



# MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT ACKER TRUST BOARD

Date: May 17, 2018  
3:00 p.m.

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

Minutes of the Acker Trust Board Meeting held on May 17, 2018 in the Grace Sparkes Activity Center, located at 824 E. Gurley Street, Prescott, Arizona.

**A. Call to Order**

Chairman Stazenski called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Parks and Recreation Board Members and Liaisons

Present

Steve Stazenski, Chairman  
Linda Nichols, Vic-Chairman  
Kristy Snyder  
Sherrie Hanna  
Michael Gjede

Excused/Absent

Council Liaison

Council Liaison, Councilman Phil Goode

Staff Present

Staff Liaison, Patti Colvin  
Recreation Services Director, Joe Baynes

**C. Approval of May 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Vice-Chair Linda Nichols made the motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2018 Acker Trust Board Meeting, seconded by Kristy Snyder. Motion approved unanimously.

**D. Presentation by Tommy Keenan with High Mountain Chordsmen**

Mr. Keenan presented to the Board on behalf of the High Mountain Chordsmen. He explained the work done by their group and played a learning track to the Board. He explained that if given a grant from Acker Trust the money would be spent on sheet music, learning tracks, meals and medals for participants.

**E. Presentation of proposed drainage improvements to Acker Park**

Jeff Low and Steve Orosz with Prescott Public Works Department passed out maps to the Board members. They explained the proposed drainage improvements including the aesthetically pleasing natural landscape that would result from the work. They noted that there will be sediment dams in the natural looking channel to be created. Consultant Davin Benner showed examples and explained to the Board exactly how the proposed changes would improve the drainage problems in the area. He explained how maintenance of the channel would take place.

ACTION: Michael Gjede made a motion to approve the drainage design as presented and move forward to formalize the plans. Linda Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**F. FY 19 Budget Setting**

The Board began discussion of the fy19 budget keeping in mind that the number of grant requests has increased this year. Open discussion took place and Councilman Goode was able to update the Board on his discussion with City of Prescott Budget and Finance director, Mark Woodfill. Councilman Goode had some ideas for the future of investments with the Acker Trust Fund monies, and the Board agreed to meet in January 2019 to further review those opportunities.

ACTION: Steve Stazenski made a motion to approve the FY19 Budget at \$12,500, seconded by Linda Nichols. Motion passed unanimously.

**G. FY 19 Grant Awards**

The Board discussed in detail each of the seven (7) grant requests. Each request was reviewed for its presentation relating to how closely the requests meet the criteria of J.S. Acker's will. In particular, the benefits to be seen for Prescott Youth, involvement in music and/or art were reviewed.

While the Board found all seven (7) of the requests to be valid and the organization to be serving the community for a good cause, two (2) of the requests were denied. The Boys to Men Mentoring organization, while important to the community, did not seem to meet the specific requirements for the Acker Grant process. It was noted by the Board that this organization has a good financial base. With that in mind, and with the minimal FY19 budget for the Acker Foundation Grants, it was decided not to award to this organization in FY19.

The Board determined that the Folk Happens organization has requested funding for equipment only. There was no grant request related directly to youth, therefore the Board decided not to award to this organization in FY19.

ACTION: Chairman Stazenski made the motion to award per the Board's recommendations as follows:

Chaparral Arts	\$2000
High Mountain Chordsmen	\$2000
Prescott Pops Symphony	\$3000
Yavapai College Foundation	\$2500
Yavapai Symphony Assoc.	\$3000

The motion was seconded by Kristy Snyder and the motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** January 2019

**H. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Stazenski adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
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Patti Colvin, Administrative Coordinator

  
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Steve Stazenski, Chairman

Date: 4/24/19