

PRESCOTT: THE ARIZONA CENTENNIAL  
CITY COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009  
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **PRESCOTT: THE ARIZONA CENTENNIAL CITY COMMITTEE**, HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009 IN THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT PRESCOTT CITY HALL, 201 SOUTH CORTEZ, PRESCOTT ARIZONA

1. Call to Order

Chairman Gilliss called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gilliss; Councilman Bob Bell; Nancy Burgess; Deborah Thurston; Dr. John Langellier, Elisabeth Ruffner, Lindsey Mills; Dave Maurer; Don Shaffer (new member appointed by the City Council on March 24, 2009) and Patti Ezell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

GUESTS PRESENT: Jessica Learly, representing Diane Benetone of the YMCA.

STAFF PRESENT: Becky Garvin; Liz Burke.

2. Approval of the minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting.

**LANGELLIER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED; SECONDED BY THURSTON; PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Report on County Centennial Meeting (Ruffner, Burgess, Gilliss)

Chairman Gilliss reported that she along with Ms. Burgess and Ms. Ruffner attended the County Centennial Meeting. As Ruffner is a member of the Committee, she was asked to report on the meeting.

Ruffner reported that the previous idea presented at the County Committee meeting by Mary Liggitt of the Verde Valley to produce a centennial stamp had been forwarded to the State Commission as that was their function.

4. Report on Arizona Historical Advisory Committee Meeting (Ruffner)

Ruffner said that she was not sure that the Arizona Historical Advisory Committee had met yet, but the Historical Convention was this weekend and she expects to spend time with the State Historical Preservation Officer on what they plan to do. She noted that Langellier will be a member on that committee. Langellier was asked, and agreed, to report on the future Arizona Historical Advisory Committee meetings.

5. Update on City Council Resolution re Centennial Committee Membership (Bell)

Councilman Bell reported that the resolution amending the make-up of the Committee had been adopted, and the new resolution states that membership shall consist of up to 11 members.

Chairman Gilliss said that there is one seat available and Councilwoman Suttles had nominated Diane Benetone of the YMCA. It was noted that the Council would need to make a formal appointment. Burke was asked to have the item placed on the next agenda.

6. Update on City Centennial Logo (Burgess, Kapin, Garvin)

Burgess reported that nothing had been done with regard to the logo. Garvin said that they had talked about taking something from the past and incorporating it with the future.

Discussion was held on the status of the letter designating Prescott as *Prescott: The Arizona Centennial City*. Burgess reported that the City sent a letter to the Governor, with a follow-up letter to Secretary of State Ken Bennett requesting that it go to the Commission, but no letter was sent directly to the Commission. Langellier agreed to check on the status of that request. Burgess agreed to get a copy of the letters to Langellier for his reference.

After further discussion, Burgess said that they will try and bring back the logo to next month's meeting.

Brief discussion was held on the exact name of the title of the Committee in the letter. It was noted that the Resolution creating the Committee called it *Prescott: The Arizona Centennial City* and it was noted that the letter would need to be amended.

7. Discussion to generate ideas about and identify potential City of Prescott Centennial Legacy and other project(s) (All)

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee members agreed to identify activities to be held each month during the year leading up to February 14, 2011, which

would include designing First Day Covers for each month. Organizations and activities listed below were suggested for each month, with the Committee members named agreeing to contact key people to each months' event(s) to determine their interest and willingness to engage in activities and develop First Day Covers to celebrate the Centennial. Committee members will report their finds at the May meeting and be prepared to re-examine the proposed schedule.

February	2011	Elks Opera House	Ruffner
March	2011	Bucky O'Neill/Whiskey Row/Pub Crawl (St. Patrick's)	Tabled
April	2011	Smoki Museum – Annual Rug Sale	Langellier
May	2011	Phippen Museum	Thurston
June	2011	Bluegrass Festival – Other music festivals	Ezell
July	2011	Rodeo	Gilliss
August	2011	Cowboy Poets Gathering (Jim Buchanan)	Gilliss
September	2011	Thumb Butte Art & Heritage Festival	Thurston
October	2011	Oktoberfest	Ezell
November	2011	Veterans Day (VA Hospital, Cemetery)	Langellier
December	2011	Arizona's Christmas City, Tree Lighting, Acker	Maurer
January	2012	Tree Planting	
February	2012	Ball (2/13) / 3 branch government gathering (2/14)	Mills

Langellier said that he would look into the status of the Centennial Stamp. It was noted that a State Centennial stamp may or may not be available to be part of each month's First Day Cover cancellations. A Brief discussion was held on schools holding possible competitions within each of their facilities.

