

**ACTIONS TAKEN
COUNCIL HEARS PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2012
6:30 P.M.**

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 Council requests.

a) Approval of the Minutes:

- 1) February 8, 2012 – Work Session

b) Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

- 1) March 5, 2012 at 5:30 – Work Session
2) March 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
3) March 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
4) March 28, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters

On a motion by Kovacovich, seconded by Baker, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

5. **Special Announcements & Presentations**

There were no special announcements or presentations.

6. **Council Informational Reports.**

Whatley reported on her attendance and volunteering at the Pecan & Wine Festival last weekend, enjoying the Kiwanis Breakfast on Saturday morning, the Flag Ceremony and welcoming the Buffalo Soldiers to Camp Verde.

George said he also was at the Pecan & Wine Festival, manning the Verde River Basin Partnership booth; today he attended a luncheon, the Arizona Sustainable Economic Initiative monthly Board meeting in Camp Verde.

Kovacovich also was at the SEDI meeting today that was also attended by several people from Northern Arizona who participated in a tour of the downtown sites; he thanked the Town staff for setting things up for that activity.

German said she also helped out at the Pecan & Wine Festival that seems to get bigger and better every year. She attended the SEDI meeting in the afternoon; in the morning she went to the Copper Canyon Trailhead event that was very well attended. German commended all the volunteers and the Forest Service personnel, the State Parks, and everyone who participated in creating the Trailhead; it is a job well done.

Buchanan echoed the sentiments of Whatley and German regarding the Pecan & Wine Festival; he was there all three days putting in 20 volunteer hours helping at the front door checking bracelets; he also attended the dedication of the Copper Canyon Trailhead.

Baker regretted that she was unable to attend the Trailhead dedication this morning; she was aware that so many people had worked so hard and so long to make the project a reality, especially Lynn Reddell. Baker acknowledged and thanked all those who had also put their hearts and souls into the Trailhead.

Burnside commented on the dedication of the Copper Canyon Trailhead; the project had started in 1991, and is a multi-use Trailhead, and Lynn Reddell was the one who kept pushing the boulder. The rest of those who worked on it the last two or three years only finished the need that was stressed and the bar that was set. Everyone should visit the Trailhead and see the plaque that was placed there.

7. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda.**

(Comments from the following individual are summarized.)

Brenda Hauser wanted to also mention Bea Richmond who was also instrumental in developing the Trailhead, and had walked every trail. Ms. Hauser's spoke on behalf of the senior citizens who participate in

scrapbooking and enjoy other activities at the Library; she appealed to the Council to include \$1200 in the Budget to help defray the expenses for scrapbooking. She asked about the Skateboard being closed. *Town Manager Martin explained that the light had been destroyed and it was difficult to replace.*

There was no further public input.

8. **Presentation by Jeff Schalau from the University of Arizona Cooperation Extension Office and Chip Norton and Jodi Allen from the Verde Natural Resource Conservation District regarding Noxious Weeds abatement and control. Discussion may follow the presentations with possible Council direction to staff relative to the most effective approach for the measures provided.** Staff Resource: Mike Jenkins

On a motion by Baker, seconded by German, the Council unanimously directed staff to collaborate with Chip Norton of the Verde Natural Resource Conservation District and Jeff Schalau, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Office, and all organizations we can work with, to use all the available measures discussed, including biological control insects, and to develop an educational program for our citizens, regarding this noxious weed issue, in particular the Yellow Star Thistle, as soon as possible.

PUBLIC INPUT

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Nancy Pohlman described her experience with the Star Thistle on her property and asked about what she could expect this coming season, and whether a horse would favor the weed over its regular feed. *Mr. Schalau responded that he could not make a precise prediction regarding the growth, and assumed that a regular diet would be preferable.*

Howard Parrish recalled that during the term of President Johnson, Mrs. Johnson had been influential in getting law passed for that state that protected the Yellow Star Thistle during its blooming season.

There was no further public input.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff relative to updates and requested action(s) concerning proposed legislation that affects the Town.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin
There was no action taken.

Martin reviewed two issues from the comprehensive Legislative update, in particular the Regulatory Tax Credit that he believes could have a detrimental effect on us and should be monitored closely, and the ongoing discussion of consolidating the election dates; the issues discussed will be monitored with updates to follow.

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

11. **Manager/Staff Report**
Martin reminded everyone about the Cottonwood Recreation Center Intergovernmental meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m.; the agenda includes a discussion of intergovernmental forums for elected officials about water resources.

12. **Adjournment**
On a motion by German, seconded by Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.