



MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON ECHO

Ecological, Cultural, Historical/Heritage, Outdoors (ECHO)

May 10, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Grace Sparkes Activity Center
824 E. Gurley St.
Prescott, Arizona 86301

Minutes of the ECHO Meeting held on May 10, 2018 in the Grace Sparkes Activity Center located at 824 E. Gurley St., Prescott, Arizona.

A. Call to Order

Chairman Holt called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

B. Roll Call

ECHO Members and Liaisons

Present

Excused/Absent

Benjamin DeBlois
Raigan Fundalewicz
Dennis Gallagher
James Holt (Chair)
Manuel Lucero
Scott Neese

Mayor Mengarelli

Council Liaison

Council Liaison, Councilwoman Alexa Scholl

Staff Present

Staff Liaison, Sam Rice

C. Self-Introductions of ECHO Members

Each member gave a background of their experience.

D. Comments from Mayor Mengarelli

Mayor Mengarelli thanked the members for stepping up and being a part of the new commission. Prescott is in the middle of becoming something more primary rather than secondary. Tourism is extremely important for the economy and he wants to make Prescott a solid tourist destination. He truly thinks this group will be a huge factor to have better leverage on heritage and ecological. He is big on economic development and increasing the quality of life and making Prescott a primary destination.

E. Comments from Councilwoman Scholl

Councilwoman Scholl said she wants the commission to broaden and to be able to focus on many things. This commission may be making recommendations to the City Council. She would like the group to share ideas on projects that they would like to see.

F. Review of Priorities and Goals of the ECHO Commission

Chairman Holt reviewed the goals and objectives of the commission and asked each commissioner what they would like to see in this commission.

Mr. DeBlois would like to include ecological values for watershed and improve the watershed in the forest.

Mr. Gallagher would like to see a continued collaboration with museums, and historical societies. He would like the website to have historical information available on the city tourism site and also link to the fine arts and culture. In the long term, he would like to link the Chamber, fine arts, culture, education, outdoor activities and any facility that has information and possibly have a touch screen to take to organizations for more information.

Mr. Neese said when he first moved here, he couldn't find what he was looking for so a website resource would be very beneficial.

Mr. Lucero said preservation and education is needed. People need to leave historic artifacts alone and where they found them. It is important to have a professional dig to find out the history of the items. More Native American ceremonies would help to educate and increase public involvement. Offer events year round to bring tourists to Prescott. He is very excited to be a part of the commission and liked the goals and objectives presented.

Chairman Holt agreed with Mr. Lucero. It is important to encourage, enhance, celebrate and discover. Think about what we want to accomplish. Ideas and suggestions can be added to a future agenda to be discussed.

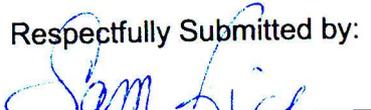
G. Establish Monthly Meeting Dates, Times, Locations

General Consensus-The Second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

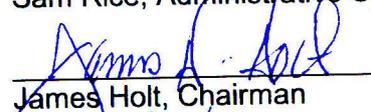
H. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Holt adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sam Rice, Administrative Specialist



James Holt, Chairman

Date: 5/10/18