

Open Space Alliance Council Meeting
March 19, 2008
at 119 Grove Ave. Prescott, Arizona.

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Jeannie Flood at 1:00 PM
Present: Jim Lawrence, Howard Mechanic, Tom Slaback, Ed Parry, Ashley Fine, Jim Washote, J.D. Greenberg, and Jeanie Flood.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as submitted.

The Executive Committee will not be meeting each month. They will meet only if necessary. They may discuss the agendas by email or phone.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report is below.

April 16th New Frontiers will donate 5% of all sales to OSA for use on Earth Day. Members are encouraged to buy gift certificates (which they can use themselves or give away) or make other expenditures on that date.

We agreed to renew our membership in Arizona Heritage Alliance for \$50.

Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee:

The committee met with Mike Fann regarding trails and open space on the property that was annexed. The city wants the east-west road to be graded to a width of about 120 feet, and they want to make the road straight, and they want a speed limit of 45 or 55 mph. Part of the road will go through open space. We may want to have a representative attend the Planning and Zoning Commission when this is discussed.

Jim Lawrence did not attend much of the last OSAAC committee. The proposed Open Space Plan was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The OSAAC expects the Plan to be approved by the Commission next week. A copy of the draft is attached.

Earth Day: The report is below. The committee is discussing the parade plans with the City. We are requesting one lane on Shelton be closed for the parade.

Prescott National Forest Visioning Process: Last week was the deadline for comments. On the 28th there will be a meeting to discuss the comments, and then on April 17th at the Highlands Center there will be a public meeting. The PNF also designated what trails will be designated for motorized. Some of the proposed motorized trails haven't been subjected to the NEPA process. Tom Slaback indicated he requested that PNF observe NEPA requirements.

State Land Initiative: Tom Slaback mentioned that according to the opinion of the Sierra Club, the efforts to work on a new state plan have fallen apart. He indicated the Sierra Club will do a simple citizen initiative.

Sharlot Hall Exhibit: The exhibit will be open April 4. There will be presentations on Sunday afternoons regarding various water subjects.

Announcements:

March 28th 10 am at City Hall in Flagstaff there will be a discussion against the Kaibab National Forest's decision to allow exploratory mining near the Grand Canyon.

The City of Prescott is renegotiating the contract regarding sewage sludge so there will be no future contamination of rivers and streams.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm

Treasurer's Report

Prepared by: Ashley Fine

March 19, 2008

Balance Forward **\$2114.21**

Income

Memberships and Contributions	165.00
City of Prescott Contribution for Band Shell (Earth Day)	250.00
Sharlot Hall Museum – reimbursement for stop payment	29.00

\$2558.21

Expenses

Earth Day Band Shell	575.00
Libby Majors Earth Day Coordinator	400.00
Reimburse Tom Pettit for expenses related to mailing	48.05
Reimburse Ashley Fine for postage stamps	40.97
Stop Payment on Check #1060 to Sharlot Hall Museum	29.00

Current Balance **\$1465.19**

Wildlife Symposium:

Current Balance- \$707.21

Badger P Mountain Fund:

YTD Interest 2007 - \$118.01

Current Balance – \$7092.11

Earth Day Account:

Expenses

Granite Creek Park Rental and Deposit- 170.00

Income

Donation from CC 69 Corridor- 335.00

Registrations- 120.00

Balance- \$435.57

Announcement:

2008 Conference on Open Space

”Quality Of Life Amidst Hypergrowth:
It Is Possible”

Thursday May 22, 2008

BLM National Training Center

At Metrocenter, Phoenix, AZ

Registration opening soon!

Phone 602-335-1962 for more information.

Arizona Parks and Recreation Association

Announcement:

We are pleased to announce that this year’s Open Space Convention has been moved to Arcosanti. Near the heart of the basin and directly above the Agua Fria River, Arcosanti is a most fitting location for an open space meeting. This year’s focus is the Agua Fria River. The Convention is being held on Saturday May 3. It begins at 8:30 AM with a bird walk, and will end at 3:00 PM. Speakers will cover various topics related to the river. The program will be emailed later.

We are still hoping to add speakers that will cover ranching, water quality, and the consequences of human water use for the future of the river. If you can provide a 20-minute update on any of these subjects please send a title by April 1. Abstracts are due by April 15.

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Earth Day Report March 2008

Fundraising:

We received a donation from Shaun Rydell at the city of Prescott for \$250.00. I suggest we put this donation towards the rental of the Bandshell.

We also received a \$40.00 donation from Prescott Yoga.

As I mentioned before we have a 5% Wednesday at New Frontiers on April 16th. I will draft an email about this to send out to our contacts.

We have a fundraiser coming up on the first of April at the Raven Cafe. The event will take place from 7-9 p.m. There will be a door charge of \$5.00. We will have a variety of performers throughout the evening. In addition to the money we hope to generate at the door we will also have a silent auction.

Publicity:

I am drafting the PSA for Earth Day to be sent out to our local events magazines and papers this week. I will also be sending it to the local radio stations. I plan on contacting AZ TV again to reserve a spot on their morning show a little closer to the event. Preliminary flyers for Earth Day and the Granite Creek Clean Up were sent out to every participating organization with their invitation letter.

Entertainment:

We have a sound technician on board to help us this year and I am in the process of getting musicians and performers together. It should be another awesome year of entertainment!!

Other:

All of our paperwork is turned in to the city. We are set to renew our insurance for the event. Coordination with volunteer groups is going well. I am sure there is more to tell but if anyone has any specific questions please call me at home 778-1098. Also, we are still holding regular meetings at 10 a.m. on Fridays at the Grove. Looking forward to another successful year!!!

Libby

Below is an article of interest from the Arizona Republic

Cave Creek poised to annex 4,000 acres of land

Beth Duckett

The Arizona Republic

Mar. 18, 2008 12:16 PM

CAVE CREEK - Cave Creek is in the final stages of a landmark annexation that would set aside more than 4,000 acres of untouched desert for preservation, and out of the hands of [developers](#).

The Cave Creek Town Council voted 7-0 this week in favor of development agreements with the Arizona State Land Department for the 8.8-square-mile annexation of mostly state trust land.

Officials predict it could finalize by this summer.

At a Town Council meeting Monday, council members praised town and state officials for the deal, which has been six years in the making.

"It would be difficult to quantify the amount of effort that has gone into this," said Vice-Mayor Gilbert Lopez.

Mayor Vincent Francia said he hopes the efforts encourage state land reform legislation.

In a deal between the town and Land Department, 6.7 square miles would be rezoned to open space, preserving it from sprawling suburbs and buffering the town from western encroachment.

In exchange, the town has allowed for more intense development along Carefree Highway between 28th and 36th streets, permitting the state to maximize the return on its sale or lease.

The annexation involves four separate areas north of Carefree Highway and east of the 24th Street alignment.

The largest site, called Rogers Wash, encompasses nearly 4,000 acres north of Rockaway Hills drive.

The 768-acre Willow Springs area runs west of the Spur Cross Road alignment and south of the Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area.

The third site, Apache Wash, is 720 acres west of 32nd Street, and the final "core site" includes 1,878 acres of in-town property.

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