

Minutes Enhanced Services Commission October 12, 2021

Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on October 12, 2021, at 9:30 AM by virtual meeting through Microsoft Teams due to COVID-19, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Patrick Panetta, Chairman, ASU Member
Marilyn DeRosa, President, Director - Eng/Trans
Ken Jones, Treasurer of the Commission/Deputy City Manager
Shelly Seyler, Sec. of the Commission/CD Director Interim
Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep
Keith Burke, Community Services Deputy Director
Lori Foster, Downtown Tempe Authority Member
Mark Clouch, At-Large Residential Property Owner

City Staff Present:

Ryan Levesque, Dep. Comm. Dev. Dir. of Planning
Roger Hallsted, Rio Salado Fin. Analyst Comm. Dev.
Craig Caggiano, Water Resources Manager
Shawn Wagner, Dep.Com. Svcs. Dir Parks & Rec
Craig Hayton, Dep. Com Svcs. Dir Parks & Rec
Sarah Adame, Executive Assistant, Comm. Dev.

Members Absent:

Will Creyer, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep
Derek Flottum, Landowner Member 2
Gordon Cresswell, Public Member

Guests Present:

None.

Meeting convened at 9:30 am.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes:

Regular meeting minutes from August 17, 2021

Mr. Patrick Panetta called for a motion to vote on approval of the regular meeting minutes.

MOTION: Ken Jones, Treasurer of the Commission/Deputy City Manager motioned to approve.

SECOND: Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep, seconded the motion.

VOTE: Approved 6-0, 3 absent, Gordon Cresswell, Public Member, Will Creyer, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep, & Derek Flottum, Landowner Member 2

AYES: Patrick Panetta, Chairman, ASU Member, Shelly Seyler, Secretary of the Commission/CD Director; Ken Jones, Treasurer of the Commission/Fin. & IT Director, Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep; Marilyn DeRosa, President, Director - Eng/Trans; & Keith Burke, Community Services Deputy Director

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: 3 Absent (Will Creyer, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep; Derek Flottum, Landowner Member 2; & Gordon Cresswell, Public Member)

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances – None

Agenda Item 3 – Budget Update – Roger Hallsted –

At this time the budget is significantly under compared to this time last year. The budget is at \$3,258,000.00. The revenues coming in from lake services are at \$210,000.00 this year. The expenditures are slightly over \$2,400,000.00 from last year. The expenses are commonly low because we haven't had to use any replacement water this past fiscal year. The savings were mostly in the water expenses, and some came from the electricity budget - \$111,000 spent out of a \$260,000.00 electricity budget. The budget for 2022-2023 will be presented at the January meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Community Services & Special Events – Keith Burke, Shawn Wagner, and Craig Hayton

The paid parking enforcement at the Tempe Beach Park will begin at the beginning of 2022. The process of charging for parking will begin this week. Courtesy citations will be given out from now until the new year. The DTA will be involved in communications to the public about paying for parking - Monday through Friday from 7am – 6pm and free parking during the evenings and on the weekends.

Events for this fall.

October –

- Oktoberfest: 10/8-10
- XTERRA Papago Desert Trail Run: 10/10
- Splash & Dash: 10/13
- Papago Off-Road Tri: 10/16
- Ironman 70.3: 10/17
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer: 10/23
- Yes, to Autism: 10/24

November –

- TCA 48 Live Festival: 11/5
- Walk to Save Animals: 11/6
- Splash & Dash
- NCAA Tri: 11/12-14
- Veterans Day Parade: 11/11
- Lantern Walk: 11/17
- Ironman: 11/20-21
- Fantasy of Lights Opening Night Parade: 11/26
- Fat Turkey Trail Run: 11/27

December –

- Fantasy of Lights Boat Parade: 12/11
- Caribbean Christmas Run: 12/18
- NYE CASA Block Party: 12/31

Recently, at a Work Study Session, Council did amend some of the city's protocols to the CDC guidelines for large events. Attendance at these events will require proof of vaccinations and/or 72hrs negative test results. This will also apply to ticketed performances at the TCA. Masks are still required inside for all municipal buildings.

Mayor's Expansion of Premise is still in effect until December 31, 2021. Businesses can take advantage of an "extension of premises permit" which will allow for the expansion of retail sales and restaurant and bar seating, in certain instances, for dining into a designated outdoor area that may include public rights-of-way and private property, including noncontiguous extensions so long as it doesn't exceed 60 feet from the permanently licensed premises. A total of 23 permits have been issued.

