

Open Space Alliance Council Meeting

at 119 Grove Ave. Prescott, Arizona.

May 14, 2008

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

Present: Howard Mechanic, Ed Parry, Jovita Fine, Jim Washote, Becky West, Jim Boyd, Jeanie Flood, Rod Spann, Garry Rogers, Chris Hosking, Dhara Kothavala, J.D. Greenberg, Tom Slaback, Lou Bellesi and Ashley Fine.

Tom introduced a presentation on Willow Lake Open Space areas in relation to the properties obtained through the Lakes purchase and adjacent areas. Chris Hosking, who works with Parks and Rec made the presentation regarding existing and proposed trails. He would like to complete a trail around the whole lake. That would require purchase or easement through only one piece of private property. Some extensions to the existing trail have been completed.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as submitted.

The Executive Committee approved registration and travel expenses for Tom to attend the Conference on Open Space in Phoenix. They also approved an expenditure of \$100 for a gift to Libby Majors who is leaving town. She has been coordinating Earth Day.

OSA approved a motion to endorse the State Land Trust Initiative.

Tom P. will approach Council Members Lopas and Luzius to ask them to put on an agenda the proposal to have the Council endorse the initiative.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report is Below.

Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee: Michael Byrd, co-chair, made a report. The Hazelwood property is progressing with mitigation. Jim Lawrence has been working on a proposed schedule for future budget expenditures. Regarding the roads through the Fann Annexation Area: The main east-west road will have a 100 foot wide area graded for future potential use, even though initially the road will only be three lanes. This will be put on the agenda for next meeting.

Greenways: Laural has been in contact with Ron Miller of the City of Prescott to see what type of gateway to the Greenways can be installed at the Fire Station.

Report from Laurel Freeman May 27, 2008

The mile high deal is in survey stage, we are working on setting up a follow up meeting with the tribe, to propose connecting the 700 feet or so to the roughrider park and trails, and the adot negotiations are ongoing. jeanne is meeting with eric tomorrow for further updates, but i guess this will have to do for now

Forest Visioning: Tom Slaback said the various area groups will meet to try to combine the different localities' visions.

PR: Tom P. submitted a response to the Courier's editorial regarding Open Space, and will help to develop a Talk of the Town.

Next meeting we will be having a discussion regarding future Earth Days' planning.

Below is the final Earth Day Report from Libby Majors. Also below is a listing of upcoming water lectures at Sharlot Hall.

Garry Rogers made a presentation regarding the Agua Fria Open Space Alliance and planning for the area's lands, which is composed to a large extent by BLM lands. The area is from Glassford Hill to Black Canyon City. The group is doing mapping and monitoring of vegetation in the area.

Announcements:

Tom Slaback said the Sierra Club is still looking for volunteers to help with Verde River monitoring.

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Minutes submitted by Howard Mechanic

OSA

Treasurer's Report

Prepared by: Ashley Fine

21 May, 2008

Balance Forward **\$2529.19**

Income

City of Prescott (for Earth Day) 250.00

Memberships and Contributions 25.00

2804.19

Expenses

Arizona Heritage Alliance	50.00
Libby Majors- moving gift/ bonus	100.00
Current Balance	\$2654.19

Wildlife Symposium:

Current Balance- \$707.21

Badger P Mountain Fund:

YTD Interest 2007 - \$21.73

Current Balance – \$7131.63

Earth Day Account:

Income

Registrations- 90.00

Current Balance (unreconciled) - \$811.57

Earth Day Final Report 2008

Overall I feel that Earth Day was another delightful success!
Thank you to everyone who helped to make this possible.

Contributors:

This year we had forty contributing booths. I sent out nearly one hundred invitation letters. I was greatly pleased to see all who were in attendance. I would however suggest that we have just one row of booths instead of two facing in on one another. I think this would create a greater sense of people presence and not leave things feeling so spread out. Also I think each booth should pull in closer to the band shell.

