

AGENDA



**SPECIAL SESSION
MAYOR and COMMON COUNCIL
Of the
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
473 S. Main Street #106
Wednesday, August 6, 2008
5:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Discussion with the Town Attorney in order to consider its position and instruct the attorney regarding Council's position regarding pending or contemplated litigation relative to the establishment of a park.** Note: Council may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to ARS §38-431.03(A)(3) for discussion or consultation with the attorney for legal advice, §38-431.03(A)(4) for discussion or consultation with the attorney in order to consider Council's position regarding pending or contemplated litigation.
4. **Adjournment**

Posted by: _____

Date/Time: _____

Note: Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.3, the Council may vote to go into Executive Session for purposes of consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney on any matter listed on the Agenda, or discussion of records exempt by law from public inspection associated with an agenda item.

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**TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
Council Agenda Action Form**

Meeting Date: August 6, 2008

Meeting Type: Regular Session

Type of Presentation: Verbal Only

REFERENCE DOCUMENT: Black Bridge Park Name

AGENDA TITLE: (Be Exact):

Presentation by Lynda Moore Parks & Recreation Director on the status of the name for Black Bridge Park, followed by discussion and possible direction to staff relative to naming the park.

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the January 2, 2008 Council meeting, Council directed staff to consult with the Rezzonico family to determine if it would be acceptable to name the park "Black Bridge Park" with appreciation noted on the sign to the Rezzonico and Babbitt families. I have talked with the Rezzonico family and was not able to come to a compromise regarding the park name. I believe that this issue is now above staff level.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S): (Suggested Motion)

N/A

Type of Document Needing Approval:

Finance Director Review

Budgeted/Amount

N/A

Comments: Attached is a time line of the events that took place.

Fund:

Line Item:

Submitting Department: Parks & Recreation

Contact Person: Lynda Moore

Town Manager/Designee:

Please Note: You are responsible for checking out, setting up, and returning all special equipment to the Clerk's Office.

Memo

To: Mayor & Council
From: Lynda Moore, Parks & Recreation Director
CC:
Date: 7/30/2008
Re: Black Bridge Park Name

In regards to the naming of Black Bridge Park, I was not involved in any of the negotiations that took place concerning the name of the park, costs etc. I have gone through the files on numerous occasions and I have done my best to try and reconstruct the events that took place in chronological order. They are as follows:

Dec. 1, 2004 – Letter sent to Town of Camp Verde from Sound Investments stating that the Rezzonico family would reduce the price of the property from \$350,000 to \$250,000 if the Town would agree to give the trust a \$100,000 tax write off.

May 7, 2006 – Council directed Town Manager, Bill Lee to open an escrow account to purchase the 4.4 acres for the amount of \$250,000. The appraised value of the property is \$280,000.

June 21, 2006 – Council discussed with Town Manager Bill Lee the price for the purchase of the property. Mr. Lee confirmed that the amount requested by the sellers was \$250,000, which he stated was well under the asking price and that the sellers requested that the park be named after the Rezzonico family. An alternative suggestion was made by Council to construct a monument with a plaque recognizing the senior member of the Rezzonico family and agreed it would be appropriate to have a similar plaque recognizing the Babbitt family.

Oct. 16, 2006 – Town Manager Bill Lee delivers a letter to Louis Rezzonico at Camp Verde Feed thanking them for the generous price reduction of \$100,000. He states in the letter that for the Rezzonico and Babbitt contributions the Town plans to dedicate this park in both family names. Details regarding the dedication and plaques still needed finalizing.

Jan. 2007 – Town Manager tells Lynda Moore Parks & Recreation Director to put this on the Parks & Recreation Commission agenda and have them make a recommendation to Council on an official name for Black Bridge Park. He said to please tell the commission that the Rezzonico family reduced the price of the property in exchange for naming it after the family. The Commission's recommendation was "Rezzonico Black Bridge Park" and to call the trails "Babbitt Trails".

Following the January Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, Manager Lee would not allow for the naming of the park to be put on Council agenda.

