

**Minutes
Enhanced Services Commission
April 12, 2016**

Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on April 12, 2016, 8:30 AM, at the Tempe City Hall - Community Development, Conference Lobby Room, 31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Matt Mooney, Chairman of the Commission/Area 1 Rep
John Creer, President of the Commission/ASU Member
Don Bessler, Vice President/Public Works Director
Ken Jones, Treasurer/Finance & IT Director
Dave Nakagawara, Secretary/Community Dev Director
Jason Anzalone, Landowner Member/Area 2 Rep
Shelley Hearn, Community Services Director
Gordon Cresswell, Public Member
Kelly Rafferty, Community Services Deputy Director
Mark Clouch, At-Large Residential Property Owner

City Staff Present:

Ryan Levesque, Deputy Director of Planning
Roger Hallsted, Rio Salado Financial Analyst
Alex Smith, Real Estate Development Supervisor
Craig Caggiano, Pub Works – WUD – Town Lake Ops
Julie Stennerson, Community Development

Members Absent:

Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep
Kate Borders, Downtown Tempe Authority Member

Guests Present:

Adam Jones, Downtown Tempe Authority Member

Meeting convened at 8:30 am.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2016

Matt Mooney confirmed the commission members had reviewed the minutes.

MOTION: Gordon Cresswell

SECOND: Ken Jones

DECISION: Approved

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Review/Approval of 2016-17 Annual Budget

Roger Hallsted reviewed the proposed 2016-17 Annual Community Facilities District Budget. The projected operations and maintenance budget costs have increased 2.65% from fiscal year 2015/16 to fiscal year 2016/17. This is the first year the City will be taking over the lake operations from the SRP contract. Once the year ends, a benchmark will be established for the lake operation costs. An approval of the budget is needed from the Commission to move forward to City Council.

It was requested that the detail of the daily expenses and the infrastructure replacement costs be provided to the Enhanced Services Commission on an occasional basis for review.

Ken Jones motioned to approve the recommended budget to the City Council for \$3,290,000

MOTION: Ken Jones
SECOND: Shelley Hearn
DECISION: Approved

Agenda Item 4 – Town Lake Dam Construction Update

Don Bessler introduced Craig Caggiano. Craig has been with the city working in the Water Division, Environmental Laboratory for eight years. He has been selected to fill the position of the Utilities Operation Manager in the Water Utilities Division. This position was created to manage the Tempe Town Lake operations; this includes the lake infrastructure, water quality, the dam, and the field sites including the wells. The position is funded 50% by Public Works and 50% by the Enhanced Services Commission.

Craig Caggiano gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Tempe Town Lake. The lake is beginning to be refilled this morning. It will take approximately two weeks to fill the lake.

Highlights from the Tempe Town Lake PowerPoint Presentation

- Lake opened in 1999, approximately 27,000 acre feet, nearly a billion gallons of water
- The unexpected release in 2010 set in motion the commissioning of the new dam
- 2015 artist rendering of the new steel-gate dam
- PCL and the construction services are working to return the area downstream of the new dam to a natural state after being a construction site
- Placement of the new steel-gate dam is in alignment with the SRP cross-cut road, just west of the old downstream rubber dam
- Upstream rubber bladder dam has been removed, when the lake is refilled it will fill to the grade control structure, adding about 1,800 linear feet of lake, the eastern boundary of the lake will be slightly west of the McClintock bridge
- The lake was surveyed while it was dry for a better volume calculation
- Goal for the replacement of the upstream dam is to work with the County within the next five years to lock in the grade control structure so that the lake has been expanded, this will provide waterfront property and added value in the ASU Stadium District area
- New dam consists of eight gates, each are 107 feet long, 17 feet high, weigh about 300,000 pounds, slow operation for safety purposes
- Worked with SRP dewatering the lake for exchange credits to refill the lake with as little cost as possible, dewatered about 12,000 acre feet of the approximately 27,000 acre feet that comprised the lake at its previous volume
- Fish were moved into the safe harbor marina before the dewatering, when the lake is filled to the full level there will be a starter population of fish
- Midge and mosquito populations have been monitored with no significant increase
- Water release was a successful operation, in terms of flow volume about 35,000 cfs was released down the Salt River Channel
- The rubber bladders have been removed and Bridgestone has completed their inspections
- Lake Refill – there was a test flush of inflow from the SRP system, as of this morning the water is flowing at about 90 cfs, the lake will rise by about one foot per day with about a 14 day fill time
- Operation of the seepage recovery wells will start within the next few days, prior to the water reaching the discharges, water levels around the lake have been evaluated, there is sufficient water around the lake so that the water we are getting from SRP is not used to saturate the ground
- Inspections have been completed, repairs have been made around the Rural Road Bridge for support and some of the flapper valves are being replaced with new technology that will help with boating and in terms of corrosion and useful life span
- When the lake was built there was a great effort to cover the bottom with clay, there is not a concern regarding the loss of water with the additional upstream area, saturation has already occurred in this area,

recovery well five is located beyond where the lake previously existed, two additional recovery wells may be placed in the eastern area in the future

