



**AGENDA
REGULAR SESSION
PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
of the
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
473 S. Main Street, Room #106
Tuesday, June 3, 2008
5:30 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 Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of the Commission so requests.
 - a. **Approval of the Minutes:**
 1. May 6, 2008
 - b. **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**
 1. Regular Session – July 1, 2008 –Cancel due to Holiday
 2. Work Session – July 16, 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. **Welcome new Commissioners Bruce George and Steve Goetting.**
7. **Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.**
8. **Discussion and possible selection of Commission liaison for future Housing Commission work sessions to draft Request For Proposal (RFP).**
9. **Update and discussion on upcoming events and programs hosted by Parks and Recreation for the months of June and July. Discussion may include but is not limited to Family Fun Night, Father/Child Golf, Movie Night Independence Day, Summer Program and Cornfest.**
10. **Update and discussion on the Development of Black Bridge Park.**
11. **Update, discussion and invitation for Commission members to attend a Special Session on June 11, 2008 at 4:00 pm with Ed Bantel with Southwest Risk.**
12. **Director's Report & Discussion.**
13. **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 events and activities. The Commission will take no discussion, consideration or action on any such item, except that an individual Commission member may request an item be placed on a future agenda.
14. **Adjournment.**

Posted by: 

Date/Time: Monday 6.03.08 11:30am

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**MINUTES
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CHAMBERS
Tuesday, May 6, 2008
5:30 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 5:30 p.m.; with Commissioner Ellington presiding.

2. **Roll Call**
Commissioners Ellington, Clawson, Tobish and Whatley were present; Commissioner Teague was absent; there are currently two seats vacant.

Also Present: Parks & Recreation Director Lynda Moore, and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge was led by Clawson.

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 Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of the Commission so requests.

a. **Approval of the Minutes:**

1. March 4, 2008
2. April 1, 2008 Cancelled

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

1. Regular Session – June 3, 2008

On a motion by Whatley, seconded by Clawson, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

5. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda**
Linda Buchanan announced that in the Summer Program for children Yavapai College will be collaborating with the Town of Camp Verde and offering a computer class.

There was no further public input.

6. **Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.**
On a motion by Ellington, seconded by Tobish, the Commission voted unanimously to continue this Item 6 to the next meeting.

In light of the anticipated appointment of two new Commissioners tomorrow night, and only four members in attendance at this meeting, the Commission decided to continue the election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to the next meeting.

7. **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 Cliff's 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 Ellington, seconded by Whatley, the Commission voted unanimously to continue to the next meeting the selection of a Commission liaison for the Housing Commission work sessions to draft RFPs.

Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Director **Matt Morris**, together with input from Housing Commission Vice Chairperson **Linda Buchanan**, gave a presentation on the background and current progress of the proposed Parkway Homes development project on the Town-owned five-acre property located on Cliffs Parkway. A chart was displayed showing the proposed layout of the homes, a percentage of which will consist of attainable housing. The presentation stressed the two main goals of, first, raising funds for construction of the new library, and, second, to provide attainable housing opportunities for the working class citizens of Camp Verde.

The Commission discussed with Morris and Buchanan the proposed amenities indicated in the development, including open space, pathways and a possible pet park. 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 Parks & Recreation Commission will be requested, and invited the P&R Commission to appoint a member as liaison to represent the interests of the P&R Commission in the process of drafting the Request for Proposal; the Housing Commission meets at 4:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. After further discussion, together with general approval expressed for the proposed project, the Commission decided to defer selection of a liaison until there is a full slate of Commissioners present at the next meeting.

8. **Presentation by Patrick Gorlick followed by discussion and possible recommendation to Council regarding the Heritage Skate Park. Discussion may include: park rules, possible volunteer program, and parent concerns.** There was no action taken.

Patrick Gorlick, a resident of the County area in Camp Verde on Salt Mine Road, and the parent of a nine-year-old son, said he had addressed the Council on his concerns about the Skate Park approximately five months ago, and it appears that nothing has been done. Mr. Gorlick said he appreciated the vision and mission of the Town in creating the Skate Park; however, the Park appears to be far removed from the original vision. Mr. Gorlick outlined the list of serious problems and liability issues now existing at the Park, including bike riding, even though that is posted as prohibited; lack of upkeep creating a safety hazard; high level of profanity used by the youth; excessive litter indicating under-age smoking; drug use; curfew violations; inoperative video cameras; and overall concern about how the Park is being managed. Mr. Gorlick discussed with the members some ideas for working on the problems including enlisting leaders from among the young people to work among their peers to help correct problems and project good modeling examples, as well as closing the Park while solutions are being sought.

