



**TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN PRESERVATION COMMISSION
January 29, 2019**

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 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 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, Vice-Chair Tom Barberic, Commissioner Bill Craig, Commissioner Tom Aiello and Commissioner Ken Thornton and Commissioner Stan Ruden. Absent at roll call was Commissioner Klaus Schadle. Staff members present were Community Services Director Rachael Goodwin and Executive Assistant Angela Padgett-Espiritu.

AGENDA ITEM #3: CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one from the public wished to speak.

AGENDA ITEM #4: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE OCTOBER 23, 2018 AND THE NOVEMBER 27, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Ruden made a motion to approve, Commissioner Thornton second the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

AGENDA ITEM #5: DISCUSSION OF 2019 MMPC OBJECTIVES AND WORK GROUPS

Chairs Myers reported on the 9 current objectives and workgroups of the 2019 MMPC objectives. (documents attached)

- Objective 1: The Town will erect 31 temporary signs on the temporary road going to the Adero Canyon Trailhead. For example, speed limit signs, bump sign and an arrow sign putting toward the trailhead.
- Objective 2: All done except for 1 sign.
- Objective 3: Get a group together to make a recommendation to the Town. A possible recommendation for a first aid kit at the trailhead.
- Objective 4: Director Goodwin reported that we are expecting Toll Brothers to be on target with completion of the road to the Trailhead by late Spring or early Summer. Director Goodwin addressed questions regarding a safe and walkable path to the trailhead during road construction and water tank at the trailhead; intent is to Chair Myers clarified that when everything is complete, there will be a walking path to the trailhead and a paved road to the trailhead.
- Objective 5: Commissioner Thornton has agreed to get the 18 volunteers.
- Objective 6: Chair Myers reported that we took 4 or 5 council members up to the fire road access at the trailhead.

- Objective 7: Commissioner Craig reported that we are waiting on the map from Town GIS Technician/CAD Operator Ken Valverde.
- Objective 8: Chair Myers clarified that Marksman is a 24-hour guard service that Toll Brothers has hired to keep people from stealing construction materials and to keep fires from happening. As well as, coordinating with Sheriff to assist with enforcing the rules of the trailhead.
- Objective 9: Chair Myers reported that a lot of these things can be done with the help of the Sonoran Conservancy of Fountain Hills.

AGENDA ITEM #6: UPDATE ON THE LOWER SONORAN TRAIL SIGNS

Chair Myers reported that of the 228 signs, all were put in with the exception of 4 signs.

AGENDA ITEM #7: UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED 2019-2020 BUDGET

- Director Goodwin reported on the current 2018-2019 budget and proposed 2019-2020 budget (see attached). Director Goodwin mentioned to the commission that the current budget does not reflect all expenses at this time. Director Goodwin reported on the line items in the budget such as; leases, printing, tools, electric, utilities and signs. This budget encompasses all PR Trails, which encompasses all trails, such as the Botanical Gardens. Director Goodwin responded to Commissioner Craig question in regard to the printing the smaller version of the preserve trail map being printed. Director Goodwin reminded the commission that the Town will not reimburse the Sonoran Conservancy for printing of preserve trail map on their own and that they must go through the Town and that the Town would need to pay for the printing of these maps.

AGENDA ITEM #8: UPDATE ON TRAIL COUNTERS

- Commissioner Ruden reported (table of trail count attached) we have 5 trail counters working and 1 that is in Commissioner Craig's garage. The count for the Botanical will be the same as last month. The count for the Adero Canyon Trailhead is up to 10,000 passes of hikers and is up 35% more than last month and this comparable to last year.

AGENDA ITEM #9: UPDATE ON THE SONORAN CONSERVANCY

- Commissioner Craig reported that the Sonoran Conservancy has a new board member, Janis Holden. The website is being worked on to bring up to date with Trailhead. Pam Cissik continues to host and we are looking at funding options.
- Chair Myers commented that we can raise as much as the 501C3 would that we need to get clarification as to whether or not bow hunting is allowed in the Preserve. Worse case they may allow bow hunters but will find out.
- Vice-Chair Barberic mentioned that next year we should look at the Republic Grant.

AGENDA ITEM #10: DISCUSSION ON QR CODES AND SIGNS

- Chair Myers recommended putting a link on the Town's website to Sonoran Conservancy.
- Director Goodwin addressed issue with QR codes not working and will look into put QR code over the existing that is functioning.



AGENDA ITEM #11: DISCUSSION ON GEOCACHING WITHIN 5 FEET OF THE TRAILS

- Chair Myers asked if the commission is able to recommend to the council regarding Geocaching within 5 feet of the trails.
- Director Goodwin responded to commission put together on the next meeting and to draft a consideration regarding the Town's policy on Geocaching.

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

- Director Goodwin reported no new updates

AGENDA ITEM #13: UPDATE ON ACCESS TO TRAILS FROM THE TRAILHEAD

Chair Myers reported that this was addressed in the agenda along with the other updates.

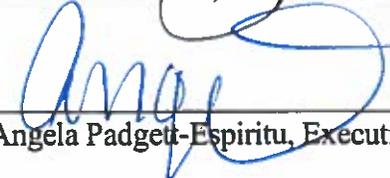
AGENDA ITEM #14: CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Barberic made a motion to adjourn at 6:41 p.m., Commissioner Ruden seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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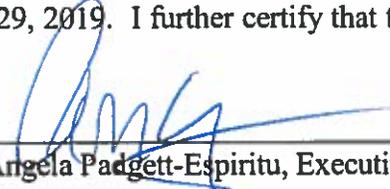
By: 
 Bill Myers, Chair

Reviewed by: 
 Rachael Goodwin, Director of Community Services

Prepared by: 
 Angela Padgett-Espiritu, 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 January 29, 2019. I further certify that the meeting as duly called and that a quorum was present.

