



Minutes Rio Salado Advisory Commission April 22, 2008

Minutes of the Rio Salado Advisory Commission held on April 22, 7:00 PM at the Rio Salado Operations Center, 620 N. Mill Ave., Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Christina Cenzano
Alana Chavez
Sharon Doyle
Mary Hannaman
Sue Lofgren
Walter McCraney
Julie Ramsey
Brett Siegal

Members Absent:

Dana Burkhardt
Michael Curlee
Maureen DeCindis
Chase Wiles

City Staff Present:

Alan Como
Diane Johnson
Dee Dee Kimbrell
Kevin O'Melia
Nancy Ryan
Mark Vinson

Guests Present:

Rob Lane – Gammage & Burnham
Paul Michaud – Gammage & Burnham

Christina Cenzano called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2008

Christina asked the commission members if they had read the RSAC minutes from March 25, 2008.

MOTION: Alana Chavez moved to approve minutes

SECOND: Sue Lofgren

DECISION: Minutes were approved unanimously

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes for the joint Enhanced Services and Rio Salado Advisory Commissions from April 7, 2008

Christina asked the commission members if they had read the joint commission meeting minutes from April 7, 2008.

MOTION: Sue Lofgren moved to approve the joint meeting minutes

SECOND: Sharon Doyle

DECISION: Minutes were approved unanimously

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 4 – Site Plan Review

RSAC reviewed four site plans in the Rio Salado Overlay District.

1) O'Connor House - 1230 N College Avenue

Mark Vinson, COT Principal Architect, reported the O'Connor House Foundation wants to relocate the Sandra & John O'Connor's historic residence next to the Arizona Historical Society Museum. He stated the sand used to build the 1958 modern adobe house came from the Salt River. The building will be operated by the foundation. Commissioners agreed the proposal is appropriate and consistent with the vision for Rio Salado Overlay District.

2) Eisendrath House – 1400 N. College Avenue

Mark stated the Eisendrath House site plan will be a rehabilitation of a historic adobe building. Located north of the Historical Society Museum, the multi-use facility will house the Water Utility Department Conservation offices on the second floor and have an ADA access for the WUD Conservation Offices, exhibit rooms, and service space on the first floor. A freestanding garage will be converted into a meeting room. The buildings will be operated by COT. Commissioners agreed the proposal is appropriate and consistent with the vision for Rio Salado Overlay District.

3) Playa del Norte Lot 6 – 985 E Playa del Norte Drive

Kevin O'Melia, COT Senior Planner, reported Lot 2 of Playa Six subdivision will have 5-stories of office space above 5-stories of parking, height of 129 ft., and one level of parking underground. High voltage power lines on the north side of the property dictates site plan placing of the building on the south side. Commissioners agreed the proposal is appropriate and consistent with the vision for Rio Salado Overlay District.

4) Okland Construction Offices – 1700 N. McClintock Drive

Originally an ADOT facility, this site plan will have a new 2-story office building with site improvements. One of the site considerations are high voltage lines. Kevin reported it is a general industrial site with the architect wanting to do a green building. Commissioners agreed the proposal is appropriate and consistent with the vision for Rio Salado Overlay District.

General discussion regarding the Site Plan Reviews, including:

- Mark reported the Eisendrath House, O'Connor House, associated areas of Papago Park, and the Tempe Women's Club Xeriscape Gardens are all part of the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability.
- On the site plan Lot 2 of Playa Six subdivision commissioners were concerned about the blank parking garage wall above Grigio's carriage house on the north property line. Christina would like to see a green roof and a wall on south side to help elevation.

Agenda Item 5 – Access to Lake and Park

On a map of Town Lake, **Nancy** marked all the public accesses to the lake, public restrooms, parking areas, and connections from the lake to Papago Park, IBW, and pathway from McClintock to Rural. She then opened up the meeting for discussion on what accesses the RSAC members would like to see at Town Lake.

General discussion regarding **access to Lake and Park**, including:

- Sue Lofgren would like to see view corridors of the lake and feels parking is a key issue.
- Christina would like a view of "A" Mountain from the lake.
- Sharon would like to see street parking along Rio Salado Parkway west of the RR Bridge.

Agenda Item 6 - Committee Updates

- Friends of Rio Salado – Julie Ramsey stated she had nothing to report this month.
- Enhanced Services Commission – Nancy reported at the March 12th ESC meeting the members took a tour of Bridgeview and Northshore Condos on Town Lake.
- Parks Board Commission – At the Parks Board meeting Nancy stated she gave an update on projects in Rio Salado, including the Boathouse. At the meeting staff passed out the new ADA accessibility guidelines effecting docks and piers along waterways.

Agenda Item 7 – Project Updates

Nancy gave a short summary of projects in Rio Salado.

- 1) Nancy reported on Thursday staff will be receiving the 90% drawings for the Playa del Norte Park. Staff is taking time to get the design inline with budget.
- 2) She announced the ground breaking ceremony for SouthBank, formally known as Pier 202, will be tomorrow at 9 AM. You can go to www.southbanktempe.com to view the project.
- 3) Residents are starting to move into Bridgeview and Northshore Condos located on Town Lake.
- 4) Nancy announced earlier tonight there was an Earth Day 5K Run at Tempe Center for the Arts. Approximately 400 people attended the run to honor Earth Day.
- 5) This Saturday, April 26, 2008 there will be a Town Lake Green-up Clean-up Volunteer Event at Indian Bend Wash Habitat.

The Committee's next meeting will be **May 27**.

MOTION: Sharon Doyle moved to adjourn the meeting

SECOND: Walter McCraney

DECISION: Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Prepared by: Diane Johnson

Reviewed by: Nancy Ryan

Nancy Ryan
Rio Salado Manager