
**Minutes
Enhanced Services Commission
October 10, 2017**

Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on April 11, 2017, 8:30 AM, at the Tempe City Hall - Community Development, Conference Lobby Room, 31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Don Bessler, President of the Commission/PW Director
John Creer, Chairman of the Board/ASU Member
Ken Jones, Treasurer of the Commission/Fin & IT Director
Chad Weaver, Secretary of the Commission/CD Director
Mark Clouch, At-Large Residential Property Owner
Kate Borders, Downtown Tempe Authority Member
Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep
Gordon Cresswell, Public Member
Shelley Hearn, Community Services Director

City Staff Present:

Ryan Levesque, Deputy Director Planning
Alex Smith, Deputy Director of Special Projects
Chris Thompson, Deputy Director Building Safety
Sarah Adame, Community Development

Members Absent:

Matt Mooney, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep
Jason Anzalone, Landowner Member/Area 2 Rep
Caggiano, Craig, Water Utility Operations Manager
Roger Hallsted, Rio Salado Financial Analyst

Guests Present: NONE

Meeting convened at 8:30 am.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes: July 18, 2017

MOTION: Ken Jones
SECOND: Chad Weaver
DECISION: Approved meeting minutes of July 18, 2017

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances - None

Agenda Item 3 – Town Lake Operations – Don Bessler

There is a new electric boat that has a conveyer belt that is used to gather debris out of the lake. Fish stocking will start soon.

Mr. Bessler reported that his group recently finished replacing the stainless steel piping with a high density rubber hose on the control system.

Mr. Bessler spoke about the transition that took place when changing the management of the dam. He stated that the City was paying SRP about 3 or 4 hundred thousand dollars per year to manage the dam. Now, Public Works is managing the dam through SCADA. There is a new unit that is led by Craig Caggiano that is focused on the well field and the lake. This year the City has used about 88 acres of makeup water from SRP which is less than what the City would normally use from SRP.

Mr. Bessler announced that the weather station is operational now.

Agenda Item 4 – Budget Update – Roger Hallsted

Mr. Hallsted – absent from meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – Downtown Tempe Update – Kate Borders

Ms. Borders spoke about the 4th quarter for downtown. Typically, the 4th quarter becomes the “event quarter” with parades and festivals. Mr. Ryan Levesque asked if there are any changes to any events this year and Ms. Borders advised that the DTA is working on making the Boat Parade more of an all-day event for the community.

Ms. Borders announced that next year is the 50th anniversary of the Festival of the Arts. DTA is working on how to celebrate that event. It is also the 25th anniversary of the Down Town Tempe Enhanced Services District which was formed in 1993.

The DTA's annual report is ready.

Mr. Chad Weaver asked about this year's New Year's Eve Party. Will it be the same as last year? Ms. Border answered, yes. DTA will work with the City's PD and Fire to make sure it's a safe environment. Fireworks will be included.

Agenda Item 6 – Public and Private Development Update

Ryan Levesque gave a private development update.

- Issued building permits for Jefferson Town Lake.
- Watermark has construction permits for office building D and commercial parking structure.
- Actively reviewing permits for Watermark, the multifamily phase of the site.
- Carvana site has issued permits. This is located north of the 202 freeway.
- Construction Permits are in review for the Pier. Currently there are civil permits issued out.
- Currently working on a schedule process for the Boyer site (Tempe Tech location near TCA).

Ryan advised that Planning has starting meeting with Special Events staff to discuss the issues and complexity with new development and new traffic. There has to be consideration of how special events are set up for areas around the Town Lake. There will be more conversations to come on how to address changes or maintaining certain aspects of special events during the construction of new developments.

Mr. Levesque informed the board that there has been some discussion about how permits are reviewed for landscape improvements around the Town Lake flood area with Flood Control.

Mr. Bessler advised that he would ask Ms. DeRosa to give a presentation in a future meeting.

Mr. Levesque advised that the proposed phase 1 for the Flour Mill is currently going through the hearing process for development approvals. We have part 1 approval that says it is eligible for the National Register. The project is going to the Historic Preservation Commission for the Mill portion of the complex. Following that hearing will be local designation and then the project will go to the Development Review Commission and Council.

Other Business

Next scheduled meeting is November 14, 2017, Annual Meeting.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.

Prepared by: Sarah Adame

Reviewed by: Roger Hallsted



Chad Weaver

Community Development Director

Secretary