



Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held November 16, 2005

Members Present: Christina Bickelmann, Harold Hummer, Jack Kelly, Joan Lionetti, Grant McCormick, George Richard, Paula Smith, Ronald Stoltz, and Roger Watson.

Guests/Staff Present: Andrew Singelakis, Deputy Director of Urban Planning & Design, Fernando Molina of Tucson Water, Leslie Liberti of Environmental Services, Tina Lee, Ward III Office.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kelly called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (**ACTION**)

Corrections to October's minutes.

(III. 3rd paragraph)

Tucson Clean and Beautiful in partnership with Tucson Electric Company...

(V. 1st paragraph)

Lionetti, Richard, Watson, and Smith attended the Tucson Clean & Beautiful presentation.

(V. 2nd paragraph)

Grant is for \$10,000.

MOTION made by Bickelmann seconded by Watson to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2005 meeting, with modifications. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

III. PRESENTATIONS (**Discussions**)

- A. Green Cities Accord & Habitat Conservation Plan
- B. Urban Infill Update

Liberti was hired to create a comprehensive environmental vision and approach program.

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Liberti mentioned that the United Nations Environmental program took place this past June in San Francisco. In attendance were about 50 Mayors from around the world. The Mayors' emphasis was on sustainability how to globally start working towards this concept by focusing on where populations are located. This was the focus on Cities Around the World. A Resolution was drafted stating that the Mayors' support the sustainability and especially as it is articulated in the Accords. At the request of Council Member Leal, A Study Session item was placed on the November 15, 2005 Mayor and Council agenda to discuss the Accords and the creation of an Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee role will be to focus on the Accords and how the City is moving towards the implementation on the different areas.

HCP allows individual landowners and jurisdictions to plan for development infrastructure on anything that will have potential impact to listed endangered species. HCP allows planned projects but in a way that adequately preserves the listed species in the current habitat area.

3-subareas currently being focused on:

1. Southlands – located south of I-10
35,000 acres that are predominately owned by the State Land Department
2. Armory Corp of Engineer's River Restoration Feasibility Study Plan Areas
3. City owned Tucson Water properties in Avra Valley

Rebecca Roupp, Infill Planner, was hired in May 2005. The Planning Commission Infill Subcommittee broke into three small working groups: Residential Cluster and Neighborhood Overlay Zone, Mixed Use Infill Zone, and Design Guidelines. The Infill Subcommittee plans to bring the indicated issues to the Planning Commission: areas that have been passed over by development and are now being revisited along with vacant lots on major streets corners.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION

- A. Response from Jim Glock on RTA letter & Lack of Response from RTA
- B. UHI Workshop Update

Stoltz mentioned that they have not heard from RTA in regards to the letter that was sent to them. Singelakis, Steve Farley, and Jim Glock met to discuss some ideas on how the road will look like if widen.

Lionetti asked how many LAC members had received an email or invitation from the City Manager for the December 6, 2005 workshop and to please RSVP if planning on attending.

V. URBAN LANDSCAPE MANAGER'S UPDATE (Discussion)

- A. As covered in memo to LAC

See memo.

VI. CALL TO AUDIENCE

Molina indicated that the Community Conservation Task Force has continued its meetings. First phase is almost wrapped up in the educational presentation. Molina mentioned that if a LAC member is interested in being added to the list to let him know. The Community Conservation Task Force develops recommendations to Mayor and Council. Molina mentioned there are some landscape issues he would like to see address.

VII. CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Richard LAC should participate in the review code development. Review as a matter of interest—white-coating roofs.

Update on the Urban Management Landscape Plan.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

December 2005 meeting is canceled motioned by Hummer seconded by Bickelmann.

MOTION made by Hummer seconded by Richard to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. The motion carried unanimously among those present.