

PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES of the Prescott City Council Workshop held on August 3, 2010 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 201 South Cortez, Prescott, Arizona.

◆ **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kuykendall called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

◆ **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Mayor Kuykendall
Councilman Blair (arrived at site)
Councilman Hanna (arrived at site)
Councilman Lamerson
Councilwoman Linn
Councilwoman Lopas
Councilwoman Suttles

1. Tour of sites and discussion/direction on the Peavine Trail crossings.

The Council members reviewed the proposed site locations and returned to City Hall at 3:40 p.m. at which time discussion began.

Mayor Kuykendall said that whoever made the point of the railroad crossing concept had a novel idea. He had seen some engineered arms that came down that work. He thought it was a great idea and worthy of the City engineers to look at.

He heard a conversation about what would happen if a trail user got hit by a car. He would be just as hurt if one person at Centerpoite East got hurt. Road 39 was not even on the drawing board yet. He would recommend that Council look at alternatives and decide to vote on whichever one to do.

Councilwoman Suttles said that she thought that he was heading in the right direction. She had questions about the maintenance, where the crossings would be, and if they would get buy-in from others. She said that Councilman Blair came up with the railroad crossing idea.

Mayor Kuykendall said that they would not require much maintenance.

Councilman Blair said that letting Mr. Smith look into the railroad crossings could set a standard for the entire trail. He thought that putting up a bridge was not a good idea.

Councilman Lamerson said that they did not have all of the information. He would like to get the information before he voted and asked for grants. They were going to have to have some sort of crossing. If those kinds of crossings were safe and economical that was how they should do it. Councilwoman Linn agreed.

Councilwoman Lopas said that regarding the arms, she would like to see an arm come across the trail rather than coming down, for added safety.

Nigel Reynolds, Prescott, said that it seemed that there was a consensus for gates. He asked that they not go with a cheap solution for the gates due to maintenance. It would be better to have some red flashing lights as well.

He asked what rights the City had to tell the developer what to do and asked what rights the developer had to say to the City what he demanded. Councilman Blair said that the City could make suggests based on the development agreement.

Mr. Nietupski said that the developer had rights to develop the property in accordance with the adopted standards of the municipality.

Mr. Kidd said that it was hard to answer a question like that in a vacuum. Roadway dedications, etc. are things that happen as they get into the project. The City had input on where the streets were located and can comment on trails. There was a requirement about a certain percentage of open space. Location of open space involved the City.

Mr. Reynolds asked if the City had any control over how many crossings went over the trail and how they went across.

Mr. Kidd said that if the railroad came after the right of way or if there was an existing long term right of way, then they have a right of access going across the Peavine if it has been established. If it was City owned property, if they were not land locked and if there were other access points, the City can say that the property could not be used.

Joyce Macken, Prescott, noted that the trails are an important tourist draw. Prescott was just mentioned in Arizona Highway. She was asked by Rails to Trails about the section of the Peavine that runs to Skull Valley.

Councilman Blair said that the more they can do with the least amount of money to make people safe, was best idea. He felt that they were a Council that cared.

2. Adjournment.

There being no further business to be discussed, the Prescott City Council Workshop of August 3, 2010, adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

MARLIN D. KUYKENDALL, Mayor

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH A. BURKE, City Clerk