The Commission discussed with Mr. Gorlick his concerns; Moore said she has been in contact with Southwest Risk Management regarding the Town's liability, and also plans to contact the Town Attorney to discuss that issue. Suggestions were made by the members, such as closing the Park temporarily, imposing a charge to use the facility

using a sign-in system, limiting the hours of use, enclosing the Park and using lock and keys, and the lack of staff to enforce restrictions. After further discussion, Moore said she will schedule a Work Session to address the issues raised, and in the interim the members plan to each visit the Skate Park to personally investigate the conditions and problems at that facility.

9. **Discussion, consideration and possible recommendation to council relative to permitting alcohol sales and/or consumption on Town-owned property and at Town-sponsored events.**

On a motion by Whatley, seconded by Tobish, the Commission unanimously recommended to Council that alcohol continue to be allowed at the Town-sponsored Pecan & Wine Festival and Fort Verde Days; that organizations hosting non-sponsored special events be required to come before Council to request approval of the use of alcohol; that alcohol be banned at all facility rentals.

Moore said that the Commission had previously made a recommendation regarding permitting alcohol on Town facility rentals; Councilor Garrison has requested that the Commission discuss and make a recommendation regarding alcohol use at Town-sponsored events which now consist of only the Pecan & Wine Festival, Fort Verde Days and the Corn Fest. The members generally agreed that two of the events do lend themselves to the use of alcohol, the Pecan & Wine Festival and Fort Verde Days. Moore commented that the Verde Valley Rangers are considering hosting the Crawdad Festival and will be asking permission from the Council for alcohol sales; that would be a non-sponsored event as opposed to Town-sponsored. The discussion also addressed the issue of alcohol use at private parties held in the Town facilities, and prohibiting alcohol at non-sponsored special events.

10. **Update, discussion and possible recommendation to Council on Parks & Recreation Facility Rules, Regulations and Rental Fees.**

There was no action taken.

Moore requested that the Commission review once more the proposed Rules, Regulations and Rental Fees; she said that consideration is being given to simplifying the Rules and Regulations, and will address that after the upcoming meeting with Southwest Risk Management on insurance issues. Moore added that the subject of regulating alcohol use may require an amendment to the Town Code.

The Fee and Deposit Schedule was reviewed, with additional changes suggested for the lighting at the ball fields and clarifying the charge for cancellations of light reservations, Community Center rental fees, meeting room rental fees and cleaning deposits, including requiring cash only or cashier's checks; discontinuing setting up tables and chairs in meeting rooms; and discontinuing all rentals of Town chairs and tables, the Castle Jump and Sno-Cone machine.

Moore explained that nobody can use or rent the facilities without insurance; that can be purchased through Parks & Recreation; Hold Harmless Waivers also will be required in connection with the rentals.

11. **Update and discussion on the Camp Verde Community Youth Coalition.**

Moore said that the group she and Joe Perez are working with have now been renamed

as the Camp Verde Community Youth Coalition. It has dropped in numbers, but needs to be an ongoing group with more people involved, including parents. The group is not just about the Teen Center but is working to constantly find more ways to help the youth in the community to combat drug use and crime. The last meeting addressed how to get more people in the community involved. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16th at noon at the Marshal's office; everyone is welcome to attend and the members were urged to invite others who might be interested in joining the group.

12. Update and discussion on the future Teen Center.

Moore said that the Council has designated the building next to the Marshal's Office for the new Teen Center. The Boys & Girls Club group will assist in getting the doors open; the Youth Commission has sent out letters for donations, and volunteers are being solicited for work on the facility. It is hoped that the doors will open this Fall.

13. Update and discussion regarding Town-sponsored events that were removed from the calendar and on groups who are possibly interested in taking over those events, events include Crawdad Festival, Gun Show, Pioneer Days, Block Party and Farmers Market.

Moore reported that at the Council meeting tomorrow night the Verde Valley Rangers will be requesting permission for beer sales at the Crawdad Festival which they plan to host, contingent upon approval of the alcohol sales. Any money left after deducting expenses will be donated to Parks & Recreation. The Spring and Fall Gun Shows have been picked up two local vendors who have participated in the shows for years. The merchants have taken over the Block Party, working through the Chamber of Commerce. The vendors will be taking over responsibility for and handling the Farmers Market.

