

PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP  
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011  
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

MINUTES OF THE PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP held on June 7, 2011, in the CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS located at 201 SOUTH CORTEZ STREET, Prescott, Arizona

◆ **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kuykendall called the Workshop to order at 3:00 p.m.

◆ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilwoman Suttles

Councilwoman Suttles introduced Troop 6 to lead the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

◆ **INVOCATION** Church of the Nazarene

Councilman Hanna said the invocation.

◆ **ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Mayor Kuykendall  
Councilman Blair  
Councilman Hanna  
Councilwoman Linn  
Councilwoman Lopas  
Councilwoman Suttles

Absent:

Councilman Lamerson

**I. RECOGNITIONS**

A. Introduction of new businesses

A representative from the Prescott Chamber of Commerce introduced Ann Conley and Marcia Dashney from Highgate Senior Living, who then gave a brief presentation on their new facility.

## II. PROCLAMATIONS

### A. June 7, 2011 as *Prescott Sweet Adeline's Day*

Councilwoman Linn read the proclamation and presented it to the Sweet Adelines, who then sang a song.

## III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

### A. Dori Carpenter with Bunny Love Pet Therapy re therapy rabbits program

Mayor Kuykendall said that he was at the Peridot recently and a couple showed up and provided an afternoon of goodwill with something he had never seen. He said that they were at the Council Workshop to share what they did.

Dori Carpenter, Bunny Love Pet Therapy, said that she developed the program about seven years ago because she saw the need for animals other than dogs and cats in therapy. She noted that a lot of the elderly were afraid of the dogs. She worked in therapy, education and rabbit adoption in the community. She said the donations were graciously accepted.

### B. Representative re the Quad City Lions Pancake Breakfast

Chuck Matthews and David Hartke, members of the Prescott Noon Lions, announced the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Pancake Outing. He said that the tickets were \$5.00 each. Their charities for the year were Guide Dogs of the Desert and People Who Care.

### C. W. Brett Reid re Policy on Noise at Prescott Downtown Public Library

Brett Reid, Prescott, said that the library was a depository of knowledge and should be a place of peace and quiet. He said the Prescott library had become an Internet Café. He said that he spoke with Toni Kaus and she said that times were changing. He said that patrons thought the library was too noisy and the staff concurred with Ms. Kaus. He said that the staff was too loud. He said that he called the Boston Public Library and the Los Angeles Library and they both said they were quiet libraries. He noted that the problem in Prescott was getting worse and he wanted something to be done.

### D. Daniel Mattson re contributions by non-profit organizations

Mr. Mattson, Prescott, said that he wanted to talk about nonprofit contributions by the City. He noted that many were trying to help people

get up on their feet and be productive citizens. He suggested that the City should let them have what they have managed to scrape together.

E. Representative re UPS Book Drive for Arizona Children's Association

Councilwoman Linn noted that it was a perfect example of how businesses and nonprofit worked together.

A representative from the United Parcel Service (UPS) said they had a book drive on May 20. He said that they worked with the Toys for Tots Literacy Program throughout the year and 100 percent of the money donated went into the literacy program. He noted that they had over 1,000 books donated.

Jody Owen, Associate Regional Director of Arizona Children's Association, said that they began in 1912 as an orphanage and had grown into a statewide agency. She noted that Child Haven was one of the programs in Yavapai County. They provided crisis care to children, from birth to age seven. She noted that grandparents who were raising their grandchildren would also utilize Child Haven. She said that they were grateful to UPS.

F. Fred Kraps re pit houses at Willow Lake and petro glyphs at Enchanted Canyon

Fred Kraps, President of Yavapai Chapter of Arizona Archaeology Society, said that he wanted to talk about the public archaeology that existed in the Prescott region and what they could do. He mentioned the Strickland Park Site and the Indian Peak Sites/ Enchanted Canyon. He said that there was a small pocket park that contained about 60 petroglyphs on a large boulder. He said that there were the Prescott Lakes petroglyphs that were moved and put into seven small pocket parks in the area. He noted the Lynx Lake ruin, Fitzmorris, Heritage Park, Smoki Museum and Sharlot Hall Museum.

He said that according to Travel Industry Association of America, Heritage Tourism represented a 15% share of the tourism market, which ranked third behind shopping and outdoor activities. He said that there was no mention of those sites on any of the City's websites, or State tourism websites. He noted that Tuzigoot had over 116,000 visitors per year.

He said that if they could convince 10 percent of those visitors to spend a night in Prescott it would put over \$2 million into the economy.

He noted that Prescott had been understudied and ignored until recently. He said that they were beginning to discover that this was a unique part of

Arizona and the Southwest. He said that there was a strong possibility that they had two or more cultures living in this area. He noted that no other area could say that. He said that he was willing to commit the 130 members of their chapter to help get the word out.

Mayor Kuykendall said that someone from the Tourism Department would be in contact with him.