It was noted that once the list was developed it would need to be conveyed to each of the organizations along with a set of parameters, and the First Day Covers would include the City's logo, and possibly the State's. It was agreed that such a logo could appear with each month's activities designating them as part of the City's schedule of year-long events.

Discussion was held on statewide status as a Legacy project. Langellier suggested that once the organizations were all contacted and the list was made final, one application would be submitted to the State, but it would include a year-long project with monthly events. It would show a sense of cooperation and collaboration among the groups in Prescott.

Shaffer noted that there is a whole community to be involved in the process, and that was the nonprofit organizations. It was noted that they would be contacted as well once the list was complete, as part of the community outreach efforts.

Ruffner said that the first statehood tree was planted in 1910 and she would like to see the Rodeo have that as their theme in 2010, although planting a statehood tree was also suggested as a January 2011 event. There was some discussion about replicating events from the July 4, 1910 Statehood Celebration program.

Further discussion was held on the grand finale being a Ball on the evening of February 13, 2012, with the three branches of government assembling the following morning. This would allow those participating to make their way back to Phoenix for evening activities.

8. Discussion re Committee communication to “encourage the development of legacy projects and other Centennial events by community organizations and individual throughout the City” (City Resolution No. 3923-0929, Recital #3); and “assisting with the development of approved projects” (Enactments, Sec. 2.b). (All)

Discussion was held on whether the local groups should report back to the Committee on their plans and it was agreed that a simple form would be supplied to the organizations to be submitted to the Committee. This would allow the Committee to keep informed on activities and the Committee would ensure that the projects were reported to the County for posting on the website.

Chairman Gilliss said that they have no budget for postage for contacting the different organizations in the City, so their best bet is probably through e-mail. Garvin suggested that they do some newspaper/radio public service announcements, inviting the organizations to contact the Committee. She said that they could include notices in the water bills, Chamber newsletters, etc.

Chairman Gilliss reported that she had a friend willing to try and update the list she had and they could start there, and also do the public service announcements.

Garvin asked there would be a form submitted by the organizations. Chairman Gilliss said that there was a draft form in the meeting packet, and they would also need to include the parameters to the organizations. Thurston noted that her name was not on the information letter.

Chairman Gilliss suggested the Committee have a communications group. Burgess suggested that they utilize the City’s public information officer as he knows how to get the word out to the public.

It was suggested that an article be written in the newspaper, and a reporter be invited to attend the meetings. Burke said that she would see Cindy Barks tomorrow and she would invite her to the meetings.

Ruffner suggested that PACT bring back a formal proposal for the Ball of 2/13/14 to the next meeting. Langellier said that they could have a “dress rehearsal” for that in 2010, possibly something downtown between the City and County, making it a real community celebration.

Brief discussion was held on getting information out the groups and encouraging their participation in the rodeo parade. It was also suggested that the parade revert to horseback and walking, not permitting any motorized vehicles.

Chairman Gilliss will work with Garvin and Kapin on general dissemination and she will have her friend start identifying names/addresses for the list.

9. Packet of information for all committee members:

Chairman Gilliss said that there had been a previous suggestion that everyone on the Committee have a copy of the documents that had been distributed earlier. She said that she had included a checklist in the meeting packet materials and if anyone needed any of the documents, they could fill it out and get it to Burke who would provide the information.

Councilman Bell left the meeting at this time (2:29 p.m.)

Shaffer said that he was happy to be on the Committee and for the past two weeks he has been going around talking to people, asking them what “centennial” means to them. One of the things that kept coming up was they wanted a badge to sell in their respective businesses. It was suggested that the Courier carry a monthly Centennial Page highlighting the various activities, and it could include a website address for further information. Chairman Gilliss said that she would contact the paper to see if that was a possibility.

Burgess showed some copper-plated coins that she had purchased years ago and discussion was held on the possibility of getting something similar to commemorate the centennial. Ezell will check on it as her husband works for the mines. Burgess noted that Lowe’s and Target both have good philanthropic departments that might be able to assist in those efforts and there were grants available for similar activities. Burgess agreed to look into the grant issue further.

10. Adjournment.

There being no further items to discuss, the April 20, 2009 meeting of the Prescott: The Arizona Centennial City Committee adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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Barbara Gilliss, Chairman

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Lindsey Mills, Secretary