

**RIO SALADO CROSSING MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITIES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Directors of the Rio Salado Crossing Multi-purpose Facilities District met in a Board Meeting/Public Hearing in the Town of Gilbert Council Chambers, 1025 South Gilbert Road, on August 4, 1998 at 6:05 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT

Marty Whalen, Chairman
Pat Gilbert
Marjorie Heckman
David Johnston
Jim Lykins

MESA STAFF PRESENT

Neal Beets
Linda Crocker
Mike Hutchinson
Barbara Jones
Andrea Rasizer
Larry Woolf

OTHERS PRESENT

Dean Cathey
George Pettit
Michael Rushman
Bill Simms
Others

Chairman Whalen welcomed those present in the audience to the meeting.

1. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed Rio Salado Crossing Project.

Mr. Michael Rushman provided a brief overview of the proposal and noted that the 650-acre project will be located east of the 101 Freeway and South of the 202 Freeway. Mr. Rushman stated that the proposal represents a new, unique master-planned community at an in-fill location.

Discussion ensued relative to the construction of an exposition and convention center, the development of hotels and residential units, the fact that the proposal contains plans for two 18-hole golf courses, extensive parks, recreation and open space amenities, an extensive water component included in the project, the construction of a retractable football field, the fact that the project creates a recreational destination, retail and entertainment components, pedestrian walkways, proposed restaurant facilities, traffic and parking garages.

Mr. Rushman also highlighted the contents of a project phasing proposal and noted that it will be necessary to relocate the softball fields at Riverview Park in the future. Mr. Rushman also reported that approximately 5,000 to 8,000 acres of prime desert land will avoid development as a result of the project. Mr. Rushman emphasized the overall positive impacts of the fully integrated master planned community.

Chairman Whalen thanked Mr. Rushman for his presentation.

In response to a question from Boardmember Gilbert, Mr. Rushman briefly outlined the various height elements of the project and noted that a majority of the residential development will be four-stories high or less.

Responding to a question from Boardmember Lykins, Mr. Rushman advised that the ball fields will be relocated in as close a proximity to the project as possible.

Chairman Whalen encouraged the members of the audience to provide input and address questions to Mr. Rushman relative to this proposal.

Mr. Dean Cathey, 2925 East Pegasus Street, posed a question to Mr. Rushman regarding the possible flooding of the Salt River in the future and possible damage to the project site. Mr. Rushman informed Mr. Cathey that the project is located outside of the 100-year flood plain and should not be in danger of incurring flood damage in the future.

There being no additional speakers wishing to speak on this matter, Chairman Whalen declared the public hearing closed.

Chairman Whalen thanked Mr. Cathey for his comments and encouraged the members of the audience to contact the members of the Board of Directors to provide input and/or pose any additional questions they may have regarding this project.

2. Scheduling of future meetings and general information.

There was no discussion of future meetings and no items of general information presented at this time.

3. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting/Public Hearing, held on the 4th day of August 1998. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of August, 1998

JIM LYKINS, BOARD SECRETARY