Additionally, I think it would be great to have more food vendors. I did however run into some obstacles with the Health Department

that resulted in many restaurants not wanting to come to our event. The Health Department requires a pretty large fee in order for them to participate in an event like this and many of them felt that the cost would not be recovered in sales.

Publicity:

The publicity push went really well this year. There were a few contacts that I made that did not print anything on our event. I am not sure what happened but I think it may have had something to do with how I saved the PSA file. A few people did email me that they were unable to open the document. I changed the file type and resent the PSA but it may not have made it in time after this initial blunder. I also did television and radio, both proving to be successful. We had stories in the Daily Courier both before and after the event.

Fundraising:

We were pretty successful with our fundraising this year. Although, I feel that this is always an aspect of Earth Day that could be a job in itself. As with other things this is something that should be started sooner. Some of the groups that I wanted to sponsor our event just needed to be contacted earlier in the year. Given that I have several other jobs it is difficult for me to donate my time to give this area the attention it needs. We need to imagine new ways to raise money through out the year for Earth Day if we want our event to grow.

Personal connections are so key in fundraising so if anyone in our community knows a business owner or an influential employee then perhaps they should be the one to contact them?

Entertainment:

I was very pleased with our entertainment this year. I also received excellent feedback from the community. Again, if we want bigger acts to come in we need to be able to pay them.

Community Collaboration:

It was truly a pleasure working more closely with Prescott Creeks to make this event an even larger success. I hope that the seed has been planted through our efforts to get a more permanent committee together to help organize this event. Michael Byrd has some good ideas of people he thinks would be key to have on this committee. The more we can include important players from our community the better chance we have of reaching the diverse demographics of Yavapai County.

Conclusion:

This is my final year of coordinating Earth Day. I will be moving out of the area by the summer. I have had an amazing experience being a part of this event and want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for this opportunity. I hope that Prescott Earth Day continues to be a success!

Water Presentations at Sharlot Hall Museum

June~November 2008

“Water Lectures”

All Lectures are presented on Sundays at 1pm in the Sharlot Hall Museum Gallery

415 W. Gurley, 2 blocks west of Courthouse Plaza

928/445-3122 www.sharlot.org

For information on Lectures, contact Barbara Cook

For information on Volunteer Training Classes, contact Gretchen Guice

Efficient Water Use In and Around the Home

Andy Millison- Permaculture/ Rain Water Harvesting Specialist

Shaun Rydell- City of Prescott Water Conservation Coordinator

June 1, 2008 1:00pm

Pumps, Pipes and People: The History of Prescott's Water

Mike King- Retired Prescott National Forest Supervisor

June 28, 2008 1:00pm

A Statewide Water Perspective

Karen Smith- Assistant Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources

July 27, 2008 1:00pm

Not a Drop to Drink: Arizona's Last Great Drought

Douglas Kupel- Author and Historian with the Arizona Humanities Council

August 3, 2008 1:00pm

Regional Perspectives: Water Development Projects in the Big Chino Aquifer

Panel Discussion including:

Greg Kornrumpf - Salt River Project Representative

John Munderloh - Prescott Valley Water Resource Manager

Mark Holmes- Chino Valley Water Resource Manager

Joanne Oellers- Center for Biological Diversity Verde Program

Doug Von Gausig- Mayor of Clarkdale VRBP

August 17th, 2008 1:00pm

Showing of the film A River Reborn

with guests Vince Randall and Mindy Schlimgen

September 7, 2008 1:00pm

Preservation of Arizona's Riparian Corridors

Dan Campbell- The Nature Conservancy

September 28, 2008 1:00pm

Water Ways: Water, Human Nature, and Human Culture

Dr. Eugene Anderson- author of Ecologies of the Heart

October 26, 2008 1:00pm

Arsenic in Drinking Water: Toxicity, Testing and Treatment

John Zambrano- Retired water quality specialist

November 2, 2008 1:00pm

Water as a Way of Life: Cultural and Spiritual Connections to Water

Jerry Honowa- Hopi Advisor to the Black Mesa Trust

November 23, 2008 1:00pm