Ellington suggested that for the events being taken over by other groups, no charge for the use or rental of the Town facilities be made, at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Director; the one consideration might be to still require the cleaning deposit.

14. Discussion and update on Black Bridge Park.

Moore explained that the State Parks has requested revisions to the archaeological report; that is causing some delay. Staff will continue to work on the trails and picnic areas, and the area will be used for the summer program, but no construction will be done until the clearance is received.

15. Update and discussion on the 118-acre Community Park site.

Moore said that she is working with Matt Morris on an RFP to solicit bids on submitting a Master Plan for the Community Park; that should go out next week, and selection of a company should be made by the next six weeks, after which there will be a lot of community involvement in the process. Ellington suggested that discussion of plans for the Community Park also be included in the upcoming Work Session on the Skate Park.

16. Director's Report & Discussion.

Moore reported on the completion of the new Restroom funded by the Grant, and reviewed highlights of her written Report, copies of which had been included in the agenda packets. The members also discussed the recent publicity and misrepresentation about the change in the Independence Day celebration.

17. **Commission Informational Reports:**

Whatley reported that she had attended the History of the Soldier event, and commented on the success of Camp Verde welcoming the Pony Express riders and hosting them at the barbeque; they have committed to their participation in the Fort Verde Days Parade.

Tobish also commented on the Pony Express event, and suggested that more publicity be given to the Ride next year.

18. **Adjournment.**

On a motion by Clawson, seconded by Tobish, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

_____, Chairperson

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Parks & Recreation Commission of the Town of Camp Verde during the Regular Session of the Parks & Recreation Commission, Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 6th day of May 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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Parks & Recreation

May / June 2008

*Parks & Recreation and
Street amenities increase
tourism and retain
businesses, contributing to
the economic health of
Camp Verde*

ON THE DRAWING BOARD by Lynda Moore

I would first like to welcome Bruce George and Steve Goetting to the Commission. I look forward to working with you. My door is always open if you would like to stop by the office and visit. This is a very exciting time for Parks & Recreation and the Commission as we move forward and are a part of building a Community Park that will be enjoyed by the community for generations to come.

Matt Morris, Housing Director provided some information from the Verde Valley Regional Planners regarding the Wildland-Urban Interface Proposal and proposed Forest Service fee changes. This information is included in your packets.

The Camp Verde Heritage Pool is now open for the summer season. Attendance has been great even with the cool weather we experienced on opening weekend. Budget meetings have been taking place over the past few weeks and if you would like to review each departments proposed 08/09 budget, you can find that on the website at www.cvaz.org. Thanks to your recommendations, I would like to report that Town Council approved your recommendations regarding alcohol use. We will no longer allow alcohol with any facility rental and will be able to continue alcohol sales at Pecan & Wine Festival and Fort Verde Days. The theme for this year's Fort Verde Days has been chosen; "Stories, Spirit and Spurs". Nominations for Grand Marshal will take place until June 6th. Over the past few weeks we have taken all of our white outdoor chairs out of use, due to safety reasons. We will be purchasing new metal chairs shortly after the 08/09 budget is in effect. If you attended any Little League games I am sure that you noticed that the ball field had several lights out. Musco Lighting was here on May 27th and replaced approx. 13 bulbs. We are very fortunate to still be under warranty. On June 26, 2008 at 10:00 am the Camp Verde Fire Department will be hosting a meeting regarding their smoke alarm campaign. They are looking for citizen advocates who want to join them in making our community safe. I have enclosed a copy of the invitation. I believe this is a great program and hope to see some of you there.

RECREATION by Joe Perez

The Month of June brings the kickoff of summer programs for the Town. This summer the Town will be offering various activities for families as well as the youth of the community. The British Soccer Camp is the week of June 2 thru the 6. All children ages 3 to 17 are welcome to enroll. The camp training varies from 1 to 6 hours a day. The coaches are being hosted this year by a local family, the Martinez' who have a family business, La Fondas. A big thank you to them as they are sure to provide an experience our coaches will not forget!! The Summer Program will take place again this summer with more classes offered than last year, a few are Life on the Verde, Bowling and a Computer Lab all are two hour classes and are offered off site with transportation and supervision by the Parks and Rec Staff & volunteers. Family Fun & Skate Night at the Pool is scheduled for June 7 and July 12. The night starts at 6pm and goes to 9pm at the Camp Verde Heritage Pool. There will be food, music, games and pool admission is free to all, so come out and