Jan. 2, 2008 – Selection of park name was put on Council agenda. Council directed staff to consult with the Rezzonico family to determine if it was acceptable to name the park “Black Bridge Park” with appreciation noted on the sign to the Rezzonico and Babbitt families.

Shortly after that I met with Louis Rezzonico and he said that I would have to contact his brother Bill regarding the matter and that he already knew that he was going to be very upset because Town Manager Bill Lee had told them that the park would be named after the Rezzonico family.

May 22, 2008 – Lynda Moore called Bill Rezzonico and discussed the name of the park. He stated that the manager had told him that the park would be named after the Rezzonico family and that the trails would be named after the Babbitt family. He said that he only made the donation (\$100,000 discount) for the recognition of his parents. If the Town did not want to name the park after the family then he would make a small donation and ask the town to return the remaining \$100,000. I told Mr. Rezzonico that I would go through the files again but that I had not found anything in the paperwork in regards to the park name.

June 2008- Lynda Moore called Bill Rezzonico for the second time and asked if he had a copy of IRS form 8263 for donated property. He told me that he did not have that, at which time I asked if he had anything from his taxes showing the tax write-off and he said no. He told me that he was not going to sue or make this a big fight, but we either named the park after the family or return the \$100,000. He felt that politics should be laid aside and that the Town should follow through and honor the word of the past Town Manager.

**MINUTES
SPECIAL SESSION
PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
PARKS & RECREATION
CONFERENCE ROOM
Friday, January 25th, 2007
4:00 P.M.**

Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.
Public input is placed after Commission motions to facilitate future research.
Public input, where appropriate, is heard prior to the motion

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Vice Chairperson Parker, Commissioners Ellington, Mason and Teague were present; Chairperson Moore and Commissioners Clawson and Wilson were absent.

Also Present: Parks & Recreation Director Lynda Moore, and recording secretary Jessie Jones.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Commissioner Teagues.

5. Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public input.

6. Discussion, consideration and possible recommendation to Council on park amenities and overall design of park.

On a motion by Parker, seconded by Teague the commission voted unanimously to recommend to Council to leave the existing constructed Black Bridge Loop Road access to the park as built, begin adding amenities to the park that the grant will allow, add a second parking lot at the south end of the park with the access off Moser Lane and add a walking trail to lead to the North end giving access to the river and boat ramp, allow for improvement to bring the existing Black Bridge Loop Road to current Town Street Codes.

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Discussion, consideration and possible recommendations to Council on name for park and trail.

On a motion by Teague, seconded by Ellington the Commission voted unanimously to recommend to Council the name of the park should be Rezzonico Black Bridge Park and the main trail to the boat ramp be named Babbitt Trail and Boat Ramp.

It was brought to the attention of the Commission that the Rezzonico family would like their name in the park as they had asked for in the negotiations in the sale of the land, it was also stated that the Babbitt name also be used in the naming as they had donated a large portion of the land.

8. Commission Informational Reports:

Mason reported on the upcoming Merchants' event scheduled for the weekend of the Pecan and Wine Festival. Also there is a car show in the works that she and a few other merchants are working on.

Judge Bluff explained that he was recommending that Council designate the Magistrate position as a part-time position to ensure quality candidates. Bluff also advised that the Court staff was exemplary and it had been a pleasure working with them. In closing, Bluff noted that he had himself been an elected official and understood how difficult it was for Council members at times. He encouraged them to 'hang in there' and said that it had been a pleasure working for the Town. Council offered their appreciation for his service.

There was no public input.

10. **Presentation, update, and discussion of Black Bridge Park and the SLIF grant.** (Staff Resource: Lynda Moore)
Council took no action on this item.

Director Moore displayed a PowerPoint presentation that outlined work that had been completed, work that needed to be completed, cost estimates, and some potential issues if the new library is constructed in its present location. Parking space requirements, portable vs. permanent structure restrooms, and potential locations of the road were discussed. Smith noted that Yavapai County would not let anything be constructed in the floodway, so it was likely better to go with the portable option. Smith also explained to the public that the parking space requirement was the Town's and that we could not waive requirements that we impose on others.

