

**Minutes
Enhanced Services Commission
October 13, 2015**

Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on October 13, 2015, 8:30 AM, at the Tempe City Hall - Community Development, Conference Lobby Room, 31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Heidi Kimball, Chairman of the Commission/Area 3 Rep
Matt Mooney, President of the Commission/Area 1 Rep
Ken Jones, Treasurer/Finance & IT Director
Dave Nakagawara , Secretary/Community Dev Director
Don Bessler, Public Works Director
Shelley Hearn, Community Services Director
Kelly Rafferty, Community Services Deputy Director
Gordon Cresswell, Public Member
Kate Borders, Downtown Tempe Authority Member

City Staff Present:

Ryan Levesque, Deputy Director of Planning
Roger Hallsted, Rio Salado Financial Analyst
Julie Stennerson, Community Development

Members Absent:

John Creer, Vice President of the Comm/ASU Member
Vacant – Landowner Member/Area 2 Representative
Vacant – At-Large Residential Property Owner

Guests Present:

Ted Rabban, State Farm Investment Department

Meeting convened at 8:30 am.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: July 14, 2015

Heidi Kimball confirmed the commission members had reviewed the minutes.

MOTION: Matt Mooney

SECOND: Ken Jones

DECISION: Approved

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Dam Replacement Project

Don Bessler gave an update regarding the Dam Replacement Project. The steel gates for the dam have been on site for about a month, just west of the Tempe Center for the Arts. One of the gates is currently down in the river being sized for placement. The construction continues to proceed, but the weather has played a significant role in moving the project forward. The City had an agreement with Bridgestone to lease the dams for one dollar per year up to five years; after the fifth year which ends on December 26, 2015 the City would have to pay rent in the amount of \$300,000 per month. The City is anticipating utilizing the rubber dams until March 2016. The weather has caused

flooding in the channel that has delayed this project. The new dam should be substantially complete in February 2016, testing will be done and the goal is to remove the rubber bladders from the lake as quickly as possible. The City is currently in negotiations with Bridgestone regarding the costs and removal of the rubber dam.

Different scenarios regarding the removal of the rubber bladders have been reviewed by the City Council. The most expedient and least costly solution would be to drain the lake. The lake will be drained for about 30 days. The water will be diverted from the lake to the SRP canal system. Approximately one-half to two-thirds of the water will be reused within the system. The remaining water will be released downstream under a controlled situation. One of the bladders will be lowered and the water will be channelized.

The vendor for boat rentals on Tempe Town Lake is aware of the situation. While the lake is drained the infrastructure will be inspected. This includes the seawalls, storm inlets, docks, and any other items that have deteriorated requiring routine maintenance. Repairs will be made while the water level in the lake is down. Money has been set aside for asset management that will be used for the repairs.

The lake is not currently being stocked with fish. The draining of the lake will be scheduled around the major events. There should not be issues with smell due to the water being taken down slowly. The lake will be dry for about two weeks, then water will be released back into the lake.

Agenda Item 4 – Commission Vacancies (Residence At-Large Member & Area 2 - Playa Del Norte)

Ryan Levesque stated the Commission is still looking for a member to represent the At-Large Residential Property Owner. This would be for a property owner that has residency in the town lake area. The application is available on the City Clerk's website.

An application has been received from Jason Anzalone representing Irgens for the Landowner Member (Area 2 – Playa Del Norte Representative). His application will be distributed to the Commission for consideration at the November election meeting.

Heidi Kimball stated she has an HOA meeting with Bridgeview and Edgewater tomorrow night. She will try to encourage someone to apply for the commission vacancy.

Agenda Item 5 – Budget Update

Roger Hallsted stated there has not been a lot to report regarding the budget as of July 1, 2015. During budget year 2014-15 the assessment for property owners was set at 95%. This adjustment was made to help close the gap in the budget. The assessments will be handled in the same manner this year. Originally it was expected that costs for the lake would go up 2% - 5% each year. Expenses have been kept relatively low over the years. The budget for the infrastructure replacement last year was over \$700,000 this year the budget is \$563,000. The total budget is 3.2 million. The true-up in the spring will be lower due to the decrease in assessment fees. More of the capital replacement may be used than anticipated in the spring due to the lake infrastructure repairs. Once new water is placed in the lake there will be a savings since the water will not need to be treated for three to four months. There will also be a savings due to some of the water being stored and reused from the SRP canal. Also, there will not be a daily water replacement charge during the time the lake is drained. These savings should offset the costs to refill the lake.