Same protocols will be used to review and select events to take place in the Rio Salado Special Event Task Force Committee, SETFC, will still be approved by the Application Review Committee. The Application Review Committee has a partnership with the DTA, TTO and other Community Stakeholders. At this time the Committee is accepting applications and in November or early December the event producers will be notified of their 2023 assigned date.

Update on the Rio Salado Master Plan – next step is to put out a formal RFP. A feasibility study is in progress to identify any constraints or limitations that would affect recreational amenities and their placements.

Agenda Item 5 – Town Lake Operations – Marylin DeRosa / Craig Caggiano

Water Quality – there was a lake closure in early September due to an algae bloom that had the potential to produce toxins. Tempe Environmental Services Lab has updated their capabilities to assist with developing a screening method to get results for toxic algae blooms in the future. We have had great water quality this month and expect to continue for the next couple of months. Water Quantity and Infrastructure – in calendar year 2021 the water quantity in makeup water was minimal and it was under budget but always available. Dock rehabilitation and replacement – the concessioner’s dock has an on-shore portion that has reached its end of life and will need to be replaced. The floating docks have reached their 20yr life span. Staff is currently reviewing new ways to replace them and add some ADA compliance components to new ones. The lake warning system software has been upgraded and some physical aspects to the poles have been upgraded. Dam systems testing is conducted weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annually by staff and inspections. Staff is continuously testing and reviewing how to better assist the life span of the dam and its hydraulics and supportive functions. The plan for the spill prevention control and counter measures is currently being updated and has reached its 5-year end date.

Agenda Item 6 – Downtown Tempe Update – Lori Foster

DTA updated about downtown’s third quarter business stats – pandemic recovery. There were 10 business openings, 4 closings, 2 businesses changed their names and concepts and 1 change of ownership. As of now there are 26 vacant spaces but 15 of them were vacant pre-COVID-19. There are 154 street level business and 66% of them are locally owned. Fall festivals are moving forward:

- Tempe Festival of the Arts
- The Street Parade (on the Friday after Thanksgiving)
- Boat Parade
- 2nd Sunday on Mill (from Nov. – April)
- 6th Street Market (Sundays on 6th and Mill)

The DTA has launched their Discover Tempe Pass. It’s a mobile website providing discounts, games, and prices from the downtown merchants.

Agenda Item 7 – Engineering and Transportation Update – Marilyn DeRosa

The delivery of the streetcar has been delayed due to supply chain and workforce shortages. The city has 3 vehicles, and we are expecting to have the other 3 delivered by the spring. However, we are testing the 3 vehicles that we do have. Transportation has been working with the Special Events team, Public Safety and Valley Metro to ensure that the streetcar provides 2 main goals. The first is an economic development and the second is an integrated transit system. Transportation demand management is providing alternative mobility options to single occupancy vehicles. The demand management study is looking at development of a Transportation Management Association. The association would share best practices and interview stake holders to participate on this Association. The TMA is hoping to provide benefits for employers that are less than 50 employees. A mobility hub is a place where an individual can transfer from one type of mobility to another. These locations will provide services for the public in their transition. Another option that is being explored is how open owners of private property are to having a public mobility hub on their property.

Public and Private Development Update – Ryan Levesque

Pier 202 on the South side of the town lake - there is a preliminary proposal for Lincon South Bank at 1122 E Vista Del Lago. The proposal contains a request for a 21-story residential development with a base level at 5 levels. Currently looking at informal review before the developer submits for formal submittal by the end of the year. At the formal submittal level there is the South Pier at Town Lake on lot 6. There are 3 different phases of towers: 2- 21 story towers and a 23-story tower at the 3rd phase – 724 units. This project is estimated to go to a public hearing by early 2022. There is an RFP out for the Hayden Flour Mill. The RFP will close November 7th. There is a continued RFP for the northeast corner of Priest and Rio Salado. There is a submittal for a Blue Bird development that is being reviewed internally through the RFP process. 250 Rio Office development site that is the 14-story office building at the Ash and Rio Salado corner. The project is pending for the applicant to follow up on the revision of the plans.

The next meeting will be on January 11, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

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Reviewed by: Roger Hallsted

Shelly Seyler

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Interim Community Development Director
Secretary of the Commission