By: 
 Angela Padgett-Espiritu, Executive Assistant

Dated this February 28th, 2019

We have identified about 26 preliminary objectives for MMPC for 2019. Many other objectives over the last decade have been completed. Of the 26, the following 9 seem to be the most pressing.

At the MMPC meeting in late January, we will discuss each and assign to a work group. The new group of 7 Commissioners will be interviewed in early February and the objectives may change a little. The coordination with SCFH is more important this year as that great group is now more involved in the 2 Trailheads. More recognition of SCFH is still needed.

<u>Objective</u>	<u>Workgroup</u>
1) Some signage to the two Trailheads from Town	Adero Canyon Trailhead
2) Finish ST/LST signage	Adero Canyon Trailhead
3) First aid kits and defibulators in the two trailheads	Construction/Trailhead
4) Assist with completion of the ACT	Construction/Trailhead
5) Coordinate the two Town fairs	Preserve Marketing/Fairs
6) Assist with the completion of the Fire Road in the Preserve.	Construction/Trailhead
7) 1-2 new Trails in the Preserve	Adero Canyon Trailhead
8) Coordination with Sheriff and Marksman	Value of the Preserve
9) Begin public awareness campaign on the new Trailhead	Preserve Marketing/Fairs

A good start.



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 TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS
 YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

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FOR 2019 99

ACCOUNTS FOR: GENERAL FUND ORIGINAL APPROP TRANSFRS/ ADJSTMTS REVISED BUDGET YTD EXPENDED ENC/REQ AVAILABLE BUDGET PCT USED

PRTRAIL OPEN SPACE/TRAILS

PRTRAIL 6220	GDS. MNT	2,000	0	2,000	.00	.00	2,000.00	.0%
PRTRAIL 6275	SIGNS	5,000	0	5,000	331.67	.00	4,668.33	6.6%
PRTRAIL 6370	ELECTRIC	2,208	0	2,208	.00	.00	2,208.00	.0%
PRTRAIL 6373	WTR/SWR	200	0	200	90.00	110.00	.00	100.0%
PRTRAIL 6408	RENT	13,380	0	13,380	1,076.07	.00	380.00	97.2%
PRTRAIL 6409	PRINTING	3,600	0	3,600	1,966.12	.00	1,633.88	54.6%
PRTRAIL 6412	CONTRACTS	6,500	0	6,500	.00	.00	6,500.00	.0%
PRTRAIL 6418	LANDSCAPE	2,700	0	2,700	840.00	.00	492.00	81.8%
PRTRAIL 6504	OPER. SDP	0	0	0	245.80	.00	-245.80	100.0%
PRTRAIL 6505	FOOD	120	0	120	.00	.00	120.00	.0%
PRTRAIL 6506	PROG. MAT	300	0	300	.00	.00	300.00	.0%
PRTRAIL 6601	EO/SM TOOL	1,000	0	1,000	483.45	.00	516.55	48.3%
PRTRAIL 6801	ISF-COPY	150	0	150	27.92	.00	122.08	18.6%
TOTAL OPEN SPACE/TRAILS		37,158	0	37,158	5,061.03	13,401.93	18,695.04	49.7%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		37,158	0	37,158	5,061.03	13,401.93	18,695.04	49.7%
TOTAL EXPENSES		37,158	0	37,158	5,061.03	13,401.93	18,695.04	

TRAIL COUNTER REPORT

1. On Sunday, 3/3 between 9:45 and noon - 138 females (56%), 106 males (44%), 23 children, 8 bikers and 17 dogs passed through the ACT upper gates.
2. Between 11/1/18 and 4/1/19 - 54 % of the 550 Lake Overlook maps were taken from the east map holder and 46% from the west one. There are about 200 L.O. maps left.
3. I will have replaced the batteries in all 5 trail counters by May.
4. Pam Sissic is having her Hosts sweep the ball-bearing like gravel away from the ACT entrance area to the trails.
5. I will send the completed Trail Counter Table to Angela later this week for distribution.

Stan Ruden

MONTHLY TRAIL COUNTER PASSES

	BOTANICAL GARDEN	LAKE OVERLOOK	SONORAN NORTH END	**AND-KIN/ WEST. LOOP	ADERO CANYON
2017 Total		57277	4825	3775	
2018					
Jan		6984	483	240	
Feb	Counter Start	6448	737	1059	
Mar	2491	9948	1581	1461	
Apr	1262	5153	2409	*500	
May	925	3356	898	*300	
Jun	563	1816	1042	*300	
Jul	439	1646	*500	*300	
Aug	*700	1622	*500	*300	
Sep	*1080	1935	*500	*300	
Oct	*1500	3715	*500	*450	
Nov	*1900	5463	655	628	Start 12/7
Dec	2251	5001	487	2101	7363
2018 Total	13111(10M)	53087	10292	8739	7363 (1M)
2019					
Jan	2291	6969	677	4833	10237
Feb	2467	5505	731	Counter Failed	9010
Mar	3295	8080	No Read Yet	No Read Yet	16564
Apr					
May					
Jun					
Jul					
Aug					
Sep					
Oct					
Nov					
Dec					
2019 Total					

* Estimate. Counter was not functioning.

** Andrews-Kinsey and Western Loop Trails