play. The Father Child Golf Tournament is open to all children ages 6 to 17 for the juvenile division and any adult child. The cost is \$85 for a Father/Juvenile and \$95 for a Father/Adult team. The Tournament is June 14, 08 at Beaver Creek Golf Course. The cost of the greens, cart, lunch and prize raffle is included in the price. All Juveniles will receive a trophy. Overall prizes for 1,2, & 3 place teams. Please register by June 12 at the Parks office. Driving range opens at 8am with a shotgun start at 8:45am. Diamondback Game night is June 17, 08. Purchase tickets before to reserve your seat. The charter bus leaves the Parks and Rec parking lot at 4pm to make the 6:40pm ballgame. Grab you glove and enjoy the ride and the game at a fraction of the cost!! The Co-ed softball season is to the half way point, games are played at the Heritage Field on the Reservation on Monday nights and Butler Park on Wednesday

April 18, 2007

DRAFT

Proposed Development Standards to Protect Wildland-Urban Interface

Development of private land adjoining public land typically creates negative impacts on the public land. These impacts include but are not limited to:

- Damage from social trailing
- Dumping
- Soil compacting
- Severe and sometimes irreversible damage from illegal ATV use
- Altered natural drainages and washes from developed land
- Disruption of animal trails and paths used for migration and/or foraging
- Encroachment issues
- Access issues for wildland fire fighting vehicles

All of these issues result in ongoing management problems and expense for the Forest Service, which increases pressure to trade away compromised forest land.

Proposed solutions:

Local communities can help mitigate damage to public land by adopting design standards to help protect the wildland-urban interface. The goal is to minimize potential impacts, protect the wildland character of forest land, and keep the interface environment as natural as possible. Proposed solutions include but are not limited to:

- Transition to the lowest possible density near the interface. One dwelling per five acres is an excellent goal, but if that's not possible, the larger the better.
- An appropriate buffer on private land adjoining public land, protected as an undeveloped conservation easement, such as 50 foot strip kept natural with existing vegetation.
- Parcels adjoining the interface should be deed restricted to as much as practicable retain natural vegetation, except in the immediate vicinity of the house or other improvement. This helps reduce runoff and erosion problems onto National Forest land

- The developer should also be required to ensure appropriate fencing is installed on the border with public land. The fencing should be designed to effectively eliminate or deter encroachment issues, social trailing, dumping, and illegal ATV use.
- Locate and sign appropriate access to approved trails, if available.
- Post signage to discourage social trailing, dumping, illegal ATV use, etc.
- Provide for wildlife corridors as appropriate
- Provide for appropriate wildland fire fighting space

Cross-Community Forest Vision Sharing Meeting

April 15, 2008 * 9:30 – 12:00 p.m.

Host: Arcosanti

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Identify common themes activity
3. Discussion
4. Possible areas of collaboration
5. Next steps

Participating communities: Community vision leaders from PNF Visioning Project -- Agua Fria/Mayer, Castle, Cherry, Jerome, Paulden, Prescott, Verde Valley/Cottonwood, and Wilhoit (communities invited but unable to participate: Black Canyon City and Crown King)

1. **Introductions:** Participants self introduced with enough time to explain some of their vision and process.
2. **Identifying Common Themes:** After identifying major thematic categories, participants listed relevant elements of their visions on thematic flip charts hung on walls around the room. In order to include Black Canyon City and Crown King, PNF representatives included elements of their visions under the appropriate themes.

Ranching/Land Use

- Agua Fria: Multiple use concepts encouraged, wise use of resources
- Black Canyon City (BCC): Multiple use concepts encouraged; wise use of resources
- Jerome: Protect ranching/ conservation easements
- Wilhoit: Partner w/ more ranches
- Prescott: Ranches provide water & land for wildlife, support only provided to "good" stewards who contribute to wildlife and forest health
- Verde Valley (VV): Productive agricultural; natural corridors for wildlife

Water

- Agua Fria: Permanent water developments, reduce runoff, encourage groundwater recharge
- BCC: Protect limited water supply
- Jerome: Protection of watershed/springs
- Prescott: Quality & quantity for instream flow, Riparian area protection and watershed
- Verde Valley: Watershed that protects water quality and quantity; water flowing year round

