

## Open Space Alliance Council Meeting

at 119 Grove Ave. Prescott, Arizona  
September 17, 2008

Meeting called to order by Jim Lawrence at 1:07

Present: Tom Pettit, Charlene Craig, Jim Lawrence, Howard Mechanic, Ashley Fine, Ed Parry,

Minutes of the August meeting were approved with the only change to indicate Jim Lawrence is not Vice President.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report is BELOW.

Jim reported that the web site is not getting many visitors. We're not going to continue to post monthly minutes at the site. We can address this issue again if there becomes demand.

Correspondence: None

Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee: Report is BELOW.

Annual Meeting: Ashley checked with the Rodeo Grounds, who wanted \$430 (much more than last year). Ashley reserved Granite Peak UU. The date is October 15<sup>th</sup>. Event starts at 5 pm. There will be a potluck and then an annual meeting.

Greenways: The city approved moving ahead with finalizing construction from Gurley to Mile High Middle School. There will be a volunteer work day in October.

Prescott National Forest Visioning: No report

Because of Tom's changed schedule, we will be changing the meeting date or time. He will work with Ashley to present three alternatives at the annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:33.

The Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee was held on September 10, 2008 in the City Hall, Lower- Level Conference Room located at 201 S. Cortez St, Prescott, Arizona.

### **Save Indian Hills Coalition Presentation**

Cathy Rusing, chairperson of the Save Indian Hills Coalition spoke to the committee on the restoration and preservation of Indian Hill. The Coalition is requesting that the Open Space Committee consider blanketing Indian Hill under Open Space. The current plan for the hill calls for an upgraded 1.3 million gallon water tank and additional cell towers. A discussion ensued and it was brought to

light that this topic is not something that the committee can take under consideration being that the City of Prescott owns the property. The City would have to indicate that they are a willing seller before OSAAC could evaluate the property to determine if it is a viable acquisition.

**Presentation by Dan Campbell on the Economic and Ecologic Value of Open Space.**

Dan Campbell gave a presentation on the economic and ecological value of Open Space. His presentation highlighted the various greenways, wetlands and open space in Yavapai County as well as throughout the state of Arizona. The presentation also focused on the biological, ecological and economical values that are at risk in the Arizona biodiversity due to habitat fragmentation and global warming.

**Review of Draft Open Space Commission Ordinance by Jeff Low**

Members have received a revised copy of the ordinance for review. Several changes are suggested, to be incorporated into the draft by Jeff Low. After further revision of the draft ordinance, a meeting will be scheduled with City staff, to include the Legal Department, Planning & Zoning Department and Parks & Recreation representatives.

**Working Group Updates**

Jim Lawrence of the Development Review Committee continues to monitor the progress of Yavapai County's Open Space Preservation Subdivision Ordinance. Meetings with developers are being scheduled to review the Prescott Ordinance.

The Community Outreach group has prepared a proposition for public roll-out, discussion of which is deferred to the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

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## Treasurer's Report

Prepared by: Ashley Fine

17 September, 2008

**Balance Forward** **\$2454.69**

### **Income**

No income to report

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**2454.69**

### **Expenses**

Website	85.50
GPUUC rental	75.00
GPUUC security deposit (holding)	50.00
Online bank fee	3.00

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**Current Balance (unreconciled)** **\$2241.19**

### **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**