Agenda Item 6 – Events Overview

Shelley Hearn stated Internal Audit is conducting an audit regarding the operation of special events. There was an incident that took place at a concert at Tempe Beach Park. This was due to the weather, the time of year, and the number of people in the downtown area. A football game was scheduled during the same time as the concert. Cell phones stopped working and the machinery for the ticket takers stopped working. There were too many people at the event and it was a dangerous situation. An exercise took place with the Police Department, Fire Department and Events Staff to determine safer and better practices for events that draw large crowds at Tempe Beach Park.

Kelly Rafferty gave an events update.

- Oktoberfest – October 9th – 11th
- ASU/Colorado Game – October 10th
- Half Ironman Triathlon (formerly Soma Triathlon) – October 18th
- Concerts at Tempe Town Lake – October 30th – November 1st
- ASU Homecoming – November 14th
- Ironman Triathlon – November 15th
- Rock 'n' Roll Marathon – January 17th

\$25 vouchers will be given out to the Ironman participants again this year that can be used at participating downtown or Marketplace restaurants.

Agenda Item 7 – Downtown Tempe Update

Kate Borders gave an update of the Downtown Tempe events.

- Street Parade – November 28th
- Tempe Festival of the Arts – December 4th – 6th
- Boat Parade – December 12th
- New Year's Eve Block Party – December 31st

The New Year's Eve Block Party has historically been produced by an outside consulting firm. This year a community block party will be produced in-house. The local merchants in the district will be selling the food and alcohol. One stage will be placed in the center of 5th Street and Mill Avenue, with the downtown being an open community event. The national headliner band will be O.A.R. and a fireworks display will take place. Admission tickets will be sold for \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the event. Some of the downtown bars will have a cover charge, a majority of the bars will not. At the sales site a VIP Experience ticket will be available. There have not been plans to cap admission since the block party has not been anywhere near capacity during the last ten years. The Police Department and Fire Department will be on site for safety issues.

2014-15 Fiscal Year Lake Safety Patrol Statistics

Safety Patrol is on the lake 365 days a year, all but three hours per day.

- Boat Code Checks – 992
- Boating Code Violations – 320
- Fishing Code Checks – 2,906
- Fishing Code Violations – 422
- Park Code Violations – 8,629
- Homeless Contact – 4,473
- Hospitality Contacts (Guidance or Direction) – 1,416
- Reports to COT 311* - 219
- Bicycle Miles – 13,173
- Boat Patrol (Engine Hours) – 637.3

Agenda Item 8 – Public and Private Development Update

- Jefferson Town Lake – In building plan review for construction
- 100 Mill - Mill & Rio Salado site recently entitled, working with Historic Preservation Office for demolition & excavation plan, marketing the Kempton Hotel for this site
- City of Tempe will prepare a RFQ for the City owned lots at the Pier 202 Site, the City currently owns 5 lots (lots 9, 8, 7, 2 & 4), this may be an individual sale or multiple sales of the lots

- JLB Lots – Applicant provided the City with a letter of withdrawal for both properties, it is anticipated the projects will be redesigned and brought forward to the Development Review Commission and City Council, they have ownership of lot one and contingency agreements with lot six
- Hayden Harbor – Received an extension for their Planned Area Development entitlement
- Downtown Master Plan – Community Stakeholder meetings, Wednesday, October 21st centered around cultural amenities, pedestrian experience including transit, streetscape and public spaces
- The City was recently awarded approximately a \$300,000 TOD Streetcar Grant from the federal government, with a \$50,000 match from the City and a \$25,000 match from Metro to work on the transit orientated development along the streetcar alignment

One of the topics at the City Council Retreat was Town Lake Visioning. The Council is looking for quality construction with unique architecture. Council is comfortable with varying heights in the building design. Continuity, interaction, private/public open space, and the pedestrian experience are all important for the Town Lake area.

Agenda Item 9 – Commission Elections (November)

There is a conflict with the Annual Election ESC Meeting that was scheduled for November 10th. The 2015 State of the City Address with Mark Mitchell is scheduled for that morning. It was decided the Annual Election ESC Meeting will be rescheduled to Monday, November 9th at 8:00 am.

The next meeting will be November 9, 2015 at the Tempe City Hall - Community Development, Conference Lobby Room, 31 East Fifth Street.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Prepared by: Julie Stennerson

Reviewed by: Ryan Levesque

Dave Nakagawara
Secretary