



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

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

October 11, 2018
5:30 pm

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

Minutes of the ECHO Meeting held on October 11, 2018 in the Flagstone Room of 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 5:32 pm.

B. Roll Call

ECHO Members and Liaisons

Present

Dennis Gallagher
James Holt (Chair)
Manuel Lucero
Scott Neese

Excused/Absent

Raigan Fundalewicz
Benjamin DeBlois

Council Liaison

Council Liaison, Councilwoman Alexa Scholl

Staff Present

Staff Liaison, Sam Rice

Visitors Present

Barbara Jacobson
Roy Smith
Walt Anderson
Ralph Hess
Tom Rusing
Amber Fields

C. Approval of August 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion approved by Manuel Lucero, Scott Neese second.

D. Discuss Ecological goals and objectives proposed by Benjamin DeBlois

1. Support efforts for economically and environmentally sound ways to restore and maintain healthy watersheds
2. Advocates for methods to help residents adjust to living in a fire adapted ecosystem.
3. Support sustainable recreation activities that strengthen the local economy while also conserving natural resource and aesthetic values.

Chairman Holt recommended tabling item "D" as Benjamin DeBlois is unable to attend the meeting. Members agreed.

E. Review current Goals and Objectives.

Chairman Holt recommends each member reading out loud the Goals and Objectives to see if we need to adjust, add or edit our current Goals and Objectives. Alexa suggest that we adjust the verbiage to reflect "promoting" as opposed to providing resources as noted in the first bullet point of our current Goals. Chairman Holt explains to the visitors that our goals were borrowed from a similar effort from a community in Florida. He further explains that their background reflected the use of a much larger budget and grander resources that we do not have here in Prescott at this time. Chairman Holt anticipates coming to the next meeting with revisions for our current goals and objectives making the wording a little more precise about what we are able to do.

Scott mentions that the emphasis on some of the wording that is in there does not correctly reflect the direction we are able to go. He stated that there are a lot of organizations that are out there doing many of the items in our goals and objectives and we would best be utilizing our efforts by finding ways to serve and help those organizations.

F. Review lists of organizations and events that fit our acronym.

Chairman Holt addresses our lists and Alexa gives some background to the visitors explaining that the organizations are listed based on how they fall under our acronym and we are going to design a survey and meet face to face to find out what they may be missing. The goal is to not duplicate efforts but reach out and help the organizations. Our goal is also to get people out and exploring what Prescott has to offer.

Chairman Holt mentions the intent of the group is to be of service and provide support to other organizations and the public. Our intent is not to build anything, but to find a way to be helpful to others. Our list is to be utilized to identify the organization under each acronym. Manuel mentions trying to find mostly umbrella organizations to cover other cultural organizations. His thought is that the umbrella organization can reach out to its subsidiaries covering a larger area.

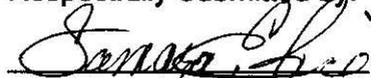
It was discussed that the lists be gone over line by line in the next meeting to see what may cross over to fall under another area of the ECHO acronym. Manuel mentioned a potential list of contacts in the organizations. Alexa suggests social media as a method of getting current information. She also suggests while interacting with the organizations possibly ask for other organizations they may be aware of to prevent us from overlooking someone.

Alexa suggests shooting over survey questions to Sam Rice as they are thought of so we can populate a list.

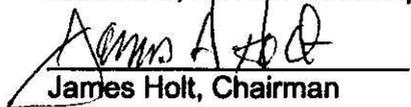
G. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Holt adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sam Rice, Administrative Specialist



James Holt, Chairman

Date: 2/7/19