G. Barbara Gilliss re Centennial Project

Ms. Gilliss said that she was chairing the City's State Centennial Committee which was appointed 2.5 years ago when it was long way away. She said that it was now time to think about what is going on.

She said that the kick off would be the BestFest on September 16-18. She said that it would be the State's gig; however, until the end of 2012, Prescott had 15 months to fill. She said that they had a lot to do to get people involved and participating.

She said that there were three types of projects for the community to get involved with. The first one was the Paver project with the donations going to the Centennial Commission. She said that the citizens could go to City Hall or their web site at [www.prescottarizonacentennial.org](http://www.prescottarizonacentennial.org) to get an application.

The second project was to have people in organizations develop a centennial project of some kind. This would give them an opportunity to be known. She said that they would be happy to have them on the website. She said that they were looking to celebrate history and culture of the community.

She said that there was an opportunity for those who would like to support the Centennial which they called Project Support. She said that it was an opportunity for organizations to support in whatever their services were, like meeting space, performance facilities, transportation, entertainment, etc. She said that they could consider it free advertising for their services by putting them on the website.

She noted that the City of Prescott was putting on some events. The big one would be on Statehood Day on February 14, 2012. She asked that Council consider using the Statehood Day as their Legacy Project. She noted that they wanted to do a book of history but could not because of the lack of funding. She said that the event must be educational, historically significant, and last beyond 2012.

She said that they were planning the time capsule, pavers, and a display at the library viewerie to go to Sharlot Hall Museum Archives. She said that a timeline would also be painted along the side of the building. She noted that the determination of content was being done by the Westerners. She said that there would also be a song written for the Centennial to go out to the fourth graders because they were the ones who studied history of the State.

She noted that the Prescott High School Band had agreed to play all of the events. There would be posting of colors and she hoped to have printed commemorative programs. She said that some of the ideas came together from 2 previous events from 50 and 100 years ago. She wanted the Police and Fire Departments to sound their sirens at 2:14 p.m. She said that Channel 13 had agreed to film the entire thing and pipe it into the schools, live.

She said that 50 years ago there was a City Council appointed group called the Centennians who were seven and eight years old, who represented the different elementary schools. She said that there were nine of them who were getting back together and that they were charged with being responsible with the Centennial. She said that they would meet on June 18 to look at the events she had just talked about.

She said that they should be responsible for the program, i.e. who the speakers should be and sending out special invitations to the dignitaries. She noted that the City's major input would be the logistics; rolling stage, closing of streets, seating, and Audio Visual equipment.

She said that there was a Centenarians Brunch on March 24, 2012 at the Hassayampa Inn for everyone who was 100 years or older by the end of 2012. She noted that Augie Perry, who was chairing the event, had already found 11 people. She said that the City would be treating one Centenarian and one companion.

She said that there would also be a series of articles in the Courier, interviewing 50 people about their recollection of years passed. There was also a merchandising project underway which had been farmed out to Prescott Area Arts and Humanities Council. She said that Prescott Brewing Company was going to have Centennial Beer labels.

She said that in the initial resolution to fund the committee, funding was to come exclusively from the Bed Tax. She said that it was so exclusive that it was nonexistent because they have not had any Bed Tax that they could ask for. She said that was why they did the paver project. She said that she needed the Council to consider how they could get some funding to

get some of the projects done. She noted that they had to pay for the pavers and the installation.

Councilman Linn asked if they had the Centennial in the Bed Tax budget. Mr. Prince said there was \$25,000. Ms. Gilliss said that she was bringing it up so the Council would know that she was requesting the money for valid reasons. She said that Statehood Day and merchandising was going to cost something. She noted that it was the committee's responsibility to support local projects citywide and there could be some costs involved in that.

Ms. Gilliss said that they would have some income from the pavers. She said that Acker Trust had given them a grant of \$2,000. She noted that it had to be approved by Council. They said that it must be applied toward the music. She noted that music was a small part of the Statehood Day.

She noted that they also had a \$4500 anonymous loan. She said that it had to be paid back. She said that they had to have that money to buy the pavers. She noted that the current balance in the account was \$4,566.

#### **IV. PRESENTATION**

##### **A. Presentation re Granite Dells Preservation Foundation**

Steve Walker, the first President of the Board of the Granite Dells Preservation Foundation, said that other board members in the audience were Walt Anderson, Jim Lawrence, Al Snyder, Bob Bell, Lora Lopas, Becky Ruffner Dan Campbell and Jason Gisi. He said that many of the members were also on the Open Space Acquisition Committee.

He said that they were incorporated almost a year ago with the purpose of preserving the Granite Dells and the lakes. He said they had been working on strategic plans and developing a strong board. He noted that they chose to focus on the Granite Dells area because it was a world heritage site and the bull's eye between Chino Valley, Prescott Valley and Prescott. He said that they felt it was important after the committee was disbanded that they moved forward and tried to maintain the momentum.

