

**Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee
General Meeting
September 10, 2008
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA**

MINUTES OF THE **General Meeting** OF THE **Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee** held on **September 10, 2008** in the **City Hall, Lower- Level Conference Room** located at **201 S. Cortez St**, Prescott, Arizona.

1. Roll Call & Approval of Minutes from 8/13/08 Meeting –

Members Present: Michael Byrd, Jeff Low, Walt Anderson, Dan Campbell, Jeri Smith-Fornara, Valarie Isley, Jim Lawrence, Bruce McKeeman, Steve Walker

Members Absent: Brad Bergamini, Ed Lutz, Ron Smith

Others Present: Mayor Jack Wilson, Steve Gaber, Diana Fister, Cathy Rusing, Ed Brogen, Kathy Flower, Frank Kaukol, Fred Lindquist, Capri Barney, Michelle Stacy

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M. Motion was made by Bruce McKeeman to accept the minutes of 08/13/08 meeting as written. Jeff Low seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Introduction of Guests

Members of the Save Indian Hill Coalition including, Cathy Rusing, Ed Brogen, Fred Lindquist, Kathy Flower, and Frank Kaukol were in attendance to speak on the restoration and preservation of Indian Hill.

Capri Barney was in attendance to speak on behalf of a property owner that is interested in selling land for Open Space

3. Save Indian Hills Coalition Presentation

Cathy Rusing, chairperson of the Save Indian Hills Coalition spoke to the committee on the restoration and preservation of Indian Hill. The Coalition is requesting that the Open Space Committee consider blanketing Indian Hill under Open Space. The current plan for the hill calls for an upgraded 1.3 million gallon water tank and additional cell towers. A discussion ensued and it was brought to light that this topic is not something that the committee can take under consideration being that the City of Prescott owns the property and the City would need to approach the Committee with a proposal. Additionally it was noted that the property was ranked low for open space values at the time public meetings were held at Sam Hill Warehouse.

4. Presentation by Dan Campbell on the Economic and Ecologic Value of Open Space.

Dan Campbell gave a presentation on the economic and ecological value of Open Space. His presentation highlighted the various greenways, wetlands and open space in Yavapai County as well as throughout the state of Arizona. The

presentation also focused on the biological, ecological and economical values that are at risk in the Arizona biodiversity due to habitat fragmentation and global warming.

5. Review of Draft Open Space Commission Ordinance by Jeff Low - Vote to forward Ordinance to City Manager and Attorney to present to the City Council
Committee members have received a revised copy of the ordinance for review. Several changes are suggested, to be incorporated into the draft by Jeff Low. After further revision of the draft ordinance, a meeting will be scheduled with City staff, to include the Legal Department, Planning & Zoning Department and Parks & Recreation representatives.

Bruce McKeeman offered a motion to take the Draft Commission Ordinance to City Staff for review and comment, which was seconded by Walt Anderson. Amendments to the motion were made by Jeri Smith-Fornara, who moved to include the City Attorney in the motion, and by Michael Byrd, who moved to call a special meeting of the Open Space Committee if significant changes to the ordinance are suggested after meeting with City staff. These amendments being acceptable to Mr. McKeeman and Mr. Anderson, the committee voted unanimous approval of the motion.

6. Working Group Updates

Jim Lawrence of the Development Review Committee continues to monitor the progress of Yavapai County's Open Space Preservation Subdivision Ordinance.

The Community Outreach group has prepared a proposition for public "roll-out", discussion of which is deferred to the Executive Session portion of the meeting (due to timing being related to specific desired properties).

Local realtor Capri Barney presented the committee with a brochure and offer of sale for approximately 6.02 acres of Granite Dells property currently owned by the estate of the Green family.

7. Executive Session – 6:45 P.M.

A. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(7).

i. Properties in the Granite Dells area



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8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.



Michael Byrd, Co-Chairman

Diana Fister, Minute Preparer

Michelle Stacy, Minute Preparer