



PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

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WORKSHOP
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011
3:00 PM**

**Prescott Council Chambers
201 South Cortez
Prescott, Arizona
(928) 777-1100**

The following Agenda will be considered by the Prescott City Council at its **Workshop** pursuant to the Prescott City Charter, Article II, Section 13. Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431.02.

- ◆ **CALL TO ORDER**
- ◆ **INVOCATION**
- ◆ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- ◆ **ROLL CALL:**

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Kuykendall
Councilman Blair
Councilman Hanna
Councilman Lamerson

Councilwoman Lopas
Councilman Scamardo
Councilwoman Suttles

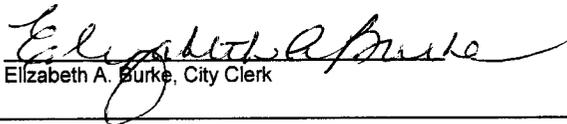
I. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Presentation on Bicycle Pump Track at Granite Creek Park.
- B. Presentation of Household Hazardous Waste Wrap-Up Video.
- C. Presentation re 2012 Insurance Coverage.
- D. Presentation/Discussion of Police Department Budget.

II. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Prescott City Hall on 10-13-11 at 11:30 a. m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Prescott City Council with the City Clerk.


Elizabeth A. Burke, City Clerk



**Granite Creek Park Pump Track &
Mountain Bike Skills Area**
Updated October 18, 2011

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Mountain Bike Pump Track/Skills Area: Basic Concepts

Presented by Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance

Why does Prescott need a pump track & skills area? A pump track and skills area gives kids – of all ages – a safe place to have fun and practice techniques they can later take out onto the trails, and is a recreation destination for families and active vacationers. A pump track and skills area – when coupled with Prescott’s increasingly famous trail system – will add an additional draw for tourists seeking mountain bike destinations. Arizona riders already travel substantial distances to ride the pump track at McDowell Mountain Park in Maricopa County, despite the fact that it is small and has serious design flaws. Pump track competitions are becoming a staple of national-caliber mountain bike races like the Sea Otter Classic (which draws 10,000 athletes and 50,000 spectators each year to Monterey, California) and such a facility can increase the attractiveness of a race venue to both racers and race promoters.

What is a Pump Track? A pump track is a closed loop, dirt bike course appropriate for mountain bikes, BMX bikes or children’s bikes that features undulating rollers and tight, banked turns that allow bicycle riders to learn to build speed by “pumping” up and down the short inclines – gaining speed without pedaling the bike. Pump track advocate and designer Lee McCormack says, “On pump tracks the speed, fear and risk are low, but the effort, fun and improvement are high.” These facilities are safe and appropriate for riders of all ages and levels, excellent places for kids and beginners to build their skills and confidence, challenging for expert riders, and can become a real hub for the community. Pump tracks typically occupy a very small footprint and are very low in both initial costs and periodic maintenance. PMBA is proposing an 80’ x 120’ facility in Granite Creek Park. For a good video introduction to pump tracks - and the positive benefits they can bring to neighborhoods and communities - watch the Jersey Off-Road Bicycle Association’s “Alexandria Pump Track - JORBA promotional video” at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOVmLeekZWY>

Where should we put it? Members of the Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance (PMBA) have discussed with Prescott Parks & Rec Staff a number of possible locations for such a facility. Of these locations, a little-used corner of Granite Creek Park, near Montezuma Street & the Depot Marketplace has emerged as the best option. Using this location has a number of important advantages, including:

- Easy bicycle access to the park via Greenways Trails to Prescott Residents and downtown hotel visitors.
- Increased beneficial & family uses of Granite Creek Park will tend to displace less-desirable uses.
- Turf removal will lead to a long term, annual savings to the city of ½ acre-foot of water.

