AGENDA

CAMP VERDE TRAILS AND PATHWAYS COMMISSION
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
473 S. Main St. Room 106
Tuesday, October 14th, 2008
6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Consent Agenda** – All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as Consent Agenda Items. Any item may be removed from the agenda Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a committee member so requests.
   a. **Approval of the Minutes:**
      1) Regular Session –August 12, 2008
      2 Regular Session- September 9, 2008 Cancelled

   b. **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**
      1) Regular Session – November 11, 2008

5. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda** - Pursuant to ARS 38-431.01.G, residents are encouraged to comment about any matter not included on the agenda. State law prevents the Council from taking any action on items not on the agenda, except to respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, ask staff to review a matter, or ask that a matter be included on a future agenda.

Public Input may be invited on the following:

6. **Discussion, consideration and possible selection of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.**

7. **Discussion, consideration and possible approval to set meeting times and dates.**

8. **Discussion in regards to the August 12, 2008 presentation by Judy Adams and Heather Provencio from the USFS Red Rock District in regards to Jackson Flat.**

9. **Discussion in regards to the requests by Bill Stafford from the USFS on ways the Trails & Pathways Commission can assist in moving forward with General Crook Trail Crossing.**

10. **Discussion in regards to the past proposed trail system from the Envirozeum site, east of the Bashas area. (Request**

11. **Discussion of possible bike and walking pathways on existing roads.**

12. **Report by Bea Richmond regarding the Dead Horse State Park Trails Coalition followed by possible discussion of the report.**

13. **Report by Bea Richmond followed by possible discussion regarding the Verde Valley Regional Trails Plan meeting.**

14. **Discussion in regards concerning pathway/trail from Ace Hardware to present Camp Verde Library, east side of Montezuma Castle Highway. (Requested by Commissioner Richmond)**

15. **Discussion, consideration and possible approval for the Trails & Pathways Commission to clean up the urban trails/bicycle paths at Hwy 260, Main Street and Finnie Flat Road. (Requested by Commissioner Espinosa)**

16. **Discussion in regards to a bicycle path/urban trail at Montezuma Castle and Arena Del Loma. (Requested by Commissioner Espinosa)**

17. **Discussion, consideration and possible approval for the Trails & Pathways Commission to clean up the urban trails/bicycle paths located on Finnie Flat, Salt Mine Cellar, Old Main Street to Hwy. 260. (Requested by Commissioner Espinosa)**

18. **Discussion in regards to creating a bicycle path/urban trail to the new park location. (Requested by Commissioner Espinosa)**

19. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.**

20. **Commission Informational Reports** Individual members of the Commission may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for informing the public of such events and activities. The Commission will take no discussion, consideration, or action on any such item, except that the individual Commission member may request an item be placed on a future agenda.

21. **Staff Report and discussion.**

22. **Adjournment.**

Posted by: Lynda Moore Date/Time: Oct. 10, 2008 3pm

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MINUTES
CAMP VERDE TRAILS AND PATHWAYS COMMISSION
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Tuesday, August 12th, 2008
6:30 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**
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Haddon at 6:32 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**
Chairman Haddon, commissioners Strubhar, Reddell and Espinosa were present; Commissioner Piner arrived at 7:00 p.m.; Commissioners Richmond and Mitton were absent.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge was led by Commissioner Strubhar.

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   a. **Approval of the Minutes:**
      1) Regular Session –July 8, 2008
      2) Work Session – July 8, 2008 Cancelled

   b. **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**
      1) Regular Session – September 9, 2008

On a motion by Espinosa, seconded by Reddell, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

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No Public spoke.

Public Input may be invited on the following:

6. **Introduction and welcome new Commissioner Ele Espinosa.**
Commissioner Espinosa introduced herself to the Commission and gave a brief description of her history, interests and hobbies.

7. **Presentation by guest speakers Bill Stafford and Travis Bone from the USFS Coconino Forest Ranger Station Regarding the status of the West Clear Creek General Crook Trail Crossing, followed by possible discussion.**
Bill Stafford gave a presentation and the history of the General Crook Trail to Fossil Creek, Coconino Forest. Wood Cutter, Jackson Flat and the General Crook were proposed trails to be added to the map. General Crook has the fewest issues and seemed to be the easiest and came with collection agreement $10,000 dollars ($5,516.00 balance remainder in the account). With the connection thru state highway 206 and the Verde Lakes area connecting to the forest road 708. Travis Bone worked on the project with three options for crossing. The Forest Service will be seeking the Towns help in "knocking on doors" in the projected area. Archeological and biological clearance is needed, scope of work, contacting all parties, proposed action documents and significant issues pending. Additionally there will be a need for more money that the government will not be handing out, "they come hat in hand".

The Forest Service is looking for help with access to private land and city owned property. Survey was done from 708 road to Fossil Creek Road, the discoveries made were not significant enough to speculate any major issues concerning the affecting the trail site. See attached maps with options for the proposed options of the trails. The alternatives were described and outlined with the options, issues, hazards, property lines, ROW, and access to land and possible creek access points. Of the three options, number one seems to have the least conflict and an easy out. All interested partied need to be contacted with the affect and issues pertaining to their involvement. This year the Forest Service has committed to do the proposed action, public scope, evaluating the issues and finishing the surveys, proposed to the 09 fiscal year. The Forest Service is mainly looking for financial help to continue with this project. What type of trail would this be, most would be multi purpose with non-motorized.

