



Minutes Joint Dinner Meeting Tempe City Council and Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community December 4, 2007

Minutes of the Joint Dinner Meeting of the Tempe City Council and the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community held on December 4, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., Talking Stick Golf Club, 9998 E. Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Tempe Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Hugh Hallman
Councilmember P Ben Arredondo
Councilmember Barbara J. Carter
Councilmember Shana Ellis
Councilmember Mark W. Mitchell
Councilmember Onnie Shekerjian

Tempe Councilmembers Present:

Councilmember Hut Hutson

Tempe Staff Present:

Mike Crusa, Mayor's Chief of Staff
Shelley Hearn, Community Relations Manager
Jan Hort, City Clerk
Jeff Kulaga, Interim City Manager
Amber Wakeman, Government Relations Director

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Councilmembers Present:

President Diane Enos
Vice President Martin Harvier
Councilmember Tom Largo
Councilmember Claire Miller
Councilmember Deanna Scabby
Councilmember Ricardo Leonard
Councilmember Tony Collins

SRP-MIC Staff Present:

Alania French
Ruben Guerrero
Rob Hunter
Brian Meyers
Anita Rivers
Vivian Saunders

Reception convened at 5:30 p.m., dinner and meeting convened at 6:05 p.m.

Agenda Item #1 – Welcome

President Diane Enos welcomed the group.

Mayor Hallman welcomed the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Councilmembers and stated that Tempe owes its ancestors for the success of the community.

Agenda Item #2 – Update on Hayden Flour Mill and its Environs

Mayor Hallman summarized that the archeological work has been underway for the past year. The final report is not yet complete. He was grateful that time was taken to better understand the site because two additional canals, not previously known, were discovered. One canal provided a significant source of water from the Salt River across the northwest corner of the mill site where Mill Avenue and Rio Salado Parkway come together. Evidence suggested that the Hayden Mill water actually flowed in the opposite direction 1000 years ago. Although a preliminary assessment, it is a unique finding. Various relics were found, but no gravesites were discovered on this site.

In response to a question about the City's plans for the site, Mayor Hallman explained that the purpose of the archeological work is in preparation for redevelopment of the site that would incorporate the elements of the original site. Part of the developer's plan is to preserve the historic character of the site and meet all the obligations for public interpretation.

President Enos stated that she recently learned of proposed changes to the Native American Protection and Restoration Act. Some of those changes might change the basis for claiming artifacts and human remains. They might be asking for the City's help.

In response to a question about vandalism on "A" Mountain, Mayor Hallman responded that the City would like further discussion of the problem. The City has not drawn any attention to the site because it is so open and accessible. People have no idea they are dealing with a site that has such importance. Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Council would like to take a walk through that area with the Tempe Council and look at some possible plans.

Agenda Item #3 – Update on Papago Park Master Plan

Mayor Hallman summarized that the Executive Committee for the Papago Park Master Plan will hold a meeting next Monday. This will include staff from Phoenix, Tempe and Scottsdale. He intends to resign and turn his seat over to Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Councilmember Ricardo Leonard. He asked Councilmember Mark Mitchell to secure some agreement on that. It would be useful to have the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community and the City of Tempe on the committee. He added that the City of Phoenix has agreed to provide \$100K as matching funds, and if each community provides that amount, the \$300K would be used to hire an appropriate consultant to begin plans.

Agenda Item #4 – Update on Youth Arts Program

Mayor Hallman summarized that the City received a grant from the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community.

Councilmember Shekerjian summarized that the grant will be used for three programs:

- Youth Wind Ensemble, in which high school students mentor middle school students for 6 weeks, culminating with a concert at the Tempe Arts Center. Part of the funds will be used for transportation for the middle school students.
- “Music Under the Stars” will be held at the Tempe Arts Center. It will allow student groups to perform. She issued an invitation to the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community to send a group to participate.
- Visual arts in the after-school enrichment program to help children understand arts and cultural elements.

Agenda Item #5 – Water Retention Update

President Enos summarized that she and Mayor Hallman walked through the 101 & 202 intersection area to view the potential effect of Tempe Town Lake. Water is backing up and ponding. The area needs to be sprayed for mosquitoes at a cost of \$1K per month.

Mayor Hallman added that this area includes water from Scottsdale, ADOT from the south, and some from irrigation to the north. The water is heavy in nitrates that create algae which, in turn, affects water quality. The City installed a temporary \$3M pipe to return the water back to the west end. He suggested a collective discussion to determine the desired level of vegetation in that area. Staff is looking at appropriate dates for a discussion. It is important to get the right people to the table and more information needs to be gathered to answer questions. Tempe wants to fix this.

President Enos stated that they have been discussing this with ADOT, Mesa and Scottsdale for collective solutions. This affects everyone.

Mayor Hallman added that surface water has met the City's needs, and the aquifer has not been tapped. Tempe has worked to reclaim the water from the South Kyrene Wastewater Plant rather than use surface water to recharge the Lake and irrigate the golf courses. The west end was built over bedrock, but the east end is composed of heavy sand and porous material. It loses water into the ground. Ten pumps put it back into the Lake.

Agenda Item #6 – General Pollution Concerns and Particulates

President Enos summarized that they have an agreement with Maricopa County for a monitor that measures particulates and air quality in the 101 & 202 intersection area. The prevailing winds and the mountains trap pollution. They would like to share that information with Tempe and she asked for suggestions.

Mayor Hallman responded that Tempe is taking a proactive approach in several ways.

- Alternative fuel for buses
- Green buildings
- Light Rail
- Alternative fuel vans, free of charge.

- Free bus passes for students

Other cities have not followed by training and teaching youth to use public transportation for a long term effect on the brown cloud. Tempe would like to look at a commuter rail line to ease traffic. There are 60,000 people who commute into Tempe for jobs. Any way the SRP-MIC can work with Tempe would be welcomed.

Agenda Item #7 – Adjournment

Councilmember Arredondo suggested that Jeff Kulaga bring his background with Scottsdale to the discussions. He also suggested adding health issues such as youth and drug issues and diabetes to the discussion at a future meeting. There are ways we could work jointly on these problems.

President Enos stated that she would make available to Tempe a diabetes study they recently conducted.

Councilmember Largo thanked Tempe for its work on pollution and if they can begin to utilize the same efforts and add others to the dialog, future generations will be helped.

President Enos asked City staff to provide her with the alternative fuel information. They are working on reviving adobe as a building material and will share that information with Tempe.

Mayor Hallman added that in the Papago Park Master Plan, the Eisendrath house, a two-story pink adobe house built in 1929, is being rehabilitated. It is important to live in the Sonoran Desert responsibly. The Sandra Day O'Connor adobe house is also being moved to Tempe.

Councilmember Collins stated that he would like to see more meetings like this and see more information on the use of alternative fuel vehicles.

Councilmember Shekerjian added that there is a clear need to work regionally as neighbors. A chance to partner is a "plus."

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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