

Open Space Alliance Council Meeting
December 19, 2007
at 119 Grove Ave. Prescott, Arizona.

Meeting called to order by President Tom Pettit at 1:00 PM
Present: Tom Pettit, Jim Lawrence, Howard Mechanic, Becky West, Elisabeth Ruffner, Ron Smith, Judy Greenberg, Tom Slaback, Ashley Fine, and Jeanie Flood.

Rob Hehlen gave us a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Prescott Circle Trail. See http://www.yavapaitrailsassociation.org/Resources/prescott_circle_trail.html to see a map of the trail showing the completed and updated sections.

Actions of the Executive Committee:

There was a suggestion to increase individual membership from \$10 to \$15.
There was a discussion regarding the Open Space tax.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report is ATTACHED.

Correspondence: We received a letter from ASU's Institute for Sustainability regarding input they are seeking regarding a study they are doing on the Big Chino Project. Tom P. will respond.

Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee: Report is below. The committee will continue to do extensive work around the Granite Dells area. The committee is in the process of deciding who the Chair or co-chairs will be.

Wildlife Symposium: Ashley will soon present a report on the event as far as what went well, what can be approved, and suggestions for future events.

Greenways: Laurel made a presentation along with Eric Smith to City Council about the progress. Jeanne Trupiano will be making a presentation to Mile High Middle School. Steve Morgan will be doing a landscape design for the school section of the trail.

Fann Annexation: The Open Space Committee will continue to work with the developer in placement of open space and setbacks around the Peavine Trail. Elisabeth has an appointment to talk with Mike Fann and his staff regarding permanent preservation of open space areas.

Forest Service visioning: Tom sent out an email regarding the various sub-groups. Tom S. stated that since there wasn't much input regarding expanding Wilderness Areas, it appears that the visioning statement will not address Wilderness Areas.

Ashley suggested OSA make a contribution to Sharlot Hall as a contribution toward the water exhibit. Motion made for OSA to donate \$500 to Sharlot Hall for the exhibit.
Approved by consensus.

For Earth Day: We need to reserve the space and bandshell. We will decide soon if it is on April 19th or another day.

State Trust Land Issue:

Prescott's Open Space Committee is in the process of making application for matching open space funds from the state for both Glassford Hill and Badger "P" Mountain. The funds have been set aside pending resolution of a law suit, which has now been settled. Jim suggests that we send letters to the legislature asking they oppose using the Growing Smarter funds to help balance the expected state budget shortfall. Without object, OSA agrees to send out an email asking for such letters.

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Treasurer's Report

Prepared by: Ashley Fine

December 18, 2007

Balance Forward	\$1344.21
Income	
Memberships	100.00
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	\$1444.21
Expenses	
AZ Corporation Commission	10.00
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Current Balance	\$1434.21

Wildlife Symposium:

Previous Balance- \$529.06

Current Balance (unreconciled)- \$520.66

Badger P Mountain Fund:

YTD Interest 2007 - \$90.22

Balance - \$7082.11

Earth Day Account:

Balance in checking - \$550.57

Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee

Open Space Purchase

The City of Prescott, Mayor Jack Wilson, Lora Lopas, the Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee, and the Parks, Recreation and Library Department are announcing with great pleasure the latest Granite Dells property to be set aside for preservation. The Committee has been working on the purchase of this property and other Granite Dells properties for five years. The parcel opens up great possibilities for extending the Willow Lake Trail through the Dells on the west side of Highway 89. The 8.5 acres contains massive granite boulders, wildlife habitat, vistas and a future

trail. The Opens Space Acquisition Advisory Committee has already been planning trail routes through this rugged terrain, which adjoins City of Prescott property near Willow Lake.

The next meeting is January 9. 2008 at 5:30 PM lower Conference Room