

**MEETING OF THE PAPAGO PARK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SUMMARY MINUTES
Monday, March 17, 2008**

Pueblo Grande Museum
Community Conference Room
4319 E. Washington Street

Executive Committee Members present:

City of Phoenix City Council member Greg Stanton
City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board member Jim Holway
City of Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman
City of Tempe Parks Board member Frank Granillo
City of Scottsdale Mayor Mary Manross
City of Scottsdale Council member Betty Drake
City of Scottsdale Parks Commissioner Bob Frost

Executive Committee Members absent:

City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board Chair Phil Richards
City of Tempe Council member Mark Mitchell
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council member Ricardo Leonard

Others Present:

Sara Hensley	Tiffany Huisman	Ron Tatasciore
Bill Murphy	Mike Pepra	Bob Lockhart
Jeff Williamson	Shawn Wagner	Tim Conner
Mark Richwine	L.J. McLennan	Marc Garcia
Kathy Reichert	Joe Hume	Bill Lautenbach
Tim Meritt	Doug Mackenzie	Steve Gervais
Alonso Avitia	Mike Crusa	Brandie Ishcomer
Rob Harman	John Shultz	

1. Call to Order

City of Phoenix Council member Greg Stanton called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

Committee members Stanton, Hallman, Manross, Frost, Granillo and Holway were present. Committee member Drake arrived at 3:55 p.m. Committee members Richards, Leonard and Mitchell were absent.

2. Consideration of minutes from December 10, 2007

Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman made a motion to accept the minutes. Scottsdale Parks Commissioner Bob Frost seconded the motion. Approved 6:0

3. Reports and Recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee

- ***Review of a Draft Request for Proposal for a Regional Papago Park Master Plan***

City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board member Jim Holway explained that the Ad Hoc Committee drafted a Request for Proposals for the re-master planning of Papago Park. He described the document, noting that the scope was divided into two phases. The first phase is a visioning and conceptual phase that will include extensive public input from all jurisdictions. The second phase will utilize the information garnered through the public involvement process and existing documents and studies to create a master plan. He added that current funding would only support phase one of the RFP.

City of Scottsdale Mayor Mary Manross stated that the City of Scottsdale is concerned about connections within the park, park residents, and neighborhoods and businesses around the park. She emphasized the importance of a multi-mobile park considering pedestrian, bicycle and other forms of mobility.

City of Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman stated that the public input process in phase one would give the opportunity for all residents to comment about concerns and desires for the master plan. He noted that the RFP document discusses connectivity. He requested that the map be expanded, and added that he had no changes to the background, vision and scope of the document.

City of Scottsdale Parks Commissioner Bob Frost noted that the RFP references connectivity. He expressed that hiking and biking are important recreational activities for Scottsdale residents.

City of Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman moved to approve the release of the RFP as written. City of Scottsdale Parks Commissioner Bob Frost seconded the motion. Approved 6:0.

- ***Funding Sources***

City of Phoenix Council member Greg Stanton mentioned that the Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative would go before Phoenix voters in May. He stated that if approved, the initiative would extend the 1/10 of 1 cent tax for an additional thirty years.

City of Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman thanked Ad Hoc Committee member Jeff Williamson for a written request he made to the members of the Arizona Congressional delegation to appropriate funding for Papago Park.

Ad Hoc Committee member Jeff Williamson noted that he had also initiated conversations with three foundations regarding potential funding requests for the project, but that no conclusions had been reached.

City of Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman proposed that the process be submitted for Arizona Centennial Legacy Project designation, so that it would be eligible to apply for legacy project funding. He asked if anyone was aware of the status of the current Centennial legislation. Audience member Steve Gervais explained that a bill to remove the mandatory match requirement was under review in the legislature.

City of Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman moved to direct the Ad Hoc Committee to apply for Arizona Centennial Legacy Project status and funding, to the extent available for this project. City of Scottsdale Mayor Mary Manross seconded the motion. Approved 6:0.

City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board member Jim Holway noted once the responses to the Request for Proposals for the Master Planning process were received, that the Committees would have a better idea of how much funding to seek.

- ***Update on Papago Park Golf RFP***

City of Phoenix Deputy Director Rob Harman explained that the City of Phoenix issued a Request for Proposals in May 2007 for the restoration and management of Papago Golf Course. He added that the Arizona Golf Foundation had been selected in September 2007.

City of Scottsdale Council member Betty Drake arrived at 3:55 p.m.

Mr. Harman explained that the Foundation was pursuing a direct purchase of Phoenix Industrial Development Authority bonds, and added that the anticipated ground breaking date was scheduled for April 1, 2008.

City of Phoenix Council member Greg Stanton asked what the nature of the changes to the course would be. Mr. Harman responded that the changes would mostly be to infrastructure, and noted that no capital improvements had been completed on the Golf Course since 1963. Some of the impacted features include irrigation, greens, key boxes, tees, lagoons and the clubhouse. The goal of the renovation is to attract major and amateur events.

City of Phoenix Council member Greg Stanton asked if the renovation of the club house was recommended in order to attract major events. Mr. Harman noted that local and charity events would require a renovated club house. He explained that expectations and needs in a clubhouse are different today than when the club house was built.

City of Phoenix Council member Greg Stanton asked if the facilities would be available to non-golf and community groups. Mr. Harman noted that the facility would aim to bring in non-golf revenue.

City of Scottsdale Parks Commissioner Bob Frost noted the importance of tying the golf course in with the park. Mr. Harman agreed.

City of Tempe Parks Board member Frank Granillo asked if the initial renovation will include the clubhouse. Mr. Harman explained that some minor changes will be made to the clubhouse prior to re-opening the course. He added that within 2 to 3 years the clubhouse would be completely renovated.

City of Tempe Parks Board member Frank Granillo asked if the entire course would be shut down. Mr. Harman responded yes.

City of Phoenix Council member Greg Stanton stated that the course was in significant need of renovation. He asked how the United States Golf Association viewed the renovations. Mr. Harman noted that the association assists and supports municipal course renovations.

Mr. Harman noted that based on the time of year, it would be difficult to host the US open, but that top level amateur events would be a good target for the course.

4. Election of a New Committee Chair

City of Scottsdale Mayor Mary Manross nominated City of Scottsdale Council member Betty Drake to serve as the next Chair of the Papago Park Executive Committee. City of Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman seconded the motion. Approved 7:0.

5. Call to the Public

None.

6. Future Agenda Items

City of Scottsdale Parks Commissioner Bob Frost requested an update on the National Guard Armory at a future meeting.

7. Next Meeting / Meeting schedule

City of Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman noted that the next meeting could occur sometime around the end of May.

8. Adjournment

City of Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie A. Ishcomer
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