

**Minutes
Enhanced Services Commission
November 15, 2016**

Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on October 11, 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
Don Bessler, Vice President/Public Works Director
Ken Jones, Treasurer/Finance & IT Director
Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep
Shelley Hearn, Community Services Director
Kate Borders, Downtown Tempe Authority Member
Gordon Cresswell, Public Member
Mark Clouch, At-Large Residential Property Owner
Jason Anzalone, Landowner Member/Area 2 Rep

City Staff Present:

Chad Weaver, Comm. Dev. Director
Ryan Levesque, Deputy Director of Planning
Roger Hallsted, Rio Salado Financial Analyst
Alex Smith, Deputy Director of Special Projects
Sarah Adame, Community Development
Caggiano, Craig, Water Utility Operations Manager

Members Absent:

John Creer, President of the Commission/ASU Member
Kelly Rafferty, Community Services Deputy Director

Guests Present:

Meeting convened at 8:30 am.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: October 11, 2016

Matt Mooney confirmed the Commission members had reviewed the minutes.

MOTION: Mark Clouch
SECOND: Shelley Hearn
DECISION: Approved

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 3 – Appointments for Rio Salado Enhanced Services Commission

- A) Introduce Community Development Director – Chad Weaver
Secretary of the Commission

Agenda Item 4 – Election of Rio Salado Enhanced Services Commission Officers

Ryan Levesque discussed The Members of the Board of Directors of Rio Salado Enhanced Services Commission resolution. He listed the proposed open positions as:

Chairman of the Board – John Creer
President of the Commission – Don Bessler
Vice President of the Commission – Matt Mooney
Secretary of the Commission – Chad Weaver
Treasurer of the Commission – Ken Jones

There were no other comments or nominations from the Commission.

Mr. Levesque did advise that the City Council does do the appointments for the resident's at large positions at the end of the year.

MOTION: Matt Mooney
SECOND: Ken Jones
DECISION: Approved

Agenda Item 5 – Project Updates - All

Kate Borders announced 4 quarter events:

- 1) Fantasy of Lights
- 2) Tempe Festival of the Arts
- 3) Boat Parade
- 4) Not doing a full scale Block Party for the New Year's Eve
Food trucks and portable restrooms available
Less security
Open streets but Mill Ave will be a soft close and not charging any fees for access to Mill Ave.
No programs or events.

Ms. Borders discussed that after the season the Downtown Tempe Authority will be going back to their Place Making project. The DTA will be identifying how to activate the ten open spaces shown on their master plan and other ongoing programs and research reports. Ms. Borders said that the DTA will be hosting the first International Day of Downtown Regional Conference in March of 2017.

Ms. Boarder spoke about the Artisan Market and announced that there has been an increase in traffic. There have been about 40 to 45 vendors every week. There is a count of guests every hour and a rotation of 30 guests per hour. Also, the DTA has started back up Thursday night concerts. There has been only 1 rain out in October. However, the attendance for this event increases every week.

Don Bessler discussed that there have been several public meeting for the Streetcar project.

Alex Smith advised that the 1st public meeting was held for the redesign of 5th Street and it was well attended.

Mr. Bessler advised the Commission that there will be an update to the City Council on December 15. There are multiple proposals for vendors and off wire solutions for the downtown. Mr. Bessler stated that the schedule for this project is just a planning schedule right now. As the team gets further into the design and a construction contract is assigned then there will be a hard schedule until then there isn't anything happening to indicate that anything is off schedule. There will be 4 different contracts coming to Valley Metro Board and Council for endorsement. There is the car (itself) contract, a Construction Manager at Risk contract to construct, the design contract, and public art contract. The first \$8 million of this project has all gone into preliminary engineering and has taken about 6 years.

Ken Jones asked Mr. Bessler about the process on the traffic study with ASU and can the residences of the neighborhood be able to give input. Mr. Bessler advised that this is not a public process. He explained that this is simply an internal staff and ASU planning tool.

Mr. Levesque discussed current events and projects with the Commission. He announced the recent Character Area meeting had a focus on ASU and the campus connectivity of historic places and integration with Tempe.

Mr. Levesque reviewed the schedule for public hearings at the Development Review Commission, Watermark (Dec. 13).

Ken Jones confirmed that ADP is going to occupy US Airways and that they are going to bring in about 1500 employees. He asked if ADP has contacted DTA about managing parking and Ms. Borders did confirm that they have taken care of that.

Agenda Item 6 – Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

Review of meeting dates schedule for next year, 2017

Next scheduled meeting is January 10, 2017

Tempe City Hall - Community Development, Conference Lobby Room, 31th East Fifth Street

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

Prepared by: Sarah Adame

Reviewed by: Ryan Levesque

Chad Weaver
Community Development Director
Secretary