8. Presentation by Judy Adams and Heather Provencio from the USFS Red Rock District in regards to Jackson Flat, followed by possible discussion.

Heather Provencio spoke in regards to a letter addressed to Lynda Moore, June 2, 08 Re: Jackson Flat Trail Proposal. The Forest Service is unable to work on the proposal for a variety of reasons, do not have the capacity, many vacancies, finish General Crook Trail, very short handed. The Jackson Flat area is something the Forest Service has been talking to the Yavapai Apache Nation about a land exchange, they do not want to encumber those lands in any way. The Forest Service hesitates to entertain any more project for that land. The Forest Service stated they encouraged the Commission to speak directly to the Yavapai Apache Nation regarding the land. Commissioner Reddell asked if the Yavapai Apache Nation were the land owners, if they are not why are you referring us to speak to them. Why would be go to someone who does not own the land. There are papers that are not filled out, why has no body informed the commission of this till now. The Commission has showed interest in the land for years. A new park is in the works and the Jackson Flat Trail has been in the general plan since the 90's. It is the purpose of the trails committee to connect the surrounds communities. Letters from Mayors speaking in the interest of the land from the earliest date of 1991. The Town has sent many letters of interest, and the option of the Town being considered for possible access would be appreciated. We have shown interest since 91', why has not the Forest Service notified us about the paper work. Can the Forest Service let the Yavapai Apache Nation know that they Town is interested as well and has been for sometime. Would it jeopardize the negations with the Yavapai Apache Nation if the Forest Service were to say that the Town is now interested. If the Forest Service and Yavapai Apache Nation move forward, there will be public input and the Commission is welcome to attend. The Town does not want to be left out negotiations. Since there is no formal agreement the thought of mandating a trail thru the proposed land trade to the Yavapai Apache Nation would probably not hold water. The Forest Service has been talking to the Yavapai Apache Nation since the early 90's as well. Why was there no brain storming and why did nobody inform the Town that again about the paper work. Four Mayors have been involved, we do not want this to be a surprise to the Yavapai Apache Nation the Town has had interest as well since the 90's. Once the formal agreement is reached the Forest Service and Yavapai Apache Nation there is no updating of the revisions once guidelines are met between the parties. The Forest Service does not want to put restrictions on any piece of property. It would be better for the community and the Nation to come together with an agreement. This is a situation where multiple parties are interested in the same land and want different things. There was no formal action/application for the wood cutter and general crook trail, there was a collective agreement between the Town and the Forest Service. What do we need to be on the record; are we now on the record. What about the collection agreement that we are in now. The formal letter to Heather is now the record of interest from the Town. The letter will be pulled and will go into the public process and would want to work with each party interest in the Jackson Flat area. There is nothing formal at this point, the proposal is uneven at this point. If the trail that is already there is

historic, what role will that play. NEPA process, if it's a historical route, there may be a chance of not being able to do anything with the trail.

9. **Discussion in regards to the past proposed trail system from the Envirozeum site, east of the Bashas area.**
Judy Piner requested this item and gave a brief description of the project.
Liaison Moore informed the Commission that the project is dead in the water now, due to Simington Ranch.
Piner still wants to pursue the river walk. "If we build it they will come." Is this something the commission agrees that is important for the community. Can we make it happen, in the form of a river walk.

This item is request on the next agenda.

10. **Discussion of possible bike and walking pathways on existing roads.**
Commissioner Richmond was absent, this item will be carried over to the next meeting.

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There is no right of way, this would be not a spot for a trail. A bike path is on the opposite side of the road already.

14. **Report by staff followed by possible discussion regarding the Finney Flat Sidewalk Project.**
Liaison Moore reported that she has spoke to the Town Engineer and the piece of land talked about in the about does not tie in to the project. This land is possibly privately owned. This grant has been sitting for years and any change to the project could jeopardize the entire funding. Possibility for the Commission to work on this project.

15. **Report by staff followed by possible discussion regarding the timeline and process for requesting items to be placed on the agenda.**
Liaison Moore updated the Commission on the Agenda Action Form. 10 Days prior to the meeting date the request needs to be turned into the Parks and Recreation office.

16. **Discussion of the August 11, 2008 field trip to the trails and proposed trails.**
The Commission thanked staff for the time and effort for putting together the tour. It was appreciated by all who went, the Commissioners all know where the site are now.

17. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.**
There was no public.

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Larry, he enjoyed the field trip, it was a big plus. Need to do it again.

Piner, agreed with Strubhar on the field trip, apologized for the work session having to be cancelled. She has been working hard on the Trails Policy.
Reddell, Jackson Flat back on the agenda and she enjoyed the field trip.
Espinosa, happy to be on the Commission and enjoyed the field trip.
Haddon, thanked Piner and Reddell for all their work. Item 8, 9, 10, 13 & 14 to be placed back on the agenda. Request for $10, 000.00 of funds and to council what to communicate to the Forest Service regarding item 7.

19. Staff Report and discussion.
Moore reported the hiring of R B F Consulting to be the consultant to the new community park, 9 various meeting with R B F to discuss the option for the park. Add to the September agenda discuss the work session trails policies.

20. Adjournment.
On a motion by Strubhar seconded by Piner the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Perry Haddon, Chairman

CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Trails & Pathways Commission of the Town of Camp Verde during the Regular Session of the Trails & Pathways Commission of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 8^{h} day of July 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2008.

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Jessie Jones, Recording Secretary