

**MINUTES**  
**CAMP VERDE TRAILS AND PATHWAYS COMMISSION**  
**TOWN OF CAMP VERDE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Chairperson Haddon, Vice Chairperson Mitton, Members Reddell, Piner, Richmond and Strubhar were present; there is currently one seat vacant.

**Also Present:** Staff Liaison Lynda Moore, Councilor Ron Smith, U.S.F.S. Representative Dee Hines, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Mitton.

**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 – March 11, 2008
- 2) Work Session – March 11, 2008 Cancelled Lack of Quorum

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

- 1) Regular Session – May 13, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Work Session – May 13, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

There was no public input.

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

Member Richmond read her written report on the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Dead Horse State Park Trails Coalition, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Chairperson Haddon suggested that Richmond speak about the letter she has drafted to send to the Yavapai-Apache Nation as a member of the Trails Coalition, requesting an opportunity to meet with Chairman Beauty to ask why they were not involved in all the aspects of trails throughout the County, and would they like to be involved. Richmond asked whether the Commission wanted her to bring up the issue of Jackson Flat; Haddon said that she would be acting as a citizen involved in many groups, and did not want the appearance that she would be acting on behalf of the Commission. Richmond said she would be asking whether Chairman Beauty thinks she should go before their Tribal Council, because she thinks that they may have something of the same image or vision that Camp Verde does. Haddon said he would talk privately with her about that, and perhaps makes it an agenda item for another meeting.

Reddell pointed out that the Commission had previously agreed to discuss the issue with Judy Adams and Mr. Stafford first; Haddon suggested that further discussion would be more appropriate under Item 11. Richmond said the issue could be put on the agenda for her to report on it at the May meeting.

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

Mitton reported that he had met with Blair Jenner today; Mitton told Jenner that he would probably be seeing Dee Hines tonight. Jenner asked Mitton to have Hines call him; he is waiting to hear from Hines.

**Dee Hines** commented from the audience that he had talked with Mr. Jenner and had explained that the land exchange process can be cumbersome, especially for a small single exchange, adding that it would work better to combine it in a large exchange that may be developing. There was some further discussion between Councilor Smith and Hines on the issue of applying for an OHV grant, with Hines commenting that it is worth looking into.

**Smith** came to the podium and summarized the conversation with Dee Hines regarding the possibility of applying for a grant next year to acquire or develop the Ryal Canyon Trailhead; the original trail was constructed with OHV money. The Commission could get the ball rolling on that grant; the grant cycle is February '09. Smith explained that every OHV contributes money to a fund; the fund is pooled for the creation of trailheads and other improvements, including more OHV trails, and any unused money goes back into the General Fund. That would be another avenue to explore if the land trade did not work. Smith said that grants may be a good way to go, that he and Reddell have been working on the Copper Canyon Trail for a number of years and hopefully it will get done this year. **Hines** agreed that the idea has a lot of merit and is worth looking into. A land exchange will not be executed inside of a year, and Hines said that the Forest Service is currently working on the Copper Canyon project, and that needs to get underway before taking on another project.

Mitton told **Hines** to not hesitate to call Blair Jenner; he has lots of money and is not holding his breath, but would like to see the trade happen. **Hines** said he has provided the information to a group that is interested in putting together an exchange; Mr. Jenner had indicated that would be fine.

**8. Update and discussion by staff of the Copper Canyon Trailhead Project. Discussion may include, but not be limited to letters from the Marshal's Office, Fire Department and the Streets Department regarding servicing the area, staff meeting with Dee Hines, U.S.F.S. and the progress of the project.** Moore advised the Chairperson that this agenda item should have been revised somewhat since it was discussed last month and instead should have indicated an update and report from the liaison group on where they stand. Haddon said that the item was written broadly enough that the discussion can be held.

Reddell gave an update on the project as well as the concern of the Forest Service for a liaison to work between the Town and the Forest Service on the in-kind donations. Moore confirmed the status of the paving and construction of the road. Reddell outlined the liaison group to work on the in-kind donations headed by Councilor Smith with Reddell and Mitton. Reddell suggested that Mr. Hines give an update on the project.

**Dee Hines** explained the importance of having the Town named as the liaison between the Forest Service and the Town; that would allow one agreement to be entered into with the Town of Camp Verde instead of with each individual or entity volunteering a donation. Mr. Hines commented that determining the location of the trailhead was influenced by the issue of vandalism.

The Commission then discussed with Mr. Hines at length the subject of how to discourage vandalism, his suggestion to train a group to patrol an area on a regular basis, and questioned whether it is necessary to include restrooms. There were mixed

opinions regarding whether the restrooms were necessary. There was also discussion on installing cameras to help prevent vandalism, as suggested by Councilor Smith. Smith briefly discussed with Hines the status of the in-kind donations. A meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in the Marshal's conference room with the U.S.F.S and the three individuals working on the in-kind donations. Mr. Hines advised the Commission if things were done other than what is in the grant; that will have to be bounced back off of the State.

