

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
CAMP VERDE TRAILS AND PATHWAYS COMMISSION
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, February 13, 2007
6:30 p.m.

Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.
Public input is placed after Commission motions to facilitate future research.
Public input, where appropriate, is heard prior to the motion.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Chairperson Haddon, Vice Chair Reddell, Members Mitton, Whitt, Piner, and Roy were present; Member Welsch was absent (excused).

Also Present: Staff Liaison Mike Casebier and Recording Secretary Margaret Harper.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Mitton.

4. Consent Agenda – All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as Consent Agenda Items. Any item may be removed from the agenda Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a committee member so requests.

a. **Approval of the Minutes:**

1) Regular Session – January 9, 2007

b. **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**

1) Regular Session – March 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

On a motion by Reddell, seconded by Roy, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

5. Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public input.

~~**6. Presentation and discussion with Town Clerk Debbie Barber regarding open meeting laws, Town Code concerning proper meeting procedures, and the agenda process.**~~

It was noted that Item 6 had been stricken from the Agenda because of the Town Clerk's time conflict.

6a. Discussion, consideration, and possible recommendation regarding an application submitted by Jack Gilcrest, agent for Turner Engineering, owner of parcels 403-21-007F, 403-21-007K & 403-21-007L preliminary plat approval for Circle C Ranch consisting of 12 acres and 6 lots. This property is zoned R1-70 and is located at the end of Apache Trail.

On a motion by Mitton, seconded by Roy, the Commission voted unanimously that there are no trail implications on the property.

Staff Liaison Casebier displayed a full-size print of the subject plat for review and discussion by the members, from which it was determined that there would be no recommendation for a trail or pathway.

7. Presentation and update from Bea Richmond regarding Dead Horse State Park Trails Coalition.

Commission representative Bea Richmond read into the record her report on the Coalition meeting of January 18, 2007; a copy of the written report is attached to the original Minutes as Exhibit 1 and made a part hereof.

The Commission briefly discussed the report with Ms. Richmond, including the negative responses in the meeting to the proposed Environzeum. However, Casebier confirmed that the Council has endorsed that proposal.

8. Discussion and possible approval to invite Community Development Director Nancy Buckel and Town Engineer Ron Long to the March meeting to discuss and explain how the Trails and Pathways Commission might have input in design standards.

On a motion by Piner, seconded by Reddell, the Commission voted unanimously to invite Community Development Director Nancy Buckel and Town Engineer Ron Long to the March meeting as discussed.

Vice Chairperson Reddell reported that Nancy Buckel had requested the opportunity to attend a meeting together with Town Engineer Long, and the Commission took action accordingly. Casebier will follow up on making the necessary arrangements.

9. Update and discussion regarding the proposed Ryal Canyon trailhead and scheduled meeting with the U.S.F.S. Verde District Ranger Dee Hines and Blair Jenner, owner of the pecan farm located on Salt Mine Road.

Member Roy reported that he has not yet contacted the Forest Service representative to discuss the possibility of a preliminary trade and to then follow-up with Blair Jenner. Chairperson Haddon then summarized the purpose of trying to arrange a meeting with the Forest Service in connection with a possible land trade between Mr. Jenner and the Forest Service, with the goal of acquiring land for the Town to use for the Ryal Canyon Trailhead. Casebier commented on a possible approach to the Ryal Canyon trailhead through applying for a grant, perhaps for the current cycle; however, after discussion it was determined that working with the Forest Service is a very slow process so that may not be possible at this time. Roy was encouraged to continue to work on arranging the subject meeting, to be included on the agenda for a report and possible action at the March Trails meeting.

This item will be returned to the March meeting agenda.

10. Discussion and possible approval and selection of three Commission members to attend a meeting with USFS Red Rock Ranger Bill Stafford to discuss trail selection on Coconino Forest/Lower Verde.

On a motion by Haddon, seconded by Whitt, the Commission voted unanimously to select Bill Mitton, Lynn Reddell and Perry Haddon to set up and attend a meeting with USFS Red Rock Ranger Bill Stafford to discuss the subject trail selection and report back.

The members discussed the intent of the meeting which is to discuss with Ranger Bill Stafford the General Crook, the Woodcutter and Jackson Flat Trails, and the funding available from the Town. Mitton, Reddell and Haddon volunteered to attend the subject meeting; the Commission will then have specific details to support a subsequent request to Council for release of the funds.

11. Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.

Staff Liaison reported on his efforts regarding acquiring period equipment and uniforms through a State Office of Tourism grant and his current direction from Council to apply for funding to acquire a stagecoach to commemorate the period of time when there was a stage stop in Camp Verde; historical details are being gathered through volunteers. The Commission will be asked to endorse the application when Casebier has completed it.

12. Committee Informational Reports

Roy commented that he has been working on the Chavez Trail; the Forest Service has a lot of data and artifacts on that subject.

Reddell said she had distributed copies of the document approved by the Council on the agreement for developing and maintaining the trails system in the Simonton Ranch developments, and encouraged the members to study it in advance of the meeting with Buckel and Long.

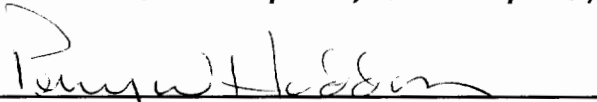
Whitt announced that she is taking riding lessons through the College; Roy volunteered that he is also taking the lessons.

Piner reported on the trail walk that she, Mitton and Reddell had taken recently along the river, distributing maps for the members to refer to.

Haddon gave a detailed report on the meeting held earlier today between representatives from Town Administration, the Trails Commission, the Parks & Recreation Commission and residents of the area in proximity to the proposed Black Bridge Park. During the meeting Town Manager Lee suggested building a road that would parallel Montezuma Castle Road that led to the parking lot which could resolve some safety issues raised in connection with a road bisecting the park. Lee also suggested providing a walking path all around the park, with Black Bridge Loop Road becoming part of that walking trail. The Parks & Rec Commission and the Trails Commission will be asked for their formal input including consideration of the new options discussed. **This item will be included on the next agenda.**

13. Adjournment

On a motion by Whitt, seconded by Piner, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Perry Haddon. Chairperson

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Trails & Pathways Committee of the Town of Camp Verde during the Regular Session of the Trails & Pathways Committee of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 13th day of February 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 13th day of March, 2007.



Margaret Harper, Recording Secretary