

**WORK SESSION  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS · 473 S. Main Street, Room #106  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2013  
5:30 P.M.**

Minutes are a summary of the discussion. They are not verbatim.  
Public input is placed after Council discussion to facilitate future research.

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Burnside called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

2. **Roll Call**

Mayor Burnside, Vice Mayor Bob Kovacovich, Councilors Jackie Baker, Robin Whatley, Bruce George, Carol German and Jessie Jones were present.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Town Manager Russ Martin, Town Clerk Debbie Barber, Economic Development Director Steve Ayers, Sheila Stubler, and Administrative Assistant Stephanie Sunstrom.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Steve Ayers led the pledge.

4. **Discussion, consideration and possible direction to staff regarding possible five-year agreement with Arizona State Parks pertaining to Fort Verde State Historic Park.** Staff Resource: Russ Martin


Russ Martin advised that he had e-mailed a list of questions about Fort Verde Historical Park (Park) to Jay Ream of Arizona State Parks. The list of questions is included in the agenda packet, which is a permanent part of this record. He noted that the Park is one of Camp Verde's most important assets. He asked the Council for direction on these matters and if they agreed to the opportunities that he suggested. Council discussed the financial commitment at length and agreed that the amount requested was reasonable at this time. However, there were concerns as to whether the proposed amount could be lowered as State Park funding increased if this occurred during the term of the agreement. Martin felt that Arizona State Parks would need less funding from the Town as their budget increased. Council discussed the following:

- Including the possibility of sponsoring additional events at the Park in the agreement that could enhance the heritage of our community with free entrance fees for these events;
- Requesting a space, such as the bookstore to use as a Visitor's Center, with the Martin suggesting that this request would not likely be approved;
- Staffing hours not to be set at 700, but rather set on an as-needed basis, noting that Maintenance Staff is available for repairs and grounds maintenance, in addition to the Town providing services and supplies, such as toilet tissue, Internet, and phones; and
- A partnership with Arizona State Parks that would allow an exchange of resources between the Town and the Parks.

Council reminded Martin that he has the full support of the Council to find economic development opportunities.

5. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Jessie Jones, seconded by Jackie Baker the meeting was adjourned at 6:24p.m.

  
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Bob Burnside, Mayor      3-6-13

  
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Stephanie Sunstrom, Recording Secretary

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde during the Work Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on February 20, 2013. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 8 day of March, 2013.

Debbie Barber  
Debbie Barber, Town Clerk