

MINUTES
CAMP VERDE TRAILS AND PATHWAYS COMMISSION
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, May 13, 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, 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 – April 8, 2008
 - b. **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**
 - 1) Regular Session – June 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Reddell, seconded by Mitton, 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. **Presentation by Housing Commissioner(s) and Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Director Matt Morris, followed by Commission discussion and possible recommendation to Housing Commission regarding the Parkway Homes Development on the Town owned five-acre property located on Cliffs Parkway (APN 404-28-439), and possible selection of Commission liaison for future Housing Commission work sessions to draft Request for Proposals.**
On a motion by Mitton, seconded by Reddell, Member Piner was selected to act as Liaison for future Housing Commission work sessions to draft Request for Proposals.

Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Director Matt Morris, together with input from Housing Commissioners Tony Varela, Dave Freeman and Kathy Davis, gave a presentation on the background, the public outreach efforts and current progress of the proposed Parkway Homes development project on the Town-owned five-acre property located on Cliffs Parkway. Morris displayed charts showing the location of the property and proposed layout of the homes, a percentage of which will consist of attainable housing. The presentation outlined the goal of raising funds for the new Library while providing attainable housing opportunities for the working class citizens of Camp Verde.

Morris explained that the Housing Commission will be working on drafting a Request for Proposal that will set forth the criteria for builders to incorporate in building the project.

Morris said that input from the Trails & Pathways Commission will be important, and invited the Commission to appoint a member as liaison to participate in the process of drafting the Request for Proposal. At one point during the presentation, Chairman Haddon interrupted Morris and questioned whether the presentation was of any particular interest to the Commission since it had to do with building homes. Furthermore, Haddon suggested that Morris was just practicing his speech on the project so he could take it before Council. Moore explained that as a courtesy to Morris, he be allowed to continue the presentation.

During the remainder of the presentation the members asked questions and discussed the project with Morris; in connection with the time required on the part of the liaison Moore said that the Housing Commission meets at 4:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. The Commission generally indicated some approval for the vision of the proposed project. Vice Chairman Mitton expressed concern about the intent of the development to provide affordable housing in that area, saying, "*Sounds like we're on the Reservation here.*"

The issue of a member acting as liaison and offering input on a project that will then be coming to the Commission for approval for the trails portion was questioned. Morris explained that it would present no conflict, and pointed out that a liaison while representing the interests of all the members of the Commission would provide helpful input in drafting the RFP.

7. **Report by Bea Richmond regarding the Dead Horse State Park Trails Coalition followed by possible discussion of the report.**
Member Richmond read her written report into the record. A brief discussion followed. A copy of the report is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and made a part hereof.
8. **Report by Bea Richmond regarding the Verde Valley Regional Trails Plan meeting followed by possible discussion of the report.**
Member Richmond read her written report into the record. A brief discussion followed. A copy of the report is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and made a part hereof.
9. **Report by Bea Richmond and possible discussion regarding the letter and/or meeting with Yavapai-Apache Nation Chairman Thomas Beauty on why they are not involved in all aspects of trails throughout the County and possible discussion regarding the Tribes intentions of the Jackson Flat area.**
Richmond explained that she had been unsuccessful in arranging a meeting with Chairman Beauty to date; however, a meeting is now scheduled for May 19th. Richmond will contact the members following that to arrange a subsequent meeting for further discussion.
10. **Report by Lynn Reddell on the April 4, 2008 meeting with Dee Hines and Ophelia Goatson-James regarding Copper Canyon Trailhead Project in-kind donation list and how liaisons Lynn Reddell and Ron Smith will be moving forward to confirm the donations.**
Reddell reported that the subject meeting was an informative one, leading to understanding of where Mr. Hines is coming from on the matter of in-kind donations. Reddell said that the list of promised donations was divided up between Smith, Mitton and Reddell; they have received confirmations of all the donations, except one: Cornerstone Surveying. Reddell said it was a pleasure to work with Ophelia Goatson-James, the project manager. No date has been set for the next meeting, but Reddell will keep the members informed.
11. **Discussion regarding Camp Verde General Plan Trails map limited to all "unnumbered" trails.**
Reddell reported on her conversation with County personnel, and displayed a large map of Verde Valley trails, indicating that the trails in the north, east, southeast and all the lower portion are numbered. Reddell reviewed the efforts she is making, and pointed out the area

of trails that need to be numbered by Prescott National Forest. Following a discussion, Reddell requested that staff provide laminated copies of the map for the other members.