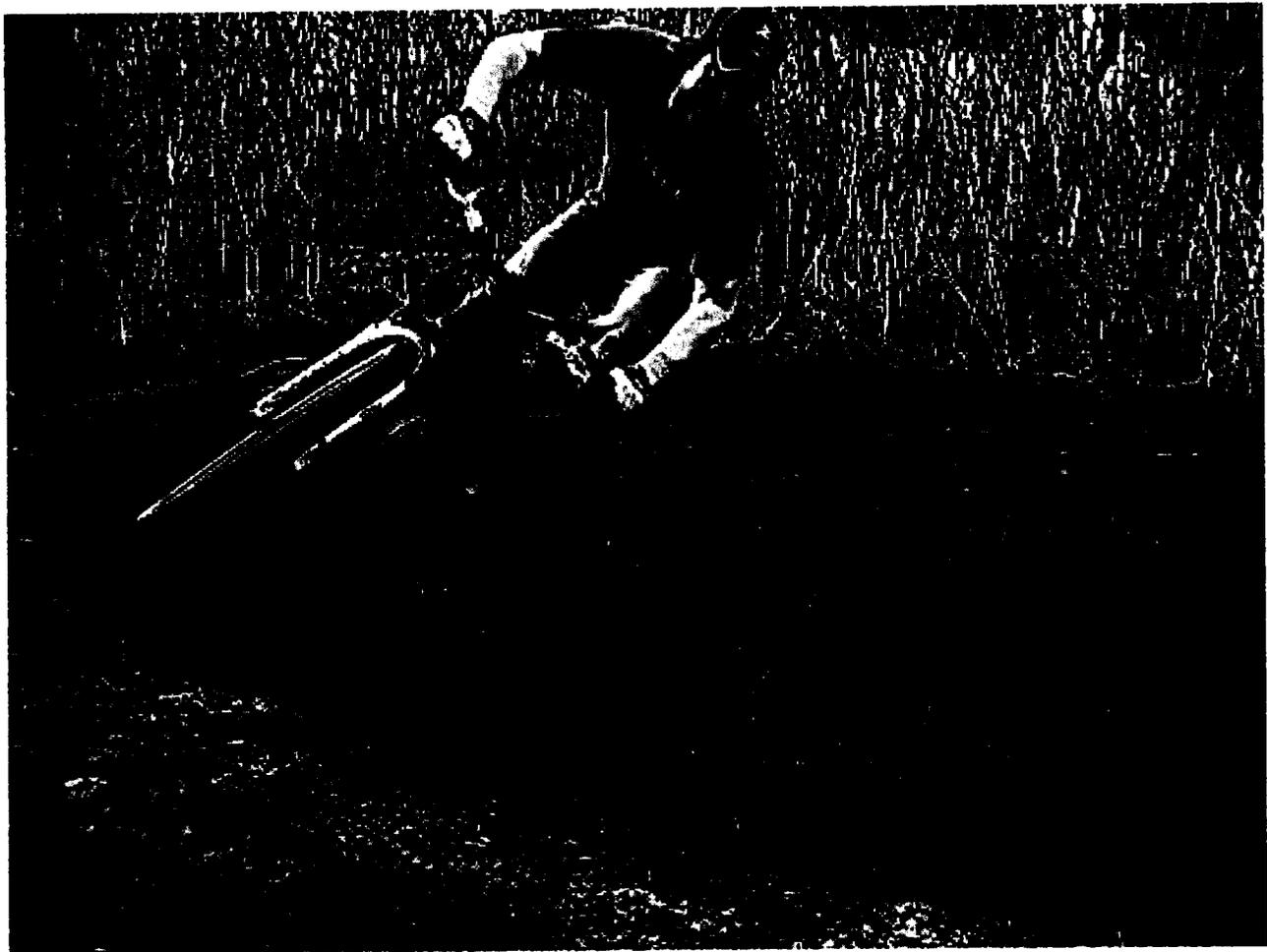
How can it happen here? PMBA has identified an experienced pump track designer who is available and willing to design the facility and oversee construction on site for up to a week, as well as sources that are willing to donate or substantially discount heavy equipment rental and construction materials, including high-clay fill dirt. With over 400 volunteer hours logged in the past year on various trail projects in the area, PMBA has the capacity and mission to commit substantial volunteer hours to the construction and ongoing maintenance of a pump track in the Prescott area. PMBA has applied for private grant funding for this project, and recently won a grant for \$1,000 by Fox Racing Shocks and IMBA to provide money for pump track construction, and identified matching money from PMBA members. Using private grants, fundraising and volunteer hours, PMBA intends to substantially or completely defray the direct costs of constructing and maintaining the Granite Creek Park Pump Track.

Who will manage the Pump Track & Skills Area? The Parks & Recreation staff will have management authority over the facility, although we do not expect that this installation will add significantly to Granite Creek Park’s overall management burden. **The Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance has agreed to enter into a management agreement with the City of Prescott to perform maintenance of the facility (including repair, renovation, weed control and dust control) with volunteer labor, which PMBA will provide, under the direction of Parks staff. One**

of the main management issues with pump tracks is to discourage riders from using the track when wet; this can be accomplished with good drainage in the basic design, appropriate signage, and alert Park Staff and PMBA volunteers to repair any damage to the dirt berms before it becomes excessive.

What about liability? Because speeds are generally low, risks involved with a pump track are notably lower than at many other city-owned recreational facilities like the skate park, playground equipment, and sports fields. Prescott's risk management plan for the city skate park - including clear signage that lays out risks and responsibilities for users of the pump track - would be a good template to adapt for this facility.

What is PMBA? The Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance is the Prescott chapter of the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) and is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization with over 100 members. In 2011, PMBA members have donated more than 400 volunteer hours to local trail projects. PMBA's mission is to preserve, protect and promote mountain biking, trail access and diverse riding opportunities on Prescott area public lands through community education, advocacy, tourism and unified action. On the following pages, you'll find sample pump track designs and a table of project expenses & funds PMBA is raising for construction of such a facility.



PROJECT BUDGET

EXPENSES¹

Professional Designer's Fee & Travel for one week on-site	\$,2,000
Fencing (Optional; post & rail to match other park fencing)	\$500 ²
TOTAL	\$2,500

INCOME

Fox Racing Suspension/IMBA Pump Track Grant	\$1,000
Matching donation from PMBA Member	\$1,000
Estimated annual savings from turf removal	\$500+
TOTAL	\$2,500+

¹ Maintenance expenses will be borne by PMBA and performed with volunteer labor.

² Pricing for fencing materials based on Lowe's online prices; these items will be solicited for donation by Lowe's.