

Open Space Alliance Council Meeting
February 20, 2008
at 119 Grove Ave. Prescott, Arizona.

Meeting called to order by President Tom Pettit at 1:00 PM
Present: Tom Pettit, Charlene Craig, Becky West, J.D. Greenberg, Jeannie Flood,
Jovita Fine, Jim Lawrence, Howard Mechanic, Ed Parry, Libby Majors and Dave
Irvine.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report is Below.

There was a discussion with Mayor Wilson and a couple Council members regarding application for State Growing Smarter Funds. The deadline is March 31. There has been a problem in scheduling a meeting with the State Land Department. There is a consideration because Badger "P" Mountain is in the county. Tom Thurmond will be contacted regarding this. The state is not interested in having the property annexed until after it is conserved. Jim Lawrence reported that Growing Smarter Funds are being allocated only after purchase of the property. OSA may want to send in a letter direct to the state.

Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee: Report is below.

Earth Day: April 19th is Earth Day. Libby reported that the group is meeting regularly. Letters were sent this week to organizations that participated previously including information about the creek clean up and other activities. April 16th will be 5% Wednesday at New Frontiers. They will donate to OSA 5% of all sales. People are encouraged to buy that day. You can buy gift cards that you can use later. There are other fundraising efforts ongoing.

Greenways Committee: They are still working on the project by Mile High Middle School, and working on obtaining right of way.

Prescott National Forest Visioning: We do have a draft vision. Tom Slaback passed around surveys. It will be available on the web.

New business:

City Funding Issues

Charlene brought up that the City has cut positions in Parks and Rec. This will mean there will be little in the way of new trails. We do not know what Parks and Rec will request for next year's budget. If we see significant cuts over what other departments are doing then we may want to comment at the public budget hearing. The city is now

advertising for a part-time seasonal position of “Open Space Steward” which pays \$8 per hour with no benefits.

Sierra Club will have a hike this Saturday, Feb. 23 to the Stillman Lake area. Contact Tom Slaback if you are interested.

Report from Jim Lawrence on the Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee

The Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee met Wednesday, February 13th at 5:30 PM in the Lower Level Conference Room. The committee continues to meet on the second Wednesday of the month but the fourth Wednesday is reserved for special meetings or subcommittee meetings.

The Open Space Master Plan is scheduled for the agenda at 9:00 AM on February 28th of the Prescott Planning and Zoning Commission.

A section of the Circle Trail was presented Tuesday to the Prescott City Council. It is proposed to use Open Space funds to purchase the right of way and Heritage Funds to construct the trail. If successful the Heritage Funds are a 50% match and the Open Space Funds and volunteer labor will be our match.

A PowerPoint presentation on the Circle Trail is available on the City Site.

www.cityofprescott.net/services/parks/trails/

Next Scheduled Meeting: 3/12/08

Jim Lawrence

OSA

Treasurer's Report

Prepared by: Ashley Fine

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Balance Forward

\$1434.21

Income

Memberships and Contributions

705.00

	\$2139.21
Expenses	
Transfer to Wildlife Symposium Account	15.00
Transfer to Earth Day Account	10.00
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Current Balance	\$2114.21

Wildlife Symposium:

Expenses- Website- \$9.34

Income- Donation- \$15.00

Current Balance (unreconciled)- \$526.32

(Note- there are some outstanding checks on this account. If they fail to clear the balance will be higher than reported here.)

Badger P Mountain Fund:

YTD Interest 2007 - \$90.22

Balance – \$7082.11

Earth Day Account:

Expenses- Payment to Libby Majors- \$400.00

Prescott College Earth Month Calendar listing - \$20.00

Income- donation- \$10.00

Balance in checking – \$140.57