

Open Space Alliance Council Meeting

January 18, 2006

Meeting called to order by President Tom Pettit at 5 pm.

Present: Tom Pettit, Becky West, Laurel Freeman, Charlene Craig, Libby Majors, Tom Slaback, Ed Parry, Ashley Fine, Janet Preston, Howard Mechanic, Elisabeth Ruffner, Ron Smith, Jim Lawrence, Helene Kaplan.

Executive Committee Actions:

Membership renewals will be sent to individual members and organizations.

A contract (below) has been signed with Libby Majors to coordinate Earth Day event on April 22nd. If anyone is interested in helping to organize or participate in the event, please contact Libby at serpentbird@peacemail.com

Tom talked to Eric Smith regarding the status of the federal transportation grants. He is concerned that the rails-to-trails grant may be lost because it expires soon. He feels the Greenways project is still workable. There will be a Greenways meeting probably in February to discuss future action.

Treasurer's Report is below. Balance is \$3439.42.

Elisabeth submitted two bills for \$43.37. Approved for expenditure.

Ecosa Institute will have an open house Jan. 27th at 7pm, at their location on the alley by the Middle School Field near Goodwin and Montezuma.

Report from Jim Lawrence regarding the Open Space Advisory Committee is below.

Tom talked with Richard Sims regarding OSA partnering with Sharlot Hall in getting a coordinator for a Wildlife Symposium to be held in Spring of '07. We will get a job description and put together a budget, seek candidates and will consider this around May.

Charlene reported that the Tenny property will be developed soon. Charlene suggests that there be planning on setting up trails from neighboring properties to Acker Park, so there won't be a bunch of social trails.

Laurel made a presentation regarding a proposal to acquire the old Susie Q's property to be set up as a portal into the trails around Granite Creek.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by Howard Mechanic.

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14 December 2005

Treasurer's Report

Reconciled Balance Forward \$3372.42

Income

Memberships and Related Contributions 75.00

\$3447.42

Expenses

Reimbursement for stamps and copies 8.00

\$3439.42

Unreconciled Balance –general funds available \$3439.42

Badger P Mountain Fund:

YTD Interest 2005 - \$47.04

Balance – \$6915.07

Earth Day Account:

Balance - \$1620.14 – checking

Balance - \$916.84 - savings

Earth Day Coordinator

Job Description/ Contract

Responsibilities Include:

- a) Secure details with the City and/or Parks and Recreation for use of public facilities
- b) Obtain insurance for the event
- c) Fundraising

-APS

-New Frontiers

-other

d) Coordinate Performers/ Speakers and details of entertainment

e) Publicity – Radio, Newspapers, Community Access TV, and Posters

f) Coordinate food with local vendors (New Frontiers, Pangaea, etc.)

g) Organize and recruit volunteers and oversee a planning committee for the Event

h) Invite organizations to have tables and demonstrations and plan lay out of tables for the day of the Event

i) Give monthly reports via e-mail to the executive committee of the Open Space Alliance as well as attend the monthly OSA meeting (third Wednesday of the Month at 5:00pm at 119 Grove Ave) to give a report on the status of the planning process

Compensation for Position:

\$10.00/hr for approximately 10 hours/week from Jan 29 to April 22 (12 weeks) not to exceed a total payment of \$1200.00

Libby Majors Date

Earth Day Coordinator

Thomas L. Pettit Date

President of the Open Space Alliance

Report of Open Space Advisory Committee - January 11, 2006

George Worley reported that the PAD revisions recommended by the Open Space Advisory Committee had been reviewed by the re-write committee and he expected them to be included in the non-controversial change cycle starting in February.

The OSAC will be requesting to the Prescott City Council that :

a. That it budget for funds to restore the staff position of Open Space and Trails Coordinator

b. That the maintenance budget for stewardship of the City-owned Open Space adequately reflect recent and proposed new additions

c. That the portion of sales tax funds set aside for Open Space Acquisition be increased substantially from that previously projected

Discussion was held about changing Prescott Land Development Code to require all PAD developments be reviewed by the Open Space Advisory Committee. This is currently recommended by staff and all current large developments have voluntarily complied. A sub-committee was formed to perform site visits and report to the whole committee at each meeting. Lora Lopez, Ann Tewksbury and Jim Lawrence volunteered for the sub-committee.

Al Bates announced that Patrick O'Brien had resigned from the Committee.

Next meeting - February 8, 2006 5:30 pm

Jim Lawrence
