

Open Space Alliance Council Meeting
September 19, 2007
at 119 Grove Ave. Prescott, Arizona.

Meeting called to order by President Tom Pettit at 7:05 PM
Present: Tom Pettit, Howard Mechanic, Elisabeth Ruffner, Lora Lopas, Becky West,
Tom Slaback, Ed Parry, Jeanie Flood, Sally Hess-Samuelsan, Ken Simeral, and Libby
Majors

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance in each account:

General- 1005.02

Earth Day- 1897.66

Wildlife Symposium- 1897.66

Badger P- 7051.14

Correspondence: Bob Luzius sent information that the lawsuit regarding the Growing Smarter Act has been settled. Applications can now go ahead. The original application was submitted by the Open Space Alliance. OSA has until May, 2008, to make applications for matching funds out of Fiscal Year 2009 budget. Arizona States Parks website has information.

Unfinished business:

Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee: Lora Lopas reported that various properties west and east of 89 in the Granite Dells area are being investigated. New members of the committee have been appointed: Michael Byrd of Prescott Creeks, Jeffrey Low (with Yavapai County Flood Control), Bruce McKeeman (retired from National Park Service), and Ed Lutz (a retired banker).

October 17th 5:30 to 7:30 pm is the OSA annual meeting at the Freeman Building at the Rodeo Grounds. We will have an email requesting people bring in various items for the potluck dinner.

Regarding the Fann annexation: The five lane road appears to be needed for through traffic, not because of density in the immediate area. We will follow through after the city meeting on the cost/benefit analysis.

Sally Hess-Samuelsan gave a follow-up regarding future planning for the Prescott National Forest. The Forest will be inviting various groups to provide input on their visions for the future of the PNF. They would like a community meeting to bring in a broad base of five or six interest groups. They will then address various prioritized items. The date will be around Oct. 23rd or 24th. There will be a professional facilitator.

Tom Slaback reported on a meeting he had with various individuals and the Forest Service. This was regarding the fact that 50% of the trails in the PNF have been

designated to be used by Off Road Vehicles. Tom was unaware when this happened and will investigate. Sally said she would also investigate.

We heard a report regarding the Yavapai Ranch Exchange from Ken Simeral of PNF. The appraisals should happen in about six months. The Gray Wolf Landfill exchange has been completed. He also described how PNF obtains additional properties, and mentioned that they would be interested if citizens gave them leads for relevant properties.