

## Open Space Alliance Council Meeting

at 119 Grove Ave. Prescott, Arizona  
August 20, 2008

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Jim Lawrence at 1:05 PM  
Present: Jim Lawrence, Howard Mechanic, Ed Parry, Jeff Low, Charlene Craig, Tom Slaback, J.D. Greenberg

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report is BELOW.

### Correspondence:

A letter was received today from Patrick Graham of the Nature Conservancy and Chair of Prop. 103. It is BELOW.

Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee: Report is BELOW.

Greenways: The next stage is from Mile High Middle School to the Dinner Bell Restaurant on Gurley. Eric Smith will be making a presentation to City Council on September 2. There is a question where the needed funds will come from. There may be a need for volunteers to do a significant portion of the trail work. Many invasive species (especially large mature trees) may need to be removed.

Forest Visioning: The last meeting in Jerome had the outcome that resulted in splitting up the Stewardship program – one to do with trash and one with trails. Then the consultant wanted to split the trash group into two groups from each side of Mingus Mtn. The final visioning plan will be included in the Prescott National Forest General Plan.

Annual Meeting: There was agreement to hold the meeting at the Rodeo Grounds. Judy and Tom P. will check on available dates and run them by our active members to make sure the date doesn't conflict with something.

Howard announced he probably won't be available at the Sept. meeting to take minutes.

Paulden Sludge: The EPA visited the site, but they did not show up to meet with Sierra Club representatives until around 3 pm. However, the EPA representatives did meet earlier in private with Larson (the landowner). Larsen said it was a sod farm, but the fact is that since 2004 no sod has been grown there. There will be a wait of probably at least 3 months before the EPA is expected to release their report.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm. Minutes submitted by Howard Mechanic.

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## Treasurer's Report

Prepared by: Ashley Fine  
20 August, 2008

**Balance Forward** **\$2584.69**

### **Income**

Contribution 50.00

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**2634.69**

### **Expenses**

PCAC membership 80.00

Sharlot Hall Museum donation for guest speaker 100.00

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**Current Balance (unreconciled) \$2454.69**

### **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**

*From:* [Patrick J. Graham](#)

*Date:* 8/20/2008 7:59:23 AM

*Subject:* Prop 103- Keep the Faith



Coalition members,

As we expected, the Secretary of State (SOS) decertified Prop 103, Our Land, Our Schools because of insufficient signatures. We have completed a review of signature rejected by the SOS and are finishing up a review of signatures from Maricopa County. There were an inordinate amount of signatures rejected and based on our review many should be counted under the Constitutional standard of substantial compliance.

We took the only avenue available to us. We challenged the signature validation process in Superior Court late Friday. Now that we have completed the review of signatures for Maricopa County we will amend the challenge to include those signatures as well. A team has been busy combing through all the rejected signatures.

There was a status conference to set a schedule for the trust lands case. The hearing is next Tuesday at 10 AM. Judge Aceto knows that he must rule from the bench given the short time frame until the voter material is printed.

1. 8/19 4:30 Secretary of State must respond to our public records request
2. 8/20 4:30 our detailed objections to the County Recorder report and Secretary of State work due
3. 8/22 4:30 County Recorder response to our allegations due
4. 8/25 4:00 PM telephone conference with Judge
- 5, 8/26 10 am hearing

We have the same Judge as the TIME initiative. Their hearing is Thursday of this week. Since the legal issues are the same we should have some idea how the judge will rule. Obviously we have different numbers of signatures to challenge but the core issues on which we based the challenge are the same.

We expect to have closure on our status for the November ballot by **Wednesday, August 27th.**

There appear to be circumstances that have affected a number of initiatives and it is disappointing. What is important now is to keep the faith. Keep up our momentum. Reassure our supporters that this is another step in the process and we are confident that we will prevail.

The campaign is moving aggressively forward to win the election in

November. This issue is too important. The voters of Arizona must be given the chance to pass Our Land, Our Schools and we all need to continue working together to help them understand why. Thanks for all you are doing.

Pat

The General Meeting of the **Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee** was held on August 13, 2008 at 5:00 PM.

Chad Daines, Yavapai County Development Services Assistant Director gave a PowerPoint presentation on the County's Draft Open Space Preservation Subdivision Ordinance. He stressed the main goal of the ordinance is to prevent lot splits and to encourage clustered subdivisions. Citizen participation requirements will be infused into the ordinance.

Jim Boyd shared his ideas about a Master Plan for the Granite Gardens area; a need to increase revenues through development of recreational opportunities in open space areas; and a bronze monument to be placed on the White Spar Creekside Preserve at the entrance to Prescott from the south.

### **Work Group Updates**

Community Outreach: Dan Campbell reported that this group has come up with a complete marketing program. He suggests rolling out the marketing campaign in conjunction with a public event celebrating the passage of the ordinance creating the Open Space and Natural Area Commission, or with the approval of the Open Space Master Plan. Walt Anderson has been doing photography suitable to serve a slides in a PowerPoint presentation, and is still working with Cable One to produce a video.

Property Monitoring: Bruce McKeeman reports establishment of monitoring points in order to take photo records from the same spot over time. Brad Bergamini says that photo records have already revealed changes in some places due to erosion.

Development Review: Jim Lawrence has attended meeting of Yavapai County's Sustainable Planning Committee and has been pleased with his observations of their progress. Their committee is making sure that the development community is educated on sustainable building methods, and has participation from the largest development companies in the County. Work is continuing on modifications to Prescott's PAD code and Open Space Preservation Development code.

The Ordinance to establish the **Open Space and Natural Area Commission** and approval of the Open Space Plan is tentatively scheduled for the City Council meeting of October 14th.