He noted that some of the things they would be working on as follows:

- ◆ PARTNERING TO ENHANCE LAND MANAGEMENT
- ◆ PROVIDING AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE ON HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES
- ◆ PROTECTING ECOLOGICAL AND SCENIC INTEGRITY

◆ ADVISING AND ENHANCING RECREATION AND TOURISM

◆ FUNDRAISING FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE

He said that the fundraising would go toward more trail work, matching funds for acquisition, renovation of historic buildings, public education, supporting the cost of staffing and maintenance. He noted that they could also keep their eyes on grants and follow through and complete the processes.

◆ OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT

He noted that it would take staffing and people and they could help coordinate and pay for that and they could mobilize a volunteer workforce.

◆ WATER

He said that they hoped to play a role in protecting the water quality in Granite Lake and also the Granite Creek Watershed and Willow Creek Watershed.

◆ ECONOMIC RESOURCES

◆ GRANITE DELLS MASTER PLANNING

He noted that one of the first projects was to help facilitate and launch a formal, collaborative planning effort to establish a Granite Dells Master Plan. They wanted to identify key lands, assure integration of trail systems, and assist in management, maintenance funding of open space lands.

He said that they were launching a coming out party on Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the North Prescott Event Center. He gave his email address as [info@dells@cablone.net](mailto:info@dells@cablone.net)

Mayor Kuykendall noted that when the discussion of that committee came up early in his term it made sense to move toward a foundation and get out of City politics, understanding that the City had a role to play. He commended him on behalf of the Council for accepting the role.

Councilwoman Linn said that the Over the Hill Gang just finished building the Constellation Trail that was three miles long.

Councilwoman Suttles asked how the revenue that came into the City account for the partnership would get to the organization.

Mr. Walker said that the City dollars would go toward the purchase of property approved by Council.

Acting City Manager McConnell said that in the One Cent Sales Tax Fund for streets and open space for Fiscal Year 2012 there was \$500,000 a year which would be available to the Council to purchase or contribute to purchasing strategic properties. He noted that the One Cent levy sunset in 2015 and would then be reduced to .75% which would be a streets only levy.

Mr. McConnell said that if the levy went to ballot in the future an allowable purpose, which would include maintenance, would be important.

Councilwoman Suttles asked if they would be guaranteed \$500,000 in that account for the next four years. Mayor Kuykendall said that each year the Council determined how much would be spent on Open Space. He noted that in Fiscal Year 11 they made the number \$500,000. He noted that it would come to Council every year. Councilwoman Lopas noted that the money would not be rolling over.

Councilwoman Suttles asked if their plans were to purchase as much property in the Dells as possible. Mr. Walker said absolutely and the City money would be key to the success of the vision that was shared for the Dells.

Councilman Blair said that he appreciated the fact that the focus had been on the Dells. He said that he appreciated the people who took care of the trails. He said that he hoped that they could maintain a funding level so when there was a need there was an absolute formula and pot to go to.

## **V. DISCUSSION**

### **A. Board/Commission Reports by Council Liaisons**

Councilman Blair said that the Board of Adjustments had no activity.

Councilwoman Linn said that the Prescott Downtown Partnership was working on the Centennial and road closures. She noted that they also talked about solutions for the parking garage.

She said that she, Councilman Lamerson and Councilwoman Suttles were thrilled that they came to some good resolution to benefit the community concerning the Alarm Ordinance.

She noted that she was a liaison to Access 13 and they were actively recruiting for new board members. She said that it was a fun committee and encouraged people to apply.

She also said that they were hoping to get funding to build a trailhead for the Constellation Trail and thanked Chris Hosking for his work.

Councilman Hanna said that they had one meeting of the General Plan Committee. He said that they had some good people with different ideas and thoughts.

Mayor Kuykendall said that on the 13<sup>th</sup> they would have a mini Town Hall and invite merchants from the downtown area to come in and talk with Todd Sadow from the Whiskey Row Event to clear up some of the confusion from this year and talk about how to do it better next year.

Councilwoman Linn noted that they talked about that at their last Prescott Downtown Partnership meeting. She said that the communication was there and it was a great event and she looked forward to the upcoming meeting.

Councilwoman Suttles said that she served on three regional water groups. She noted that the Northern Arizona Municipality Water Users Association was having a Technical Advisory Committee meeting there on Friday and they continued to work on water resources.

She said that the Water Advisory Committee would be hosting the United States Geological Survey on June 15. She said that they would have an overall presentation on their flow model.

She said that she was appointed as Chairman of the Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition when Mr. Flannery stepped down. She said that they continued to work with SmartWater.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be discussed, the Prescott City Council Workshop of June 7, 2011, adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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MARLIN D. KUYKENDALL, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ELIZABETH A. BURKE, City Clerk