

Open Space Alliance Council Meeting

January 17, 2007

Meeting called to order by President Tom Pettit at 12:05 PM at 119 Grove Ave. Prescott, Arizona.

Present: Tom Pettit, Lou Bellisi, Jack Wilson, Sequoia Shannon, Charlene Craig, Jim Lawrence, Suzanna McDougal, Tom Slaback, Ashley Fine, Becky West, Ed Parry, and Laurel Freeman (after 2 pm).

Announcement: We won't be able to use the Studio at The Grove in the future since it will be rented out. We will be using the Conference Room for meetings. If we need a larger space, then we can use the Library or other spaces. This will be decided on a case by case basis.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as submitted.

AGENDA: Pettit presented the agenda: Accepted.

ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Pettit presented. Ashley reported our bank is initiating monthly fees for accounts under a certain amount. So she moved all the accounts to Wells Fargo, except for the Class of '58 Badger Mountain account that has a sufficient balance so as not to have a monthly fee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Treasurer Fine. (attached).

Motion to approve expenditure for \$38.29 for mailing expenses to Tom Pettitt. Approved. Treasurer's Report was also approved.

WILDLIFE SYMPOSIUM: Sept 28-29. Planning is going well.. Exhibitors are being contacted (several has already committed). Prescott Creeks will have a field trip on Sat. morning. The planning group meets the third Friday of every month at 1 pm.. New members are welcome and needed. Contact Ashley if you are interested.

Sharlot Hall may have a long-term exhibit related to the symposium subject.

GRANITE DELLS

George Seaman contacted Ducks Unlimited about restoring the duck nesting area around the Hazelwood property. The suggestion is for George to get Ducks Unlimited in touch with Mr. Hazelwood to see if they can work together to restore the area. There is some question whether this will be "restoration" since the ducks came in only recently.

CITY COUNCIL RETREAT AND CITY PRIORITIES

Jack Wilson made a presentation regarding the City Council Retreat (attached).

There was a discussion about any future possible initiatives regarding a continuation of the 1% Roads and Open Space tax. There may be a City Council referendum and there may be a citizen initiative. The Executive Committee will decide who will represent OSA in any discussions/negotiations with other citizen groups and/or the city.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PrescottKid@peoplepc.com is Tom Slaback's new email address where he can receive attachments. This Saturday is the Sierra Club's Verde River Clean-up day.

GREENWAYS:

Meets next Monday at 2:30 at The Grove.

GOALS FOR 2007

Suggestions:

Increase membership

update WebSite

Fundraising

Have projects that are matched with our personnel

Campaign to increase city staff working on open space, and reinvigorate the Adopt-A- Park/Open Space Program

Have speakers for events – and have both business meetings and educational meetings

Dialogue with individual Council members

Contact new residents with information about OSA

Distribution of materials at Chamber

City representative at meeting – contact Norwood

More potlucks

Build Alliance Activities with member groups by helping groups achieve their goals

Emphasize our OSA projects, not the work of the individual groups.

Learn from best practices of other groups (Best Practice Analysis Research)

Outreach to individual groups

Change name of group to Open Space Advocacy Group and change brochure accordingly

Focus on Prescott or Central Yavapai County? If larger than Prescott, we need to develop contacts with other jurisdictions.

Expedite Open Space Acquisition by the City of Prescott and other governments

Need fresh leadership and change of leadership on a regular basis

Work with Jim McCasland and the Council to develop expanded Open Space programs.

Provide input for new Parks and Recreation Master Plan..

The suggestions were consolidated into the following categories:

I. Expand Contacts with City

Dialogue with Council

Petitions for more money for Open Space

Liaison from City through contact with Mr. Norwood

Expedite Open Space Acquisition

Enhance Open Space Personnel

Reactivate Adopt A Park Program

II. Membership

Expand Membership and Fundraising

Enhance Website and Brochure

Join Chamber of Commerce?

Review Goals

Contact New Residents?

Develop New Leadership

III. Meetings with more speakers – alternate types of meetings

IV. Outreach

Alliance Contacts (Ashley will initiate)

Work with neighboring cities and county (TO BE DECIDED LATER)

Research on Best Practices by similar groups (Jack will work on it)

These categories will be analyzed by the Exec. Committee and specific proposals for projects will be brought up later.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12

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Treasurer's Report

Reconciled Balance Forward

\$2726.56

Income

Contribution from Suzanna McDougal	100.00
Memberships	330.00
Service Fee Reversed	9.00

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Expenses

Reimbursement Elisabeth Ruffner	22.50
AZ Corporation Commission	10.00
AZ Heritage Alliance	25.00
AZ Wilderness Coalition	25.00
Stamps	7.80
On-line service fee (2 @ \$2.50)	5.00

Current Balance –general funds available

\$3070..26

Badger P Mountain Fund:

YTD Interest 2006 - \$68.15

Balance – \$6975.54

Earth Day Account:

Contributions - \$10.00

Balance– \$1342.40

Wildlife Symposium Account:

Contributions – 25.00

Phone bill – 20.40

Balance - \$1,159.11

REPORT REGARDING CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

Achievements

“ Open Space: Nature Center, continued focus on the Dells, couple of properties being appraised

POLICY HIGH PRIORITIES

1. Dells open space acquisition

POLICY TOP PRIORITIES

1. Arsenic Treatment - Funding
2. Fann annexation in Granite Dells (1,100 acres – same size as Prescott Lakes)
3. Proactive annexations in the airport area

Bob Roecker

- “ Develop a funding mechanism for Open Space maintenance
- “ Acquire Open Space in the Dells in 2007

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This year:

- “ More open space acquisition

Rowle Simmons

2007 Actions

- “ Complete Dells Open Space acquisitions

Annexation

- “ Roecker: Annexation to protect sensitive Open Space areas.

1. Growth Management Strategy

- * Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe has purchased part of Storm Ranch
- * Storm Ranch will be developed by Doug Patterson
- * GD/POR: No interest on their part to annex into the city.
- * Deep Well Ranch (Ron James) – no specific interest in annexing to the city.
- * 1,100 acres owned by Mike Fann might be annexed into the city. This is not adjacent to the City limits. There is Granite Dells then Granite Gardens in between. Sounded like Steve Blair was pushing to have the Fann property annexed to the city.
- * Craig: If you are going to have a Planned Growth Strategy you need to know where you are

going to grow. Argued for a proactive Growth Management Strategy planning effort. Steve Blair agreed.

- * Lamerson: City must be realistic on what it can provide to annexation areas.
- * Blair: Ron James might be able to bring his own water (having his own wells).
- * Lamerson: You do not over obligate yourself with things you do not have.

Outcomes Wanted

- * Bob Roecker: Ability of the city to plan the growth.
- * New development to meet city standards.
- * Commercial areas platted around here are targeted for commercial growth.
- * Norwood: Side Road interchange -- \$15-million project. Need to determine how financing will be done as impact fees will not pay for all of the \$15-million.
- * Lamerson & Roecker: Growth Management Strategy should focus on what we can currently support. This should be a short-term plan covering 2007-2010.
- * What can you focus and control right now.