

Open Space Alliance Council Meeting

at 119 Grove Ave. Prescott, Arizona

July 16, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Tom Pettit at 1:00 PM

Present: Jim Lawrence, Howard Mechanic, Elisabeth Ruffner, Judy Greenberg, Ashley Fine, Jim Boyd, Jim Gray, Becky West, Rod & Michele Spann

Minutes of the June meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report is Below.

Correspondence: We received a mailer about a national Open Space conference, a request for funds from the Arizona Wilderness Alliance, a request for renewal from Access13, and a donation request from Sharlot Hall. Elisabeth announced there will be a Civic Tourism Conference in Rhode Island. This is a result of many years of work, some of which started locally in Prescott.

Motion to renew membership with Access13 for \$80 per year was approved unanimously.

Motion to send \$100 to Sharlot Hall for travel expenditures for the speaker in October was approved unanimously.

Below is the schedule of upcoming speakers in the Sharlot Hall series.

State Trust Lands Initiative "Our Land, Our Schools": It will include for permanent conservation over 40,000 acres in the Upper Big Chino area, lands on Glassford Hill, Badger P Mountain, headwaters of the Verde River, lands around the middle Verde and other areas. We are starting a campaign committee. We would like to get endorsements of various city council members and other individuals. City Councils cannot endorse, but individual council members can.

Motion to approve an initial amount of \$200 to the Yavapai Campaign Committee. There are various methods to handle our work: 1. We can set up a separate committee. 2. The local campaign can be made part of the state campaign organization. 3. OSA could run a campaign. (After the meeting Howard verified that as a 501(c)3 we can only spend about 5% of our expenditures on grassroots lobbying for public votes. Therefore option 3 is not feasible.) Becky will approach the P Mountain committee to see if they will authorize use of the \$7000 in their account (or part of the funds). Motion was withdrawn pending decision on where the check would go.

Motion to allow Jim L. to contact our member organizations to schedule presentations,

and discuss how they can support the campaign. Approved.

Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee: Report is BELOW.

Greenways Committee: It looks like construction around Mile High Middle School will be going ahead around October. Jean referred a "Green Infrastructure" program. She mentioned that the Trust for Public Lands may have a demonstration program in a western county and we may be applying.

Jim Boyd announced there will be a program Aug. 1 to involve kids in Greenways work around West Granite Creek Park.

The Forest Stewardship meeting of the Prescott National Forest was held in Jerome on July 8th. They are addressing three issues to deal with the visions: trash, trails, and stewardship.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

"Water Lectures"

All Lectures are presented on Sundays at 1pm in the Sharlot Hall Museum Gallery

415 W. Gurley, 2 blocks west of Courthouse Plaza

928/445-3122 www.sharlot.org

For information on Lectures, contact Barbara Cook

For information on Volunteer Training Classes, contact Gretchen Guice

May 4, 2008

"Water Challenges Facing Arizona's Urban Environment"

Presented by Douglas Kupel, author and historian. The challenges of water resource development in three AZ cities.

June 1, 2008

"Efficient Water Use In and Around the Home"

Shaun Rydell, City of Prescott Water Conservation coordinator, and Andy Millison, Permaculturist and Rainwater Harvesting Specialist, offer practical methods to reduce home water consumption.

June 29, 2008

"Pumps, Pipes and People: The History of Prescott's Water Supply"

Retired Prescott National Forest Supervisor Mike King, presents the early history of the city of Prescott's water supply challenges.

July 27, 2008

“Water: A Statewide Perspective”

Karen Smith, Assistant Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, offers a comprehensive outline of the state’s efforts to maintain a secure water supply for all Arizonans.

August 3, 2008

“Not a Drop to Drink: Arizona’s last Great Drought”

How did Arizona cope with drought in the past? Douglas Kupel offers a revealing perspective and provides a springboard for a discussion of current water issues.

August 6, 2008 9am-11am

Training Class for Volunteer Docents

Volunteers are needed to guide 3rd through 6th grade students through Sharlot Hall Museum’s newest exhibit, *Water: Quest for the Solution*. This exhibit examines the history of water in Arizona from early Indian culture through modern day. The workshop will train you to bring the exhibit to life for children in an exciting way, including using hands-on activities.

August 17, 2008

“Regional Perspectives: Water Development Projects in the Big Chino Aquifer”

A panel discussion on the development of Big Chino water resources. Participants include: Greg Kornrumpf, Salt River Project; Joanne Oellers, Center for Biological Diversity; Mark Holmes, Chino Valley Town Water Resource Manager; Doug Von Gausig, Mayor of Clarkdale; and John Munderloh, Prescott Valley Town Water Resource Manager.

