

MINUTES
CAMP VERDE TRAILS AND PATHWAYS COMMISSION
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, February 12th, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Mitton.

2. Roll Call

Chairperson Haddon, Vice Chairperson Mitton, Members Reddell, Piner, Strubhar and Richmond were present; Member Whitt was absent. Chairperson Haddon noted that Whitt has submitted a letter of resignation from the Trails & Pathways Commission which he read for the record.

Also Present: Staff Liaison Lynda Moore and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Reddell.

Vice Chairperson Mitton stated for the record that he was conducting the meeting at the request of Chairperson Haddon who is feeling ill from eating the wrong food and may have to leave the meeting momentarily.

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 – January 8, 2008

b. **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**

1) Regular Session – March 11, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Haddon, seconded by Piner, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

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

Bill Stafford, from the U. S. Forest Service, was invited to speak, and gave an update on the Forest Service Coconino National Forest efforts in relation to the Camp Verde Trails Commission, including archaeological studies being conducted on the General Crook Trail and the costs associated with the project. There was also a brief discussion with Member Richmond to clarify some of the issues outlined regarding archaeological sites; Mr. Stafford assured the members that the Forest Service does care and is moving on the projects. In connection with Jackson Flat, Mr. Stafford said that there is no commitment from the Forest Service with the Town on that trail; there is commitment to the Tribe to allow land exchange. Mr. Stafford added that there is probably a need for the Town to get with the Tribe and resolve that issue of the need for that trail. He said they hope to review the documents provided by Reddell and the Commission to dig into the subject more so that when the District Ranger gets involved she will have the proper information available.

6. Update and discussion by Bea Richmond regarding the Dead Horse State Park Trails Coalition followed by possible discussion of the report.

Member Richmond presented her report on the January 17th meeting of the Coalition; a copy of the written report is attached as Exhibit 1 and made a part hereof.

7. Update and discussion by Bill Mitton regarding the proposed Ryal Canyon Trailhead.

Mitton said that he had no update to offer; he has heard nothing further.

8. Update and discussion on the draft Trails and Pathways Policy.

Piner outlined the draft documents that she had included in the agenda packets incorporating the changes from the recent Work Session; she will be working more on the Glossary as well as the Trails plan as she receives and integrates more information. The members discussed the subject of allowing 4-wheel drive vehicles on abandoned roads and trails, and expressed concern that the responsibility or stewardship of the Trails & Pathways Commission does not include any type of motorized travel over any of the trails and pathways. It was suggested that the Town be requested to expand the stewardship of the Commission to include motorized vehicles. There was considerable discussion regarding the need to plan for motorized use of the trails; Haddon volunteered to schedule a meeting with the Mayor to informally discuss expanding stewardship to include motorized vehicles on trails, based on a general consensus of the Commission. However, it was decided that the issue of expanding stewardship, or mandate regarding motorized use of trails, is to be included as an agenda item for discussion and possible action at the March 11th meeting. There was further discussion regarding setting a Work Session to finalize the draft Trails & Pathways plan; Moore will follow through and arrange for the Work Session, possibly in two weeks.

9. Update and discussion of the Copper Canyon Trailhead project. Discussion may include, but not be limited to Town maintenance of the road and trailhead, staff meeting with Dee Hines, U.S.F.S. and progress of project.

Moore said that last week she and Town Manager Scannell met with Dee Hines to discuss the Copper Canyon grant to determine what the Town's responsibility is in connection with the grant. Hines has stated that a representative from the Town is needed to assist with the coordination of the in-kind donations. The issue of responsibility for improving the road was also discussed at length. The letters from the Town regarding participation by the Marshal's Office and emergency vehicles are dated back in 2002, so are very outdated. There was considerable discussion of the need for a project coordinator, or contact person, for the in-kind donations, and what the role of that person would be. Reddell said that she has confirmed that the previous commitments for in-kind donations are still valid; she also suggested that the next time a meeting is held between the Town Manager and the U.S. Forest personnel, the Trails & Pathways Commission also be represented in order to know what is being discussed and so that the Town Manager will be aware of commitments that have been made by the Town in the past.

Moore said she will be meeting with Town Engineer Ron Long to bring him up to date on the road maintenance issue; members of the Commission are welcome to attend. Moore was also requested to ask Councilor Smith if he would volunteer to be the coordinator for the in-kind donations since he apparently has expressed interest in doing that.

10. Discussion, consideration, and possible appointment of a Commission member to follow up, confirm, and arrange the in-kind donations as they relate to the USFS grant for the Copper Canyon Trailhead project.

On a motion by Haddon, seconded by Reddell, the Commission voted unanimously to continue Item 10 to the next meeting for further consideration.

The members referred to the discussions held in the previous agenda item, and the possible participation by Ron Smith; it was pointed out that the issue specified appointment of a Commission member and after further discussion it was decided to continue this item to the next meeting.

11. Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to the Chair and/or appointment of a Commission representative to make a presentation and request to Council to reaffirm the commitment as described by the letters of support for the Copper Canyon Trailhead project from former Marshal Wischmeyer, dated April 9, 2002, committing to law enforcement support and from Clayton Young of the Camp Verde Fire District, dated March 20, 2002, verifying the availability of emergency

services and a request to Council for approval to maintain the road to the Trailhead.

On a motion by Haddon, seconded by Piner, the Commission voted unanimously to appoint Commission Member Reddell to make the presentation to Council as outlined.

Reddell explained that she had talked with Scannell to bring him up to date and to make him aware that the issue of the road was high on the list of people who verified their complaint against the trailhead and were pleased that they would have police protection and ambulance service. Moore added that Dee Hines is asking that the Town patrol the area; Marshal feels strongly about stepping into the jurisdiction of the County, so the proposed subject presentation is very important. After some discussion, Reddell agreed to make such a presentation. Moore will arrange the date for the presentation to Council.

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

There was no public input.

13. Commission Informational Reports

Richmond said that she is deferring to Piner for a report on the Regional Plan meeting in Jerome.

Reddell requested that the issue of Jackson Flat be returned to the agenda for next month for discussion and possible action; also the General Crook Trail that Bill Stafford discussed this evening.

Mitton requested that Item 7 be returned for next month for update and discussion by Bill Mitton on the Ryal Canyon Trailhead.

Piner reported on the Regional meeting in Jerome that included information on how trails plans got started in Sedona. Of special note was the similarity of input from various people on what they were interested in.

It was suggested an agenda item for discussion of the Verde Valley Regional Trails Plan and appointment of a representative.

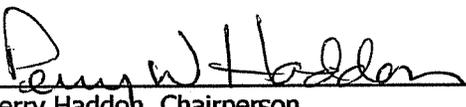
Haddon distributed copies of the letter he had sent to the Forest Service representatives, by consensus at the last meeting, to attend a Commission meeting and give an update on Jackson Flat. Haddon also wanted to confirm that there will be an agenda item included to provide for a request the Council to expand the Commission mandate to include motorized transportation on trails.

14. Staff Report and discussion.

There was no Staff Report.

15. Adjournment.

On a motion by Haddon, seconded by Strubhar, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.


Perry Haddon, Chairperson

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 12th day of February 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2008.

Margaret Harper
Margaret Harper, Recording Secretary