2 million in federal transportation grant funds. The City's share of \$1 million is needed for full funding.
- The Boathouse is a project to be funded by donations from Chanen Development and Rio Salado Foundation. A park between the Mill Avenue Bridges is another project funded by donations from Rio Salado Foundation and Avenue Communities. Both will be added as a funded project when all donations are committed.
- Fundraising is also sought for the Ash Avenue Abutment project and the Tempe Center for the Arts fundraising will include naming rights.
- A participant asked what funds are available to support the unfunded projects. Staff said the sale of land for the Pier 202 project can and has partially been earmarked for projects at the lake. If approved in the CIP the Rio East Linear Park will be built with part of the money from the land sale of the Pier 202.
- Staff stated general obligation bonds are used for capital projects citywide and requires a vote from Tempe residents. The city could also issue revenue bonds without a vote, but would require a source of revenue dedicated to the repayment.
- There is continued interest by developers to activate the lake by adding windsurfing or boat docks.
- Nancy reported a dock master plan is anticipated to go through an RFQ, but potential Segway tours and model boats at the lake hope to activate the lake sooner. Commitment to

pay for year-round water treatment costs at Town Lake could allow windsurfing or other water contact recreation to take place.

- Piers, water taxi, and boat rentals are all important to activate the lake.
- Path around lake for pedestrians is also important. Would like to see pedestrian bridge and Rio East park move forward.
- Use of ADOT underpasses for boat storage or recreation connection to Papago Park use is sought for the future.

Committee Consensus: The Rio Salado Advisory Commission and the Enhanced Services Commission unanimously approved the City Manager's recommended March 20, 2008 Rio Salado CIP projects for 2008-09.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Prepared by: Diane Johnson

Reviewed by: Nancy Ryan

Nancy Ryan
Rio Salado Manager