

## Open Space Alliance Council Meeting

at 119 Grove Ave. Prescott, Arizona.

January 16, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Tom Pettit at 1:00 PM

Present: Tom Pettit, Jim Lawrence, Howard Mechanic, Ed Parry, Suzanna McDougal, Jovita Fine, Jim Washote, Libby Majors and Jeanie Flood.

Earth Day: Libby Majors gave a report on her work and plans for this year's event to be on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion to approve payment to Libby at \$10 per hour for approximately 10 hours per week for 12 weeks not to exceed a total payment of \$1200. Approved unanimously.

Wildlife Symposium: Ashley handed in a notebook with a full report and comments on the symposium. Below are some comments/reflections. If anyone wants the full report, please contact Ashley.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report is below.

### Correspondence:

We received a copy of a letter from Eric Smith (below) regarding the Prescott Circle Trail. He will ask Council to approve an application to the state to get funding for trail construction. He has also requested that city open space funds be used for part of the costs to obtain access through the P Mountain area. Jim mentioned that open space funds are not available and that if a small parcel is purchased the price per acre would be much higher than if all of P Mountain was purchased.

Tom P. filled in the ASU Global School of Sustainability survey and found out that the survey is not funded by any funder, but the money is coming from general funds.

Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee: Report is below.

Work on the Greenways is continuing. The final property owners are being contacted.

Tom Slaback has been attending meetings for the Forest Visioning Plan.

Tom P. will attend a meeting in Phoenix with the State Land Department. Also attending will be Mayor Wilson and members of the Open Space Committee. They will discuss the possibility of purchase of P Mountain and Glassford Hill. Because of the shortage of city funds the city may initially be able to purchase only a portion of the area.

Membership Renewals: Jim printed out dues reports. We now have 161 people on our list, of which 91 have paid memberships within the last two years. We will be mailing out renewals to the 91.

We need to get a good list of contacts with the various community groups that might be interested in our issues. Perhaps Libby can find out who the present contacts are when she reaches the groups regarding Earth Day. Suzanna will contact Audubon Society to see if we can make a presentation to their group.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by Howard Mechanic, OSA Secretary

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## Treasurer's Report

Prepared by: Ashley Fine  
January 13, 2008

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| <b>Balance Forward</b>                                     | <b>\$1434.21</b> |
| <b>Income</b>  |                  |
| Lifetime Membership  | 500.00           |
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|  | <b>\$1934.21</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |                  |
| Contribution to Sharlot Hall Museum<br>(for water exhibit) | 500.00           |
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| <b>Current Balance</b>                                     | <b>\$1434.21</b> |

### **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**

## **Wildlife Symposium 2007 Reflection/Comments**

### **Successes:**

- Community field trips
- Children's Activities
- Articles in the Courier by Symposium presenters
- One hour radio program- KPPV radio
- Approximately 600 people attended
- Invitation for Open Space Article in Prescott e-news

### **Things Learned:**

- 9:00 am is too early as a start time
- There were too many presentations scheduled simultaneously
- Mixed messages from presenters could be problematic
- Need a firm commitment from guests for certain aspects of program (ie. face painter and Adobe Mtn Re-hab canceled last minute)
- The emphasis for publicity should be during the last week before the event.
- Wind blows
- We can't control everything

Letter from Eric Smith to Open Space Advisory Committee:

Greetings All,

Since I am unsure if I can join you Wednesday evening, I wanted to forward the following three items:

1. I had a good meeting with Rob Hehlen as a follow-up to his presentation to you on the Prescott Circle Trail. He is very interested in providing a similar presentation to City Council in the coming weeks, at which time (i.e., with your endorsement), he would pose the question and request a resolution about earmarking up to \$640,000 from the open space acquisition account for the purchase of the required easements on State Trust Lands. At the same time, he'd be asking City Council for permission to apply for an Arizona Heritage Fund Trails Grant (application due 2/28) to build the trail, and is ready, willing, and very qualified to write the grant for the City of Prescott. The above mentioned open space funding would demonstrate the needed commitment to Arizona State Parks to secure the trail construction grant. With your endorsement, we would request the ability for Rob to make the necessary presentation very soon.
2. At your request, we are moving towards setting up the requested meeting in Phoenix with the State Land Commissioner and Sales Manager to discuss the detailed process in purchasing State Trust Lands as open space (i.e., Badger Mountain and Glassford Hill). For those of you who expressed interest in the meeting, could you provide Valarie with dates you're available through mid-February? Tom Pettit, President of Open Space Alliance, [tpettit@northlink.com](mailto:tpettit@northlink.com), is requesting to join the group traveling to PHX for the meeting.
3. On a final note, our Prescott Fire Department is interested in conducting some prescribed burns within the 18-acre Community Nature Center Open Space Preserve. If you have concerns, or would somehow like to be more involved/informed, please let me know.

Thank you,  
Eric Smith  
Parks and Trails Superintendent

Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee Report from Jim Lawrence:  
With Chairperson Lora Lopas's election to City Council she has been appointed as Council liaison and was replaced by Co-chairs, Michael Byrd and Jeff Low. The committee was also expanded to twelve members.

New members Brad Bergamini and Steve Walker were introduced. Brad is in the real estate industry and Steve's background is in forest ecology and wildlife conservation.

Ron Smith passed out the final draft and completed format of the Open Space Master Plan. After over a year of hard work it is ready for printing.

A field trip will be arranged with Valarie Isley's assistance for the new members to see open space purchases and prospects. The field trip is open to staff and other Committee members.

Next Scheduled Meeting: 2/13/08

Jim Lawrence