



Landscape Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held July 19, 2005

Members Present: Christina Bickelmann, Harold Hummer, Jack Kelly, Joan Lionetti, Grant McCormick, Susanna Morales, George Richard, Paula Smith, Roger Watson, and Irene Ogata.

Guests/Staff Present: Carol Clark, Ward III; Tina Lee, Ward III Office; Fernando Moline, Tucson Water; and Michael Torey.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Christina Bickelmann called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

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

MOTION made by Smith seconded by Watson to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2005 meeting. The motion carried unanimously by those present.

III. RECAP/SUMMARY OF JUNE 8, 2005 WORKSHOP (**DISCUSSION**)

Ogata summarized the June 8, 2005 workshop. Potential subcommittees: NPPO assessment criteria (volunteered – Kelly & Richard), LAC Signage Standards, and Tree Inventory (volunteered - Lionetti, Smith, McCormick and Morales)

In addition, the Department of Transportation Information Technology department will also be brought into the picture because of the role they will have as the keeper of the program.

IV. SUMMARY INFORMATION FROM THE CO-CHAIR

A. Summary of June 22, 2005 Mayor & Council Study Session (**Discussion**)

Bickelmann stated the primary objective, of the LAC, going before Mayor and Council was to increase the committee size and the capability of a committee member being able to serve on two separate committees.

Mayor and Council gave the okay on increasing the committee size, but said no on the capability of having a committee member serve on two separate committees. The exception to this rule is the Environmental Services Committee.

B. Conservation Task Force by Tucson Water Department (**Discussion**)

Molina, brought the LAC up-to-date on the 2005 Task Force. The Task Force is comprised of 15 committee members and its primary objective is to represent Building Owners Associations, Multifamily Associations, Landscape Industry, and Tucson Association of Realtors. Four members are residential representatives and two of them sit on Citizen Water Advisory Committee. Two committee members are not affiliated. Tucson Water wants a good representation. We are also inviting other people to participate in the Call to Audience.

First three meetings were to bring the Task Force up to speed on the conservation and finance issues. Task Force will make recommendations to Mayor and Council that will consist of long-range plans with different levels to enhance water conservation based on the different scenarios with more aggressive water conservation plans proposed by the consultant. Consultant will be on board sometime mid or end of August 2005 and will start giving technical information to the Task Force by October 2005. Next meeting is schedule for August 27, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.

V. URBAN LANDSCAPE MANAGER'S UPDATE (**DISCUSSION**)

A. Mayor & Council Consent action 7/6/2005 = appt. new LAC

Bickelmann and Ogata welcomed new Landscape Advisory Committee members Joan Lionetti and Grant McCormick. They are both official new members to the LAC.

B. Selection of Urban Landscape Management plan Consultant

The selection of the Urban Landscape Manger is very close to being finalized. We are currently waiting for the stamp of approval from the Attorney's Office. LAC will be updated at a later date.

C. ASLA 7/12/2005 luncheon meeting

Ogata thanked everyone for attending and for all the great feedback from the landscape architects who are now ready to volunteer and rethinking their work and redesign water harvesting storm water techniques. She also mentioned a future meeting with the Arizona Native Plant Society to bring them on board as partners to move in developing the urban landscape. Ogata challenged the landscape architects to push for a five- percent increase in utilization of stormwater drainage in how they design.

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- D. Continued discussion regarding direction/goals of Landscape Advisory Committee's involvement with Management Plan

(Did not get.)

VI. RIO NUEVO UPDATE (**DISCUSSION**)

A. Mercado Development Landscape

Gail Marsland of Rio Development updated the LAC on the Mercado of Menlo Park District, which is a multi-layers complex situation.

Project was started with these three main goals:

Goals

1. Vital downtown housing
 2. Development should be of Tucson
 3. Pedestrian Community – Community built for people and not for cars
- Over the next five years, over five million dollars will be use investment in the downtown area.
 - Within the next decade downtown will be reform.
 - The bar was set high so that the development that comes after will be at a high standard.

Concept

Authentic materials
Tucson architecture
Diverse housing option
Variety of people
Pedestrian oriented
Mix-use
Root in Tucson's identity & culture
Integrated into surround in neighborhood

Time-line

Begun May 2005
Complete December 2005

Home Construction

Begin November 2005
Sales Begin January 2006
First move-in July 2006

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Retail Office & Lofts Construction

Begin	March 2006
Move-in	February 2007
Stores open	February 2007

VII. RECLAIMED WATER AND APPROVED PLANT LIST (**DISCUSSION**)

Due to the meeting's timeframe, Item VII was moved to August's 2005 meeting.

VIII. CALL TO AUDIENCE

Torey suggested City creating shade and green space and more landscaping terrace around 6th and Broadway. He also brought up the subject again of palm trimming in front of City Hall.

Bickelmann handed out some literature on Effects of Reclaimed Water on Salt Sensitive Southwest Nursery Crops, Use the Word 'Sustainability' Correctly, Small Trees for Small Spaces, and In Las Vegas-Tuesday is a Reason to Water.

IX. CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Congress Street Master Plan
- Rio Nuevo Cultural & Civic Plaza Update
- Irrigation Standards, Presentation by Tucson Water
- Habitat Conservation Plan

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Bickelmann seconded by Watson to adjourn the meeting at 5:07. The motion carried unanimously among those present.