

Open Space Alliance Council Meeting  
April 18, 2007

at 119 Grove Ave. Prescott, Arizona.

Meeting called to order by President Tom Pettit at 12:05 PM

Present: Tom Pettit, Jim Lawrence, Howard Mechanic, , Tom Slaback, Ed Parry, Robert Behnke, Lisa Barnes, Carmen Stagg, Ashley Fine, Lou Bellisi, Elisabeth Ruffner, and Jeanie Flood.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report is ATTACHED.

Earth Day expenditures have been transferred from other accounts and will be reimbursed in the next few days. Motion approved for OSA to donate \$500 to the Earth Day account from the general fund.

Correspondence: We received a letter from Jim Boyd, who is part-time Prescott Open Space Maintenance worker, asking if people would like to volunteer providing assistance in the program. ATTACHED

Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee is still meeting twice a month. They are working on the Parks planning groups, and are still working on new properties.

Prescott Streets Initiative: Rob Behnke explained the proposed initiative, and there was an extensive discussion with questions and answers.

Wildlife Symposium: Planning is going well. Many good speakers and presenters will be participating on a panel for the Friday night event. The Saturday schedule is also very full, and exhibitors are being added. After Earth Day, more effort will go toward working on the organizing of the Wildlife Symposium. Next meeting 1 pm April 17<sup>th</sup> at Cuppers.

Carmen Stagg introduced herself again. She is an Americorps worker who is connecting Prescott College students with volunteer projects with local groups – a project called The Ripple Project. Motion for OSA to sign contract to work with Ripple. Motion approved.

Greenways:

The written report is ATTACHED.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan: Laurel Freeman has participated in two recent meetings and is working to persuade Prescott to get a full-time Open Space Coordinator.

Motion to renew our membership in Arizona Heritage Alliance at \$35. Approved.

ATTACHED is an announcement about the upcoming national River Clean Up.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Howard Mechanic

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## Treasurer's Report

**Balance Forward (reconciled) \$3652.86**

### **Income**

Memberships and contributions 30.00

Earth Day Insurance Reimbursement 219.00

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**\$3901.86**

### **Expenses**

Band Shell Rental for Earth Day 475.00

On-line service fee 2.50

Earth Day Insurance 219.00

Earth Day Posters 151.69

Postage Stamps 7.80

**Current Balance—general funds available \$3045.87**

### **Badger P Mountain Fund:**

YTD Interest 2006 - \$28.75

**Balance – \$7020.64**

### **Wildlife Symposium Account:**

**Balance- \$1170.86**

### **Earth Day Account:**

#### ***Income:***

Registrations- \$445.00

#### ***Expenses:***

Libby Majors - \$400.00

Insurance- \$219.00

Printing for flyers- \$30.34

**Balance: \$243.97**

Email from Jim Boyd:

Let me introduce myself. I am the Open Space Stewart (p/t) for the City of Prescott. We also met while I was attending Prescott Area Leadership program last year.

I will not be able to make the meeting on April, 18th. I also work full time for Yavapai County. I do have a request. As you know we open up the Prescott Nature Center (Open Space) two weeks ago. I am looking for volunteers for the Nature Center. I need someone to greet the visitors during hours on Friday & or Sundays. I have other Open Space Areas that need my attention, such as the ATC problem in the Dells, the hill next to Thumb Butte (wildland fire possibility), Boyle/Debusk (dam & pond) and other open space areas. I even thought of doing something such as "The Friends of Acker Park" for the Community Nature Center. Eric Smith or myself can be reached @ 771-5899 or my cell (607-6054)

Greenways: april minutes and future plans

here are the belated minutes. i hope people are planning to come out for the creek clean up this saturday,(21st) and the earth day events. we will have a greenways table there, so it will be worthwhile. a lot of interest was evinced at the peace festival last month. Also, we need to decide if we want to go for the kodak grant. Tom P thinks he can put his hand on the previous unsuccessful one, that we should be able to work from and demonstrate how much further along we are etc. and if the detailed project report and budget have to be done for the fed. grant, if they will be ready before june 1, that is a lot of what they want for the kodak one. i agree with jan that it just looks good to get a grant, even if not huge huge bucks. we can get it in the paper for sure! So I would like to propose working on that as well as our display at the next meeting, May 7th. or before, if that makes more sense. I can get together early that day, any preferences as to when to start? thanks, laurel.

Focus the Nation <[www.focusthenation.org](http://www.focusthenation.org)>

Overview

Focus the Nation is coordinating teams of faculty and students at over a

thousand colleges, universities and K-12 schools in the United States, to collaboratively engage in a nationwide, interdisciplinary discussion about <sup>3</sup>Global Warming Solutions for America<sup>2</sup>.

Focus the Nation is based in educational institutions, but also is engaging Americans in their churches, mosques, synagogues, businesses and civic organizations. The intent is to focus the growing concern in the country about global warming, and to create a serious, sustained and truly national discussion about clean energy solutions, linking students and citizens directly with our political leaders.

During the spring, summer, and fall of 2007, Focus the Nation teams will be creating campus dialogue, sponsoring talks and debates, integrating discussion of climate solutions into curricula, and drawing in faculty from across the curriculum. From Oregon to Ohio, and Alabama to New Hampshire, professors will focus on global warming solutions in their classes, and travel with their students to interdisciplinary discussion sessions and forums. Because Focus the Nation will engage thousands of organizers, and tens of thousands of educators, millions of students will have the opportunity to be involved.

Focus the Nation will culminate January 31, 2008, in the form of national symposia held simultaneously at over a thousand campuses, places of worship, businesses, and other venues across the country. On that day, each Focus the Nation team will invite local, state and federal political leaders and candidates for office to come to campus and participate in a non-partisan, round-table discussion of global warming solutions. US Senators and members of congress, state representatives, mayors and city councilors, all will be receiving dozens of invitations to speak about global warming, from over a thousand institutions nation-wide. Every campus will also vote on their top five national priorities for global warming action, producing a campus-endorsed policy agenda for the 2008 elections.