

**DRAFT MINUTES  
WORK SESSION  
MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL  
Of the TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. Main Street, Room #106  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor German called the meeting at 5:30 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Mayor German, Vice Mayor George, Councilors German, Gordon, Jones-Murdock and Whatley present.  
Councilor Baker is absent.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor German led the pledge.

**4. Presentation by Brigit Lowenstein supporter for the proposed Sedona Verde Valley Red Rock National Monument in and around the Sedona area, how it affects the Verde Valley Communities.**

Brigit Lowenstein spoke to Council regarding the organization, Keep Sedona Beautiful, and how it has benefited and affected the City of Sedona for the past 43 years as a not-for-profit organization. Mrs. Lowenstein presented a PowerPoint Presentation with information representing the history and current intentions of who Keep Sedona Beautiful is. Mrs. Lowenstein discussed the possibility of a non-binding resolution passed by the US Senate March 2015 as an amendment to a must pass budget bill to sell or give away all federal land to states except national parks and national monuments.

**5. Presentation by Susan Amon representing Arizona Liberty and Sandra Cosentino, a land management expert regarding the proposed Sedona Verde Valley Red Rock National Monument in and around the Sedona area, how it affects the Verde Valley Communities.**

Dwight Kadar introduced himself as well as Rick Norman and Sandra Cosentino as representatives of the United Citizens against the Monument. Mr. Kadar presented a PowerPoint Presentation and outlined the reasons why the surrounding areas of Sedona are being communicated the unintended consequences with the allowances of a Monument Designation.

Sandra Cosentino, M.S., land management expert presented a PowerPoint and explained in detail why she feels the National Monument Plan is not beneficial for the Verde Valley and Sedona area.

**6. Council will allow up to 15 Minutes for final remarks from Brigit Lowenstein supporter for proposed Sedona Verde Valley Red Rock National Monument in and around the Sedona area, how it affects the Verde Valley Communities.**

Noris Lowenstein rebutted facts presented by the United Citizens against the Monument representatives and stated that there could not be a loss of business revenue all while it is agreed the Monument Plan would

generate more Tourist to the area. Mr. Lowenstein asked Council to recognize an important fact that the Monument Plan would prevent Forest Service lands from being turned over to State Land. Mr. Lowenstein indicated that the purpose is to make things more transparent rather than opaque as they are now. The monument plan brings certainty to the area while the political environment is changing. Mr. Lowenstein discussed the sources of funding that would be needed to make the Monument Plan successful and how grants will be helpful. Briget Lowenstein commended Sandra Cosentino on her research and presentation, but again pointed that her fear is the land being turned over to the State. Mrs. Lowenstein clarified the process of the Red Rock Monument Plan.

7. **Council will allow up to 15 Minutes for final remarks by Susan Amon representing Arizona Liberty and Sandra Cosentino, a land management expert regarding the proposed Sedona Verde Valley Red Rock National Monument in and around the Sedona area, how it affects the Verde Valley Communities.**

Dwight Kadar indicated that the president of KSB and a Council Member of the City of Sedona are known friends, which allegedly allowed the Monument Plan to be pushed for approval by that City Council but the Mayor of Sedona indicated there was not enough information to make a decision and therefore, the matter was brought back to that Council again where the public was informed and more involved.

Mr. Kadar recommended Council Members and the Public to visit the website [www.arizonaliberty.us](http://www.arizonaliberty.us) to find additional information regarding national monuments besides the information provided by himself and Sandra Cosentino. Mr. Kadar repeated statistic provided in his earlier presentation indicating that 80% of the public polled regarding this matter are against the Monument Plan.

Sandra Cosentino indicated that bottom line to this is an unfair process and feels there is an incredible backlash occurring including the City of Sedona for not backing this matter.

8. **Public input regarding the Sedona Verde Valley Red Rock National Monument in and around the Sedona area, how it affects the Verde Valley Communities.**

No public comment.

9. **Discussion by Council followed with questions and answers to all presenters in regarding to the proposed National Monument. No action will be taken by Council**

The Mayor called a recess at 7:30 pm. The meeting reconvened at 7:38 pm.

Councilor Jones-Murdock left the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Councilor Brad Gordon questioned the processing of Red Rock Park Pass funds and Sandra Cosentino explained that the Red Rock Ranger district keeps 95% of all revenue generated from the passes.

Councilor Carol German indicated that she does not want to see state lands and federal lands merged. Councilor German questioned if the Monument Plan would eliminate the Forest Service. Rick Norman, representative of the United Citizens against the Monument, indicated that there is no guarantee that the Forest Service would be the managing department in perpetuity of the Monument. Mrs. Lowenstein explained that the monument designation is still in the public outreach stage but based on the fact that National

Monuments and Parks have their own management plans, it is unlikely the Forest Service would manage the monument.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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Charles German, Mayor

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Marie Moore, Recording Secretary

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on October 14, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Virginia Jones, Town Clerk