

Open Space Alliance Council Meeting
May 17, 2006

Meeting called to order by President Tom Pettit at 5:05 PM. at 119 Grove Ave. Prescott, Arizona.

Present: Thomas Slaback, Tom Pettit, Ashley Fine, Janet Preston, Elisabeth Ruffner, Suzanna McDougal, Kerry O'Brien, Dorothy O'Brien, Jack Wilson, Laurel Freeman and Ed Parry.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Jack Wilson's guests, Mr. & Mrs. O'Brien from the Verde Valley were introduced to OSA members present.

AGENDA: Presented by Tom Pettit. Accepted.

ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Reported by Tom Pettit as follows- Website report (Jack Wilson comments on price were given in response to this), Property Purchase at 300 Montezuma and Greenways recommendation were presented.

MINUTES OF APRIL 19TH MEETING: Accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (attached) Given by Ashley Fine. Accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE: Two items of correspondence were presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Open Space Acquisition Committee report delayed until next meeting as they held their meeting concurrent with ours (Chairman Walt Anderson attended OSA later and gave his informal comments to that group).

State Trust Lands discussed with Elisabeth Ruffner answering questions. Comments were given by Mr. & Mr O'Brien regarding petition action in the Verde Valley.

Open Space Education/Acquisition Campaign was discussed along with Ashley Fine's repeat presentation of the Open Space Power Point Program on OSA accomplishments and recommendations. Ashley was again commended for her previous delivery of this program as she answered questions regarding it. It was recommended and accepted that the visual part be displayed on the website.

Verde River Basin Partnership was discussed, Jack Wilson gave his presentation on the Verde River Partnership and he and Mr. & Mrs. O'Brien answered questions and discussed the partnership.

Citizen Empowerment Alliance actions, so far, were discussed. Meeting Thursday, June 8 at 7 PM at The Grove Studio.

Earth Day actions were reported as on-going with contract pending.

Greenways Committee will meet. (Much discussion of gaining local interest and support through news coverage and reporting of local using groups of the trails system-including the Greenways Project-was accomplished with several suggestions and recommendations.)

NEW BUSINESS: Pertaining to Stewardship, Tom Petit spoke regarding the need for such a group as "Volunteers for Granite Dells" due to the proliferation of open space and interest of many individuals in that area.

(Open Space Acquisition Committee Chair Walt Anderson attended, was introduced, and entered into an informal discussion with the group at the last portion of the meeting.)

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM, same date and place.

Ed Parry
Recorder pro-tem

(Any correction, additions or deletions of these minutes should be presented at the June meeting.)