Open Space/Viewshed

- Agua Fria: Value "vacant land" as open space
- BCC: Retention of open space & viewshed protection
- Jerome: Protect viewshed, open space around town
- Prescott: Viewshed, wilderness for permanent protection (wildlife habitat), riparian, density
- Verde Valley: Spaces between communities & panoramic view of mountains

Forest/Grassland/Watershed Health

- Agua Fria: Wildlife-control non-native species, control invasive plants
- BCC: Nature preserves, riparian areas
- Cherry: When you burn a mountainside do something to keep it from washing away the roads below
- Jerome: riparian habitat, wildlife corridors extremely important
- Prescott: Protect health based on science; creeks/streams, wildlife corridors
- Verde Valley: Healthy diversity of habitat; lush Verde River greenway
- Wilhoit: Reforestation/planting

Social/Economic Benefits

- Crown King: Maintain ecological, economic, & social health of Crown King and surroundings
- Jerome: Don't "commercialize" forests and trails
- Prescott: With no harm to forest health
- Agua Fria: Encourage economic development that responsibly and sustainably exploits PNF resources, tourism, recreation, healthy living
- Verde Valley- Forest is a BIG basis for local economy, provides renewable and non-renewable resources, to be sustained for the future

Rural Character

- Agua Fria: Develop and maintain wildlife recreation corridors between pieces of PNF (like BC Trail, sheep drive)
- BCC: Low density development, assured water, decide which areas are to have rural character preserved
- Jerome- No sprawl
- Paulden- Open space
- Prescott- Low density development, assured water, decide which areas are to have rural character preserved
- Verde Valley- Protect identity and character of each separate community

Community Engagement/Interagency Coordination & Education/Volunteers

- Agua Fria: Outreach networking (coordination of agency & government resources), involve schools, community associations.
- BCC: Work with BLM & other communities; goal oriented events, building success
- Crown King: Collaborative efforts to maintain forest health, and reduce wildlife danger
- Jerome: Mining lands, forest interface, volunteers, town help to patrol
- Prescott: Partnerships in volunteering
- Verde Valley: Cooperative, effective, huge use of volunteers; educational activities
- Wilhoit: Partnerships in volunteering

Transportation Planning/Paulden-Hwy 89

- Agua Fria: Keeping present corridors/ improve existing routes
- BCC: Maintain legal access to inholdings
- Crown King: Maintenance of all roads for safe public access/evacuation
- Jerome: Area to small & fragile to accommodate more traffic
- Prescott: ADOT involvement (N. AZ 50 yr plan) alternates for more & bigger roads
- Verde Valley: Signs, maps, education, enforcement, enlist responsible users

Trash/Litter

- Cherry: Authorize use of deadly force for dumpers & unpermitted woodcutters
- Crown King: Trash free, clean air
- Jerome: Drinking & shooting bottles, dumping trash
- Prescott: Encourage leave-no-trace education/outreach to prevent littering
- Agua Fria: More agency/government support for clean ups, free dump days, recycling programs for household trash, commercial and old trailers
- Verde Valley: Clean-ups, monitoring, enforcement, set an example, publicize

Law Enforcement

- Agua Fria: Volunteer rangers; steward involvement
- BCC: Work with courts for better results
- Cherry: Enforce helmet, proof of insurance, age limits on ATV's
- Crown King: Consistent, timely enforcement. Laws & rules
- Jerome: Increase enforcement/presence re: shooting, OHV use (drinking usually involved)
- Paulden: Better signage
- Prescott: Provided by all PNF rangers in addition to law enforcement officers; Better signage
- Verde Valley: Attack "recreational terrorism". Enforcement, volunteer monitoring
- Wilhoit: More severe punishment for fire starters

Cultural/Historical Uses & Sites

- Crown King: Preserve history of Crown King & Southern Bradshaws
- Jerome: Protect cultural, historic sites around town & historic footprint of town
- Prescott: Preservation & interpretation
- Paulden: Preservation & interpretation
- Verde Valley: Extremely important; raise awareness, protect mining history, archeological sites, pioneer history, tribal history

Recreation/Access

- Agua Fria: Limited OHV use, education, licensing for OHV users
- BCC: Identify signs trails for OHV & Non-motorized, enforce laws on existing roads; education of "city folk"; Development of public trails
- Crown King: OHV use highly regulated, adequate facilities, increase campsites, available & maintained clearly marked motorized & non-motorized trails
- Jerome: More low impact use, less ORV use, non-motorized trails, no shooting from forest roads, QUIET areas to enjoy forest sounds and silence
- Prescott: Use & access for variety of users with adequate trail systems, trail heads-safely non-motorized/motor uses
- Verde Valley: BIG variety of uses-motorized, non-motorized, access, opportunities to explore, enjoy, learn, and help maintain

Fire

- Agua Fria: Keeping fire active/management- suppression not always necessary
- Cherry: Be more careful with the prescribed burns
- Jerome: Air quality/(Controlled burns) urban, forest interface
- Prescott: Emphasis in the WUI
- Verde Valley: Protect urban interface-keep free of litter, hazards
- Wilhoit: PNF land clearing at town boundary Hwy 89 shoulder clearing

3. Discussion

Who's missing?

