

Memorandum

City of Tempe



Date: October 2, 2015

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Dave Nakagawara, Community Development Director (350.8023)

Cc: Andrew Ching, City Manager
Steven Methvin, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Town Lake Vision

TOWN LAKE VISION

Staff will provide Council with an overview on the Tempe Town Lake Vision. The presentation will provide a brief overview of the General Plan; ASU's Stadium District preliminary master plan; previously created "Tempe Town Lake Design" document from the RFP request for city-owned lots; and showcasing a collage of Town Lake images and examples of desired principles set out in the Community Design Principles plan, accepted by City Council in 2006:

"Tempe Town Lake: The "crown jewel" of Tempe's Rio Salado Project, the lake is a focal point to which visual and physical access must not be impeded. Rowing competitions and recreational boating suggest nautical (design) references. Linear parks surround the lake, linking building sites, and provide a unifying element. Ground floor building uses relate to public spaces and are reinforced by forms and materials rich in detail and substantial in mass; views to the lake from upper levels are maximized and enhanced by expressive structure(s) and (building) technology. Pedestrian and retail linkages to the Downtown / Mill Avenue District are essential."

Staff is seeking further direction from Mayor and City Council on the Town Lake Vision and future projects at the Pier 202 / Southbank site.

REFERENCES:

Community Design Principles 2006

<http://www.tempe.gov/home/showdocument?id=6225>

ATTACHMENT: Town Lake Design document