

## Open Space Alliance Council Meeting

at 119 Grove Ave. Prescott, Arizona

January 21, 2009

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

Present: Jim Lawrence, Howard Mechanic, Ed Parry, Jim Gray, Elisabeth Ruffner, Tom Slaback, Colleen Sorensen, Jeanine Trupiano.

### Actions of the Executive Committee:

At our last meeting we formulated a position on the Roads Tax Extension.

Tom P. presented our position to Mayor Wilson and then verbally presented to Council. His letter also appeared in last Sunday's *Courier*.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as amended with the following paragraph under Background corrected as below:

In 1995, voters approved a 1% sales tax for the assured streets program for ten years. In 2000, Prescott voters approved a ballot proposition which extended the 1% sales tax until 2015, for both city streets and open space acquisition. OSA worked diligently for the passage of that proposition. The resultant revenues have been split between streets and Open Space acquisitions. Council limited the expenditures on Open Space to \$40.7 million over the fifteen-year period. Mark Woodfill, City of Prescott Finance Director, estimated in 2006 that if sales tax revenues increased only 3% per year (much lower than was experienced at that time) total revenues from the 1% sales tax for the 10-year extension period will be about \$163 million. That means Open Space would get about 26% of the total projected revenues over the ten years, with 74% going to roads.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report is BELOW.

Correspondence: None

Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee: Report is BELOW.

Jean Trupiano, the liaison for the Greenways Committee, reported with an update on activities. The committee will be meeting later today to discuss the Bike Plan. The present Phase 2 Greenways Project is now underway. The landowners in the Easy Street to Roughrider Park area have not yet allowed easements in that area. Jean talked to Eric Smith to see if part of the trail would be accessible by Earth Day. It is being worked on, and we will be notified. The committee is working to get cash donations for materials needed for construction.

The federal grant has been extended informally. Generally, this type of funding must be spent or it goes away. So action may need to be finalized soon. A few property owners may not want to donate easements, so money may be needed for acquisition. Jim Lawrence suggested the Greenways Committee approach the Open Space Acquisition

Advisory Committee to see if Open Space funds can be used for any of the Greenways costs.

#### Streets Tax Extension:

At the last meeting we approved our position, and we communicated this position widely. We notified all our organizational members of our position and asked if they had any comments or problems with the position statement. We did not get much response. We will again contact our member groups and ask if they support or oppose our position. We will deal with this again at the next meeting.

#### Next Meeting's Agenda

There was agreement to discuss in the February meeting what our By-laws says about the OSA Council making decisions, and when decisions have to be made by the full membership. (If someone has a copy of the By-laws, please contact Howard so we can send out.)

#### Earth Day:

We had about 6 or 7 responses from our ad to get an Earth Day Coordinator. Tom P. and Ashley interviewed several of the applicants. Motion: Approval to appoint Nancy Hans to the position. Motion approved. April 15<sup>th</sup> will be 5% Wednesday at New Frontiers. People are encouraged to buy merchandise (including gift certificates) that day since 5% of all sales will go to our Earth Day fund.

Colleen Sorensen from Manzanita Village talked about their community having a rainwater harvesting workshop in conjunction with Earth Day. It may be a week before or a week after Earth Day, since the workshop will be over a whole weekend.

We will need a theme for this year's event. It was suggested that Land Stewardship be this year's theme.

Motion to make Dave Jenner an honorary life member. Approved.

The National Forest Visioning: Tom S. will be suggested trash cans be installed and used in some remote camping areas. The draft Prescott National Forest Plan revision is on their web site. There will be two public meetings to present: Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Cliff Castle Casino and Thurs. Feb. 26 at 5:30 at Yavapai College Building 19 Rm 147

February 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the Mayor's 2050 Visioning Committee public meeting from 1 to 5 at Prescott High School.

Tom S. is looking for volunteers to help with a skit on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Courthouse Plaza. This is part of the efforts to help protect the Verde River.

He reported on the CYMPO road plan and said that because there has been so much opposition, ADOT is taking comments at [www.bqaz.gov](http://www.bqaz.gov) – click on Central Arizona

The Executive Board of CYMPO will be meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> and will vote on the Verde River crossing.

Minutes submitted by Howard Mechanic, Secretary

## OSA Treasurer's Report

Prepared by: Ashley Fine  
21 January, 2009

<b>Balance Forward</b>	<b>2265.88</b>
Income	
No income this month	
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	2265.88
Expenses	
Earth Day Ad	54.80
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<b>Current Balance (reconciled)</b>	<b>2211.08</b>

### Other Accounts:

#### Badger P Mountain

Income- No activity  
Expenses- No activity  
Balance- 7165.67

#### Wildlife Symposium

Income- No activity  
Expenses-  
    Domain Name Fee- \$10.69  
Previous Balance- 707.21  
New Balance- 696.52

#### Earth Day

Income- No activity  
Expenses- No activity  
Balance- 801.57

The Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee held its General Meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, in the City Hall, Lower Level Conference Room,

located at 201 S. Cortez St.

Central Arizona Land Trust provided a presentation – *Overview & Opportunities for Collaboration*.

Granite Gate Resort discussed the Open Space implications of their pending County application.

The PAD Working Group reported on the a second meeting with Fire Marshal on possible street standard modifications for new PAD Open Space Development.

Executive Session reported on status of a number of potential acquisitions.

Jim Lawrence