**9. Update and Discussion by staff regarding a meeting date with Bill Stafford and Judy Adams of the U.S.F.S. Item may include but not be limited to the dates, time's locations and update of the General Crook Trail projects.**

Moore reported that she did speak with Bill Stafford; they are not ready to come before the Trails & Pathways Commission because of the pressure of work and not having had time to review the paperwork that Reddell had submitted.

Chairperson Haddon said that he hoped they were not putting off a meeting for the purpose of letting time pass to where the Town no longer was able to file a protest. Moore explained that Mr. Stafford has said they will call when they are ready. Haddon confirmed that the meeting was about the Jackson Flat issue. Moore was requested to continue to call them at least once a month.

**10. Discussion of Jackson Flat and the General Crook Trail that Bill Stafford had discussed at the February 12, 2008 meeting.**

The discussion continued with the question of whether to contact the Forest Service since they are the de facto owners of the property, or go to the Yavapai-Apache Nation. There was the comment that both fronts need to be pursued, or the Commission would be remiss in its duties.

Chairperson Haddon suggested that the agenda items are not being written broad enough to allow for some discussions; every time he tries to write an agenda item somebody tries to narrow it down, and the Commission should be able to discuss all aspects of how to pursue obtaining rights to go across the Jackson Flats. After further discussion it was pointed out that Mr. Stafford had referred to the Jackson Flat issue at the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Haddon reiterated that it is incumbent upon the Commission to pursue both fronts; if a pleasant meeting can be had with the Y-A Nation and everything wanted can be accomplished, then we should endorse whatever their efforts are.

Moore suggested that the issue be brought to the Town Manager who has been meeting with Chairman Beauty; it may be something they can discuss informally, and perhaps get a feel as to what is happening in the Jackson Flat area. The members discussed the plan for Richmond to meet with Chairman Beauty, and suggested that it might be appropriate to discuss the issue if it is brought up, and whatever Richmond could come back and report would be fine. There was also some speculation on what plans the Nation had for the Jackson Flat area if they were to acquire it.

Councilor Smith cautioned that it would be wrong to approach the Nation for anything other than cooperation; also, the previous Chairman and his Council were very amenable to integration of trail systems as long as the Tribe is included. Every effort should be made to earn back the trust of the Nation that was lost years ago.

**11. Discussion and update of the Verde Valley Regional Trails Plan.**

Member Richmond reported on the March 27, 2008 Regional Trails meeting; a copy of her written report is attached as Exhibit 2.

The next Regional Trails Planning meeting will be held April 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, tentatively in the Parks & Recreation Conference Room.

- 12. Discussion, consideration and possible direction to Council asking to expand the Commission's mandate to include motorized transportation on trails.**  
Chairperson Haddon said that he and Piner attended the State Trails Conference and were impressed with the motorized component of that Conference which led to the feeling that it is necessary to address motorized use of any trails being considered, either for or against. Piner added that the Commission is working on a Trails Policy; it is directed by the Town's General Plan that indicates that non-motorized vehicles are being looked at. Moore reported that she had not had time to research trails policies of other communities as had been requested. Moore said she would follow up and e-mail to the members any responses prior to the May 13<sup>th</sup> Work Session.

**Councilor Smith** pointed out that many trails were put in the General Plan as multi-use. He recommended that the Commission prepare the Trails Policy that will then have to be approved by the Council at which time a statement can be made regarding expanding the mandate to include motorized transportation. Smith described how trails are designated in Montana.

**Dee Hines** said that when it comes to trails, integrated planning is something that the Forest Service supports.

- 13. Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.**  
**Dee Hines** reported on the Forest Service building plans for their new office. There are plans to station one personnel at the Chamber of Commerce office one day a week for the purpose of providing visitor information services.

**Ron Smith** commented on the "green" building being planned by the Forest Service. He anticipates a wonderful relationship between the Forest Service and the new Town Park.

There was no further public input.

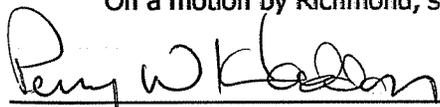
- 14. Commission Informational Reports**  
**Reddell** said she understands the Coconino Forest item will be returned to the agenda each month. Also, add an item on the agenda for discussion, consideration and possible direction on Bea's pathway from the stop sign down.

**Piner** asked about the two items she had requested: the trail along the river from the EnviroZeum, and the field trip on the trails.

**Haddon** invited everyone to his business, Beaver Creek Books, Music Night next Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

- 15. Staff Report and discussion.**  
Moore reported that a file cabinet will be available in the very near future. The field trip will be delayed until the full Commission is in place; an agenda item will be included for setting a date.

- 16. Adjournment.**  
On a motion by Richmond, seconded by Strubhar, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

Margaret Harper  
Margaret Harper, Recording Secretary