Public Input

Robin Whitley expressed concern that the determination of the road should be brought before the Parks Commission and she asked the Manager what his rationale was in making this determination. She also said that she did not understand the rush because the Town is not in a position to actually begin construction of a library at any time in the foreseeable future.

Michael Scannell responded that he has not made any determinations about the park. He explained that there needed to be a reasonable understanding of exactly where the new library would be sited before determining the park amenities. The Town Engineer discovered that the architect had noted that overflow parking would be in the park. Scannell advised that that might or might not be acceptable with the granting agencies or the benefactors that donated the land. He advised that before anything happens, it would come before the Council for a debate and decision. He said that staff was not cutting a road or making decisions. He closed with saying that he would not tolerate being accused of doing things that he has not done.

Paul Clawson said there was no need for 126 parking spaces at the library, noting that there are seldom more than 10 to 20 vehicles there in a day. He suggested that the area be looked at in a 'singular' fashion as opposed to two separate projects, the park and the library.

11.

Discussion, consideration, and possible selection of the name "Rezzonico Black Bridge Park and Babbitt Trails", currently know as Black Bridge Park.

Council directed staff to consult the Rezzonico family to determine if it was acceptable to name the park a shorter name such as, Black Bridge Park, with appreciation noted on the sign to the Rezzonico and Babbitt families.

Council members felt that the proposed name was too long and that people would always call it Black Bridge Park. Council discussed the option of placing a 'thank you' to the families on the sign.

12. **Discussion, consideration, and possible notification to Bob Blevins, owner of a First Street parcel in Camp Verde concerning the following: a) the property is ineligible for the Brownfields Project Development Program; and b) the Town wishes to waive its interest in acquisition of this land.**

Council directed the Manager to notify Mr. Blevins that the Town will waive interest in acquisition of this property.



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by Rezzonico

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October 16, 2006

Louis Rezzonico
Hand Delivered

Re: Mary P. Rezzonico Revocable Family Trust
Donation and Dedication

Dear Louis:

I write on behalf of the Town officials, Camp Verde citizens and staff. I want to sincerely thank you and your family for your generous land price reduction of \$100,000 on the 4.025 acres purchased by the Town. For clarification, the asking price of the property was \$350,000. You generously reduced the property value by \$100,000, which allowed the Town to purchase this land.

The 6.6 acres donated by the Babbitt family and the purchased 4.025 acres were combined into one contiguous parcel. The Town's goal is to develop this site into a park with river access. The Town plans to accomplish this goal through our partnership with Arizona State Parks and the State Lake Improvement Fund 2005 grant award.

For the Rezzonico and Babbitt's contributions the Town plans to dedicate this park in both family names. Some of the details regarding the dedication and plaques need finalizing. I will keep you informed regarding the dedication.

Our long-range plan is to incorporate the park into a river trail system. The ultimate benefit of this project is to provide open space and a recreation facility for everyone's enjoyment. So again, thank you for your contribution. I really appreciate your commitment to our community.

If you wish to speak to me regarding this matter, please contact me (928) 567-6631 x 102 or by e-mail at blee@cvaz.org.

Respectfully,

Bill Lee,
Town Manager

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As you know the Babbitt family donated the property next to the one that the Town acquired from your family. Upon combining the two properties the Town now has over ten acres along the Verde River. The Town's goal is to develop this site into a park and provide river access.

For the donations by the Rezzonico and Babbitt families, the Town plans on dedicating a portion of this park in both family names. We are still working on the details of this dedication and would appreciate any suggestions from you and your family.

Our long-range plan is to incorporate the park into a river trail system. The ultimate benefit of this project is to provide open space and a recreational facility for everyone's enjoyment. So again, thank you for your donation and willingness to work with the Town during the time of procurement and grant funding. We really appreciate your commitment to our community.

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Respectfully,

William Lee

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