

Open Space Alliance Council Meeting
April 16, 2008
at 119 Grove Ave. Prescott, Arizona.

Meeting called to order by President Tom Pettit at 1:00 PM
Present: Howard Mechanic, Ed Parry, Tom Slaback, J.D. Greenberg, Elisabeth Ruffner and Jeanie Flood.

Elisabeth read a portion of the Prescott Open Space Plan. We hope the public will be shown the plan soon.

City Council will thank the Jenners for the donation of their land in Skull Valley to the Central Arizona Land Trust. It is tentatively scheduled for the May 27th meeting.

Tom P. said there is a need for volunteers to help with set up and take down for Earth Day, this Saturday.

Judy will check with the city to see who is responsible for the City Calendar.
Tom P. will contact the city to see who is responsible for Keep Prescott Beautiful.

Greenways: Laurel met with Jeanne Trupiano, Eric Smith, and a representative with the Trust for Public Lands. They discussed possible contacts with Yavapai College and with the Tribe. The meeting with the Tribe was productive. There is concern about maintenance and security on the trail.

Tom S. reported on the Prescott Forest Visioning Process. There were hundreds on comments. The Off Road Vehicle interests did not show up at the follow-up meeting. The Forest Service Planner mentioned that there may be concerns about the legal prohibition against cross-country travel (unauthorized use of areas off trails and roads). Yesterday there was a meeting with representatives of all 9 communities that worked on the vision statement. The group put together what was agreed upon by all communities.

State Trust Initiative: Sierra Club has been able to get all their concerns addressed on the updated initiative which may start looking for signatures soon. The Prescott Area lands that were on the initiative two years ago are also included on this one. 575,000 acres will remain in the Trust, with other lands available for purchase.

New Business:

Tom P. called Debbie Horton, Director of Parks and Recreation. She suggested we talk with Mic Fenech regarding the Open Space area at Rodeo Grounds. Tom P. talked to Mic and Mic said he will be working on a Master Plan for the Rodeo Grounds late in the summer after the Rodeo.

ADOT Meeting: ADOT announced a 50-year plan. The alternate I-17 route will be west of Mingus, going through the last large Pronghorn habitat in the area. The bypass from Fain Road to Chino Valley will also go through Pronghorn area.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by Howard Mechanic.