



**TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN PRESERVATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 25, 2016**

AGENDA ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A public meeting of the McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission was convened and called to order by Chair Bill Myers at 5:08 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, 2016 in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, located at 16705 East Avenue of the Fountains, Fountain Hills, Arizona.

AGENDA ITEM #2: ROLL CALL

Present at roll call were Chair Bill Myers, Commissioners Tom Aiello, Stan Ruden, Klaus Schadle and Ken Thornton. Vice-Chair Tom Barberic attended by phone. Absent at roll call was Commissioner Bill Craig. Staff members present were Parks Supervisor Kevin Snipes and Executive Assistant Jennifer Lyons. CSAC Commissioner Don Doty was in attendance representing the Community Services Advisory Commission. Resident Ron Hess was present as an observer.

AGENDA ITEM #3: CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public wished to speak.

AGENDA ITEM #4: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Schadle made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting, Commissioner Aiello seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM #5: CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSION MEETING DATES FOR 2017

Chair Myers made a motion to establish the below listed Commission meeting dates for 2017, Commissioner Ruden seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

- January 24
- February 28
- March 28
- April 25
- May 23
- June 27
- July – No Meeting Scheduled
- August 22
- September 26
- October 24
- December 5 (Combined November & December)

AGENDA ITEM #6: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A DATE FOR THE JOINT MEETING WITH COUNCIL

Chair Myers made a motion to approving March 28, 2017 for the joint meeting with Council, Vice Chair Barberic seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM #7: DISCUSSION OF TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED AT THE JOINT MEETING WITH COUNCIL

Chair Myers and Vice Chair Barberic will get together Tuesday, November 1st at 11:00 a.m. to discuss this topic further, but encouraged the other Commissioners to submit their suggestions.

Commissioner Schadle asserted that 2017 MMPC Objectives or at least the main points should be the items that should be discussed with Council and Chair Myers was in agreement.

AGENDA ITEM #8: DISCUSSION OF HAVING A BOOTH AT THE GREAT FAIR

Chair Myers listed the following items that would need to be addressed regarding having a booth at the Great Fair.

- Spaces for the booth – Chair Myers will contact Sharon Morgan (with the Chamber) to see if we get free spaces.
- Sitting the curb Thursday before the Fair starts to save your spaces – Chair Myers volunteered for this task.
- Tent, tables, and chairs from the Town – Supervisor Snipes will deliver to the booth.
- Maps and handouts – Town will provide. Ken Valverde will provide a big foam board with the “Big Picture Map” and the “Preserve Map”.
- Flower books, pictures, stands and hike schedules – Fountain Hills Conservancy will provide.
- Banners and clips for MMPC and the Conservancy – Chair Myers and Supervisor Snipes will coordinate.
- Contact Amy Roberts to see if the Park wants to participate – Chair Myers will call Amy.
- Contact Scottsdale to see if they want to participate – Chair Myers will contact.
- Schedule of who is going to man the booth from Friday, November 11th to Sunday, November 13th – Chair Myers and Commissioner Thornton are working on.

Commissioner Craig arrived at 5:18 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #9: UPDATE ON THE SONORAN CONSERVANCY

- The proposed Trailhead site has been accessible most every day since last October and MCO has been very cooperative about letting us go up there.
- The Conservancy is willing to participate in the two Town fairs.
- Trail building starts on November 5th, but no trail building will be done during the Great Fair.
- Commissioner Craig has been up to the Preserve and is doing some further planning. Jim Grajek will be with him tomorrow to the Preserve to give a second set of eyes on the next area we are headed towards (trail building).
- Commissioner Aiello will be assisting Commissioner Craig with signage for the East Loop Sonoran Trail.
- The Lake Overlook Trail and the concern for the crosswalk across La Montana. Director Mayer and Commissioner Craig have gotten together a couple times and have worked out a possibility of where a crosswalk could be and in addition, the rerouting of some of the Trail. This would save the

Town some money as opposed to the plans Director Mayer originally looked at. The concern is about safety as well as the neighborhoods in that area. The Trail will also undergo some maintenance this year.

The last bullet point was brought up after Agenda Item #11.

AGENDA ITEM #10: DISCUSSION OF THE 2017 MMPC OBJECTIVES

Chair Myers had put forth several objectives at the last meeting and encouraged the Commissioners to submit any other items so a consolidated list can be put together.

This item was discussed after agenda item #7.

AGENDA ITEM #11: UPDATE ON THE OCTOBER 24, 2016 COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Schadle attended the meeting gave the following update.

- Events and Ribbon Cuttings: There were a lot events over the past couple months and several coming up. Oktoberfest, Movie in the Park, and Make a Difference Day, were all well attended and all considered to be successes. On October 28th, 2016, Fox 10 News will be coming to broadcast their news program from Fountain Park. The Copperwynd Tennis Event, Halloween in the Hills, the official opening of the tennis courts and the Rotary Musical exhibit are all happening in the next six to eight weeks.
- Recreation and Tourism awards: The archery program won an APRA (Arizona Parks and Recreation Association) award. Tourism also won an award.
- Five Commissioners have terms ending December 31, 2016. Applications are due November 3, 2016.
- Review of Commissioners contact with Division Heads: Commissioner Mott discussed programs under consideration with issues of cost, staff, equipment (tables and chairs), should projects be money makers or be free for everyone in the Town to participate. Supervisor Fenzel gave a brief presentation about the Community Center fees for rentals and some of the exceptions that apply depending on what the purpose of the function and who it benefits.
- On the discussion of one of their group (CSAC) attend our (MMPC) meetings: Commissioner Don Doty volunteered.
- Public Art continues to expand in Town. Some of the art has been moved and at least three new pieces have been installed.
- Lights at Fountain Park: Since the consultant study indicated that there was only a small lighting difference between the different lighting options, the Council has decided to stay with what we have.
- Discussion of the MMPC being moved into the CSAC: Commissioner Schadle had indicated that the charter expires at the end of next year, but there seems to be a fair amount of support on our side to try and extend the life at least until the Trailhead is open and is operating. That would require Council approval. If Town Manager Grady Miller's timetable works out, we may well be finished by the end of the year but we should be ready in case it is not finished.
- Update on the Adero Trailhead project: Supervisor Fenzel gave a brief overview of the J2 progress.

AGENDA ITEM #12: UPDATE ON THE ADERO CANYON TRAILHEAD CONSTRUCTION

PROJECT

MCO is moving dirt and rock and they are moving ahead rapidly. Camelot is going to start building up there soon. Toll Brothers has three structures there; two houses and sales center. It is about 25% paved now and the entrance building is going up.

The fourth meeting with J2 is coming up on December 1st. Hopefully as our Town Manager says it will be done and open in 2017.

AGENDA ITEM #13: CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Schadle made a motion to adjourn at 5:44 p.m., Chair Myers seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission

By: _____
Bill Myers, Chair

Reviewed by: _____
Mark C. Mayer, Director of Community Services

Prepared by: _____
Jennifer Lyons, Executive Assistant

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission Meeting held on October 25, 2016. I further certify that the meeting as duly called and that a quorum was present.

By: _____
Jennifer Lyons, Executive Assistant

Dated this 1st day of November 2016