



**TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN PRESERVATION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 26, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Myers called the meeting of Tuesday, November 26, 2019, to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, located at 16705 East Avenue of the Fountains, Fountain Hills, Arizona.

2. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill Myers, Vice Chairman Tom Barberic, Commissioners Bill Craig, Paul Garvey, Scott Grzybowski, and Darrienne Slater.

COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Thomas Aiello.

STAFF PRESENT: Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin and Executive Assistant Jamie Salentine.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no comments from the citizens present.

4. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE OCTOBER 22, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Garvey asked that a correction be made to item #8, paragraph 6 to read: Commissioner Garvey expressed concern about the construction along the promenade trail where significant rocks have been placed in numerous drainages.

Vice Chairman Barberic moved to approve the October 22, 2019, meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Commissioner Grzybowski; passed unanimously by those present (6-0).

5. UPDATE ON 2020-2023 COMMUNITY SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin stated that Town Council will have the 2020-2023 Community Services Strategic Plan on the January 7, 2020 agenda for consideration of adoption and requested that the Commission attend the Council meeting if available.

6. UPDATE ON FOUR PEAKS PARK PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin commented that the grand opening for the new playground equipment at Four Peaks Park is on December 21, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and invited the Commission to attend. She pointed out that there will be crafts, prizes, and hot cocoa.

In response to a question posed by Chairman Myers, Ms. Goodwin replied that the playground equipment

was provided through grant funding saving the Town 30-40%. She stated that the smaller structure was provided through GameTime and the larger structure was Kompan. She added that swings were added to the structure.

Ms. Goodwin emphasized the playground equipment is safe and installed, looking into shade structure to be installed over summer, and that there will be more updates coming to Four Peaks Park.

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin reported that the Department is the recipient of the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority Grant for funding of one basketball court at Four Peaks Park.

7. UPDATE ON TRAIL COUNTER ACTIVITY

Commissioner Craig reported that he is waiting to hear from Scott Hamilton from the City of Scottsdale regarding purchasing trail counters they are not using, due to the fact that the Town's trail counters are not working.

8. UPDATE ON ADERO CANYON TRAILHEAD (ACT) CONSTRUCTION

Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin stated that her understanding, utility work is still occurring at ACT. She noted that sewer/water testing is to begin next week and then dry utilities start after that. She added that the Trailhead hours are still the same at this time, which is no pedestrian access during business hours (sunrise until 3:00pm) and then sunrise to sunset Saturday and Sunday.

Vice Chairman Barberic stated the opinion that he would like to see no hiking during the week.

Ms. Goodwin commented that the decision of the hiking hours is handled by the Town Manager's office and will pass the comment to the Town Manager. She added that the Developer's Agreement does ask for access and that the office receives calls that request access to the trailhead as well as complaints. She pointed out that they are having issues with vehicles driving up to the trailhead versus parking at the end of the paved area. She noted that they are addressing as to how to secure the entrance better, however, it is Toll Brothers issue.

Ms. Goodwin reported that staff spoke with Epcor last week regarding water access and water pressure getting to the restrooms in order to run them as well as the irrigation.

In response to a question from Vice Chairman Barberic, Ms. Goodwin replied that prior to the road being paved utilities much go in first and is guessing the road would be paved after the first of the year.

Discussion ensued relative to accessing the trailhead via driving, improving the barrier to stop drivers, and reporting the violators via the non-emergency Sheriff's line.

In response to a question posed by Chairman Myers, Ms. Goodwin stated that staff will not know of a grand opening for ACT until the project is complete.

9. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF 2019 MMPC WORKGROUPS

(See Attachment 1)

a. Preserve Marketing and Fairs

Commissioner Grzybowski reported on the Fountain Hills Arts and Craft Fair, which the Conservancy booth had 1,164 people stopped by and all brochures handed out.

b. Safety

Chairman Myers stated that updates will be given at the January meeting.

c. Trailheads

In response to a question from Chairman Myers, Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin replied that she is unaware of a gate being put in and where the additional signs would be placed, however, will look into.

Chairman Myers clarified that the four (4) benches located on the ACT will remain on the trail.

Vice Chairman Barberic stated that comments made at the last meeting mentioned that the donor would request where the bench would be placed and suggested that the MMPC decide where the bench would be placed.

d. Value of Preserve

Commissioner Craig stated that the QR codes will be removed as they hike.

Vice Chairman Barbaric thanked Chairman Myers for his 11 years of service to the MMPC and input at ACT.

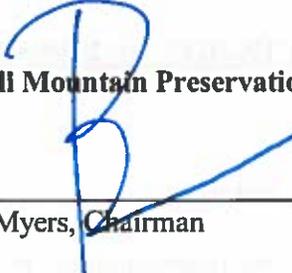
Ms. Goodwin stated that Chairman Myers will be recognized at the December 17, 2019 Town Council meeting that starts at 5:30 p.m.

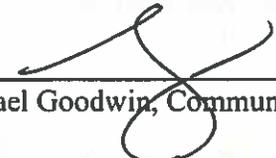
10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Craig moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Grzybowski; passed unanimously by those present (6-0).

The McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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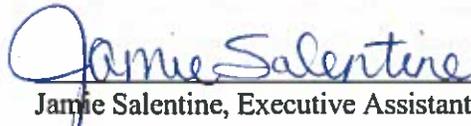
By: 
Bill Myers, Chairman

Reviewed by: 
Rachael Goodwin, Community Services Director

Prepared by: 
Jamie Salentine, 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 Regular Meeting held on November 26, 2019. I further certify that the meeting as duly called and that a quorum was present.

By: 
Jamie Salentine, Executive Assistant

Attachments – 2

2019 WORKGROUPS

Preserve Marketing and Fairs (Barberic*, Grzybowski, and Myers)

- a. Update Preserve big map

Safety (Aiello*, Garvey, and Grzybowski)

- a. Observe First Responders training MMPC/SCFH/Town
- b. Presentation from First Responders to above Preserve

Trailheads (Myers*, Craig, and Slater)

- a. Assist with completion of the ACT
- b. Bench criteria

Value of Preserve (Craig*, Aiello, and Garvey)

- a. Take down QR code signs in Preserve

*Workgroup Coordinator