- The dam now operates in a truly automatic fashion, the dam can adjust the lake level automatically based on the lake level inflow, this is done electronically by the ultrasonic level indicators under the pedestrian bridge
- Tempe Town Lake Management – Rio Salado Project Management Team 1998-2010, Rio Salado Project, TTL, and CFD managed by multi-disciplined team 2010-2014, Tempe Town Lake Manager – Lake, Dam, and Field Site Group 2015
- Town Lake Manager, Craig Caggiano will serve as a single-point of contact for Tempe Town Lake

Agenda Item 5 – ASU Athletic Facilities District Update

John Creer gave an update on the ASU Athletic Facilities District. ASU is currently in negotiations with the first two potential developments for the Rural and University area. One project would be an office building the other would be a multi-family development. Catellus, the master developer has been meeting with the City regarding the entitlement rezoning process for development. ASU has brought in Sasaki, a planning firm from back east to review the initial land use plan and bring it to life. The firm will look at the placement of the different projects and venues.

Agenda Item 6 – ASU/City of Tempe Traffic Study

John Creer and Don Bessler gave an update on the ASU/City of Tempe Traffic Study. Onsite verification is currently being done on the data collected. This includes the area between Priest Drive, Tempe Town Lake, Apache Boulevard and the 101. The study is to identify the known and anticipated development impacts. Events will also need to be considered. All modes of transportation will be included in the study.

Agenda Item 7 – Tempe Streetcar Update

Don Bessler gave an update on the Tempe Streetcar. He recently attended a streetcar coalition in Kansas City. Streetcar vendors, general contractors and owners were in attendance. There was a great amount of discussion regarding off-wire technology. The challenge for Arizona is going to be how battery technology would hold up in extreme heat conditions. City Council will be signing three agreements this week with Valley Metro. The agreements will need to be in place to keep the project moving. Once the agreements are in place staff hours can be charged off against the project. Eric Iwersen will be the project manager. Staffing for this project will be back filled with temporary and seasonal employees. This project will take about three years. The Small Starts Grant program this project was funded through has been in existence for 30 years. All of the projects approved through this type of grant have received full funding by Congress.

Agenda Item 8 – Events Overview

Shelley Hearn and Kelly Rafferty gave an update on upcoming events. They are coming to the end of the busy event season. The summer is slow for competition on the lake. Boating activities will begin again in September or October.

- Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis - April 24th
- Esprit de She Triathlon - May 8th
- Grand Opening of the Lake - May 14th
- Human Movement Triathlon - May 22nd
- Independence Day – July 4th

Agenda Item 9 – Downtown Tempe Update

Adam Jones gave an update for the Downtown Tempe Authority. The Arts Festival took place this past weekend. Kate Borders and the Executive Committee are on the homestretch on the Downtown Strategic Plan. The recommendations should be available by June. The Safety Patrol helped recover items from the lake area. Two guns were found and turned in to the Police Department. Downtown Tempe Authority is currently in their budget planning process for 2016-17. Parking at Marina Heights has increased to about 2,800 employees on site. The number of employees will be increasing during the next few months. Event parking will not be available on a cash basis at least for the next few years. Employee parking is the first and foremost priority. Adam has been meeting with Alex Smith regarding the general downtown parking. There may be some potential changes to the on-street parking formats.

Agenda Item 10 – Public and Private Development Update

Ryan Levesque provided the following updates regarding public and private development.

- The Pier 202 – This project is in the RFP process, will need to go the City Council for further direction, there were two responding applicants
- Jefferson Town Lake – Started construction on the property site at 909 East Playa del Norte, currently undergrounding infrastructure
- The Maxwell – First public hearing tonight for a student housing project located at College and 7th Street, additional land has been acquired and the size of the project has increased, there is an area of concern regarding the reduction in parking
- Farmer Arts District – Third public hearing will be held Thursday night, there may be some possible changes presented to City Council
- The Standard – Located on 7th Street near Mill Avenue, neighborhood meeting was held a few weeks ago, future public hearings will be held for this residential high-rise project
- Marina Heights – Progressing, approximately 2,000 employees located at this site fully occupying Building C, project should be completed by 2017
- Undergrounding of Power Lines for Hayden Butte – on the City Council agenda this week

The next meeting will be July 19, 2016 at the Tempe City Hall - Community Development, Conference Lobby Room, 31 East Fifth Street.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 am.

Prepared by: Julie Stennerson

Reviewed by: Ryan Levesque

Dave Nakagawara
Secretary