- ATV interests (4-wheelers are represented) - *invited*
- FS law enforcement
- Black Canyon City and Crown King - *invited and interested but unable to make this meeting*
- Others likely as well, but there wasn't time to discuss this further at this initial meeting

Discussion about ATV/OHV issues:

- Suggestion that those OHV users who go to the meetings tend to be part of organized groups, respectful and helpful; the challenge is more with those who aren't
- Education:
 - Education from the manufacturers can be helpful.
 - Not only visitors, but those whose land is connected to the forest need to be educated as well
 - ATV dealers should be asked to hand out info involving safe ATV driving/use
 - Game and PFA is doing a great job with PR and education

Other concerns:

- Trade-off for smaller communities to maintain a rural setting if they choose to have urban amenities
- Private property rights are involved when considering what can/can't be brought to a community

Value/Impact of Vision Statements:

- Response from PNF representatives: These visions are very important to the Forest. Encouraging public "engagement" rather than "involvement." The communities' vision statements are being posted on the PNF website (under Plan Revision), and will all be included in the revised Forest Plan. While the PNF needs to adhere

to legal requirements, best science, and consider all interests, the PNF will do their best to help each community reach its vision as related to PNF land. And, since public agencies are to be held accountable, these visions will also allow the community to raise concerns if necessary.

- The community visions can serve as much as a tool for the communities as for the FS.

4. Possible Areas of Collaboration

Multi-Interest, Forest-wide Stewardship Group

- **Value:** There is a need for a cross-cutting group - that involves all key forest interests - to be able to communicate and interact with the FS on an ongoing basis. This kind of stewardship group can play a very helpful role in the revision of the Forest Plan, give input to the PNF for other processes, can bridge across diverse groups, ensure continuity, help address problems early on, etc.. The broader coalition could be the liaison to share information among the communities and the PNF, as well as foster dialogue and collaboration among all parties. Priorities expressed by a multi-interest group can have more influence, and be more efficient, than single-interest groups independently lobbying the agency.
- **Structural considerations:**
 - *Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA):* If the group wants to pursue a FACA committee the PNF can help with that effort. However, if the group chooses the FACA committee route, there are many rules that must be followed.
 - *Community-led:* If the federal agency is not the convener, nor leading the process, the communities are free to develop a stewardship group as they'd like, with the PNF as a participant and resource. Importance of identifying a neutral trusted convener or co-convenors, as well as an effective, inclusive process.
 - *Scope:* while no consensus yet, the interest seems to be for a forest-wide group with sub-groups (both community or sub-forest level as well as topical)
 - Could be convened at regular intervals (e.g. quarterly meetings) and in rotating locations.
- **Learn from other examples of multi-interest stewardship groups**
 - Some BLM efforts (e.g., Bradshaw Foothills Coalition, Sonoita Valley Planning Partnership)
 - Coconino NF has a Friends of the Forest program
 - Several others that would offer very useful lessons to this effort
- Charles Prégler is attending a regional conference concerning volunteer programs in National Forests and will share relevant information at a future meeting.

Develop a Forest-wide Vision

- Several participants felt that developing a forest-wide vision would be important; could influence the PNF's Plan Revision process
- Others wanted to make sure that the community visions maintain their power, as well as connection to those that participated in developing them, and were concerned that a forest-wide vision may shadow/dilute the community visions.
- A general vision statement could include a prominent note pointing out the community visions and their importance, with all included in the Plan.
- Another possibility is to maintain the community visions, but identify the top forest-wide topics which would be useful as PNF identifies priority needs for change in the current Forest Plan, as well as the priorities of a forest-wide stewardship group.
- Suggestion that a forest wide statement could be in the forward to the PNF's Forest Plan