September 4, 2008 1pm-3pm

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September 7, 2008

“A River Reborn”

Executive producer, Dr. Stephan Sommer, with guests, Mindy Schlimgen and Vince Randall, presents the award-winning documentary detailing the restoration of Fossil Creek. A discussion will follow the film presentation.

September 28, 2008

“Arizona’s Perennial Rivers, Streams and Wetlands”

Dan Campbell of the Nature Conservancy talks about the economic, educational and environmental benefits of preserving Arizona’s riparian areas.

October 26, 2008

“Water Ways: Water, Human Nature and Human Culture”

Dr. Eugene Anderson, author of *Ecologies of the Heart*, discusses water, human evolution and water symbolism in diverse cultures.

November 2, 2008

“Arsenic in Drinking Water: Toxicity, Testing & Treatment”

Retired Water Quality Specialist, John Zambrano, explains the sources of arsenic contamination in groundwater, its health effects and successful treatment technologies.

November 23, 2008

“Water as a Way of Life”

Jerry Honowa, Hopi elder and advisor to the Black Mesa Trust, explains Native American cultural and spiritual connections to water, and efforts to incorporate traditional knowledge with Western science and technology to ensure a clean and healthy environment.

Treasurer’s Report

Prepared by: Ashley Fine

16 July, 2008

Balance Forward	\$2677.19
Income	
Contribution	20.00
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	2697.19
Expenses	
Reimbursement to Tom Pettit for conference	112.50
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Current Balance (unreconciled)	\$2584.69

Wildlife Symposium:

Current Balance- \$707.21

Badger P Mountain Fund:

YTD Interest 2007 - \$38.64

Current Balance – \$7148.54

Earth Day Account:

Current Balance (unreconciled) - \$811.57

Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee July 9, 2008 General Meeting

Ian Cordwell, AICP, Director of Planning for the Town of Cave Creek gave a presentation on the Annexation and Open Space Preservation of State land in Cave Creek.

The town revisited the General Plan and set up a meeting with the Arizona State Land Department Commissioner to inquire about changing some acreage of land along Carefree Highway into commercial zoning. To purchase state land for the purpose of open space within the town, a Conceptual Land Use Plan had to be completed and submitted before any State land would be sold. The town complied with the State's Open Space plan by evaluating the town based on certain criteria such as open space vistas, locations of slopes, washes and archeological sites, etc. The town also adopted two classifications for Open Space: Open Space Recreational, which allows for trails, recreational uses and buildings to be built on or around the designated area and Open Space Conservation, which also allows for trails, but preservation of the land as well.

**The town incorporated using city sales tax to help pay for the preservation of Spur Cross Ranch, which is a 2,154 acre conservation area that houses great recreational avenues and lush vegetation that is a draw for various wildlife. The town's non-motorized trail system has been upgraded to wrap around the county areas and connect the town from all points. With the citizen approval of \$50 million in bonds, the Utility department now manages the water supply for the town as well as the Desert Hills Water System that supplies water to unincorporated areas within the county. The town has also incorporated the use of open space guidelines for developers to ensure that each development has the same amount of open space in it. For additional information on the town of Cave Creek, you can visit www.cavecreek.org.
Working Group updates**

Jim Lawrence, Jeff Low, and Councilwoman Lopas held a meeting with Tom Guice and Steve Gaber from Planning and Zoning to discuss recommendations on PAD. Mayor Jack Wilson attended. At the meeting it was discussed to exclude the following from the definition of Open Space: golf courses, club houses, and swimming pools. The concept of "growing greener" was introduced, which will help keep density at the same level with 50% open space and 50% development. This would bring less roads and smaller privately owned lots and larger community areas of Open Space. We are attempting to work with potential developers to see if they would be interested in this concept before taking it to P and Z and the Council.. The working group is also looking into coming up with a process to educate local contractors and developers on the "growing greener" concept.

Steve Walker, Valarie Isley, Walt Anderson and Ron Smith met to discuss a television spot, to be done by Access13 to highlight open space in Prescott. According to Steve Walker, the group is progressing on an outline of topics and will likely send a script out to those involved after the next meeting. The spot should be presented by late summer.

Jeff Low presented the committee with the Master Plan updates and corrections made at last months meeting. It was suggested by Mayor Wilson that the request by the committee to be named a commission and the drafted Open Space master plan be submitted to council together.