12. Report from staff regarding a meeting date with Bill Stafford and Judy Adams of the U.S.F.S on the Jackson Flat area.

Director Moore reviewed the numerous phone calls she has been making to set up the subject meeting, with no success; Judy Adams has not responded to messages left. The members discussed the need to have the meeting, and Reddell requested that staff mail another letter, and keep making phone calls. Chairman Haddon suggested that the letter list all of the previous attempts to make contact, and said he is concerned that time is running out. The members insisted that Moore take whatever steps necessary to insist on arranging a meeting. Moore will keep the members informed as soon as it is set.

13. Discussion, consideration and possible recommendation to Council asking to expand the Commission's mandate to include motorized transportation on trails
On a motion by Piner, seconded by Richmond, the Commission voted 5-1 that the Chairman shall prepare a presentation and request a place on the Council agenda for a discussion on the mandate of this Commission and the issues and ramifications of motorized use of trails; with a 'no' vote by Reddell.

The discussion commenced with the members noting the increase in motorized traffic and the need to recognize this as a trend that is not going to go away. It was also noted that the original mandate of the Trails Commission as set forth in the General Plan only had to do with non-motorized vehicular traffic, and that an amendment to the General Plan may be required. One suggestion was made to create a separate Commission to expressly deal with motorized traffic, but the argument was made that another group would not be a good idea. Richmond said that Councilor Smith had recommended that the Commission go ahead and prepare its policy, including motorized vehicles, and present that to the Council for approval. The members agreed that Chairman Haddon would prepare a presentation to Council for discussion of the issue.

14. Discussion updating staff and the commission on the history of the pathway from the stop sign at Circle K down Montezuma Castle Highway.

Member Richmond first corrected the agenda item to clarify that Montezuma Castle Highway was not involved; the pathway goes down Finney Flat Road. After discussion, Moore said she will get an update from the Town Engineer regarding proposed safety measures, and will update the Commission in a subsequent discussion.

15. Update from staff regarding the trail along the river from the proposed Envirozeum site.

Moore reported that the Envirozeum project as now "dead in the water," and will not be taking place. The members reviewed their understanding of the past history, and commented on the need for a trail or trails in that area, specifically from bridge to bridge, but it was also noted that there is a number of privately-owned properties along that area.

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

There was no public input.

17. Commission Informational Reports

Reddell requested that Item 12 be returned to the agenda for an update;

Piner requested the Item 14 be returned to the agenda, and that a Work Session be set for continued work on the Trails Policy;

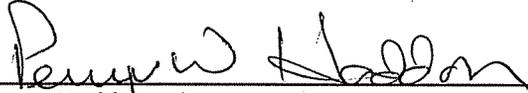
Haddon suggested June 10th, prior to the regular meeting, for the Work Session.

18. Staff Report and discussion.

Moore reported on the proposed field trip to acquaint the new members with the area; she will contact the members and coordinate plans for the trip. There was no further report or discussion.

19. Adjournment.

On a motion by Milton, seconded by Strubhar, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

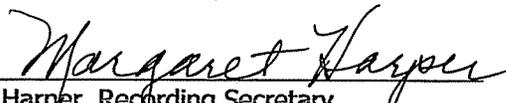


Perry Haddon, Chairperson

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 13th day of May 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2008.



Margaret Harper, Recording Secretary