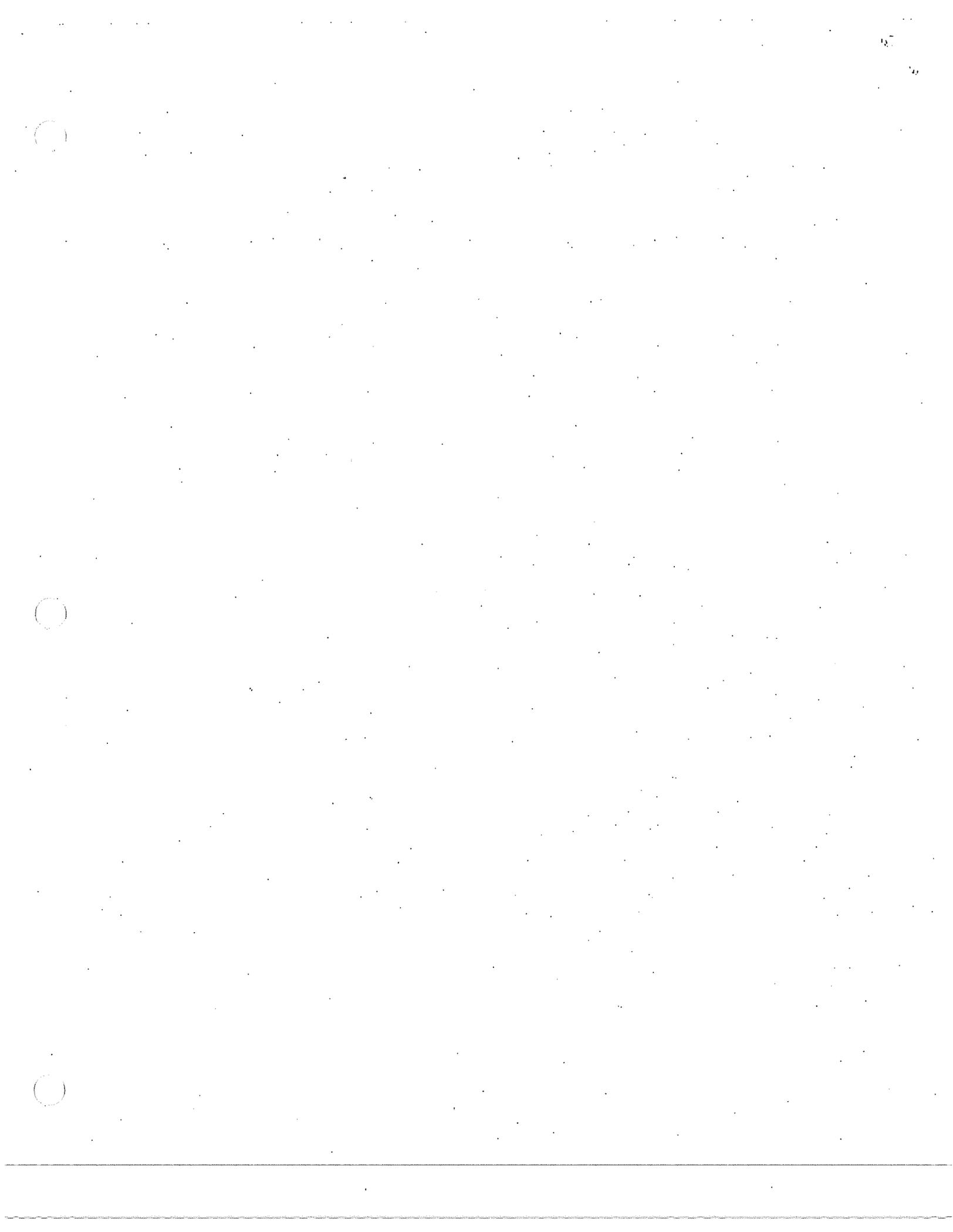
5. Next steps

- **Identifying existing opportunities:** Based on the vision elements identified by each community, participants agreed to share knowledge of relevant existing efforts, opportunities, and resources.
- **Community-level:**
 - Upcoming meetings of the community level groups: Verde Valley (4/16), Prescott (4/17), UAFWP (6/3)
 - Participants who need to will each talk with their respective organizations about this cross-community effort, and clarify who is best to participate at this level
- **Forest-wide, multi-interest stewardship group:** agreement to take this idea to the next step
 - SDR will lead planning for the next meeting in June which will focus on learning about forest stewardship groups and beginning to set up one around the PNF. They will be in touch with communities for agenda input.
 - Host: Arcosanti or Town of Jerome
 - Expand participation
- **Forest-wide vision and/or priority themes:** discussion to be continued at next meeting

PARTICIPANTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Community</u>
Judy Miller	Verde Valley League Women Voters	Verde Valley
Mary Hoadley	Upper Agua Fria Watershed Partnership	Agua Fria
Cliff Hersted	Upper Agua Fria Watershed Partnership	Agua Fria
Tomas Teskey	Upper Agua Fria Watershed Partnership	Agua Fria
Laura Teskey	Upper Agua Fria Watershed Partnership	Agua Fria
Creagan McConnell	Paulden Area Community Org.	Paulden
Bud Gindhart	Cherry Vol. Fire	Cherry
Jane Moore	Town of Jerome	Jerome
Jack and Ann Kish	Wilhoit Block Watch	Wilhoit
Joe Hill	Bradshaw Foothills Coalition	Castle
Marville Clark	Yavapai Trails Association	Prescott
Joyce Mackin	Yavapai Trails Association	Prescott
Sam Frank	AZ Wilderness Coalition	Prescott
Spike Hicks	Back Country Horsemen	Prescott
Tom Slaback	Open Space Alliance of Central Yavapai Co.	Prescott
Alan Kessler	Yavapai Cattle Growers Association	Prescott
Susie Hehler	Prescott Cycling Club	Prescott
Sally Hess-Samuels	Prescott National Forest	Forest-wide
Charles Pregler	Prescott National Forest	Forest-wide
Lee-Ann Lyall	Big Bug News	Media
<u>Facilitation</u>		
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For comments or corrections on this meeting summary, please contact Tahnee Robertson at tahnee@swdresources.com.





Proposed Recreation Fee Changes

The Prescott National Forest is proposing to increase user fees at most existing recreation facilities. The forest is also proposing to discontinue fee collection at two sites. These fee changes would begin in 2009 and remain the same for 5 years.

Forest-wide Fee Changes

Site Type	Current Fee	Description	Proposed Fee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Day Use Sites • 2 OHV Sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2/daily • \$3/daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also covered by interagency passes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5 daily
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Pass - Season Pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$40/year • \$5/2nd vehicle • \$20/4 months 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$40/year • \$10/2nd vehicle • \$20/4months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Group Day Use Sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25-\$100/group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depends on group size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$75-\$175/group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Family Campgrounds* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$6/vehicle • \$10/vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Without water • With water • Unpaved access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10/vehicle* • \$14/vehicle* • \$5/2nd vehicle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Single site:</u> - 1 vehicle - Up to 5 people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10/vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With water • Paved access • Flush toilets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$18/vehicle* • \$5/2nd vehicle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Double site:</u> - 2 vehicles - Up to 10 people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$20/2 vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double Sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$28-36/2 vehicles* • \$5/addl vehicle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric hook-up 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5/site
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Group Campgrounds - Up to 100 people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25-\$100/group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depends on group size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$75-\$150/group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powell Springs Campground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$6/vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discontinue fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail 62 Trailhead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2/daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discontinue fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$0

*Camping fees would include access to day use sites on the forest.

How can I comment?

We want **YOUR FEEDBACK** about proposed fee changes. Go to www.fs.fed.us/r3/prescott/projects/rec-fee-proposal to see the list of specific sites and submit a comment. Contact Rachel Franchina, fee proposal coordinator, at rfranchina@fs.fed.us or (928) 443-8000. Please comment by June 30, 2008.

You're Invited

To Be Part of the SAFE Team

Camp Verde Fire District is looking for citizen advocates who want to join us in saving lives and making our community safer. We need your assistance in implementing our smoke alarm campaign to reduce the number of fire-related deaths that occur in our community.

Our community averages one fire-related death a year and experienced two such tragedies in 2007. FEMA awarded funds to help us provide working smoke alarms to our most at-risk population but we need your help. Please come and

- *Share your skills and experience to support your fire district and save lives.*
- *Network and make new friends.*
- *Learn important life-saving information you need to know.*
- **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Meeting Date: Thursday 6/26/08

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

In the Jerome Room at the Cliff Castle Lodge, 333 W Middle Verde Road, Camp Verde, AZ.

To RSVP or learn more about this important endeavor please call
Barbara Rice at 567-9401



Be part of the SAFE Team! Help us Save lives by participating in the Smoke Alarms for Everyone project.

Smoke Alarms Save Lives!