

MINUTES (Corrected)
COUNCIL HEARS PLANNING & ZONING MATTERS
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010
6:30 P.M.

Minutes are a summary of the actions taken. They are not verbatim.
Public input is placed after Council 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., Vice Mayor Kovacovich presiding.
2. **Roll Call**
Vice Mayor Kovacovich, Councilors Whatley, Garrison, Baker, and Roulette were present; Mayor Burnside and Councilor German were absent.

Also Present: Town Manager Russ Martin, Acting Community Development Director Mike Jenkins, Asst. Planner Jenna Owens, and Recording Secretary Margaret. Harper.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
The Pledge was led by Garrison.
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 Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Council requests.
 - a) **Approval of the Minutes:**
 - 1) There are no minutes for approval.
 - b) **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**
 - 1) November 3, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session
 - 2) November 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. – Combined Regular Session & Council Hears P&Z Matters
 - 3) November 24, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Hears Planning & Zoning Matters – **CANCELLED**

On a motion by Garrison, seconded by Baker, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented; with the meeting set for November 3, 2010 also canceled.
5. **Special Announcements & Presentations**
There were no special announcements or presentations.
6. **Council Informational Reports.**
Baker said that T-shirts promoting Camp Verde like the one she was wearing could be purchased at Camp Verde Mercantile, and would make good gifts. Baker also noted that the special event held at the Mercantile this weekend was fun and should be held often.

Garrison reminded everyone of the special event coming up Saturday featuring the movie, "Kingdom of the Spiders;" it will take place around 5:00 on the old football field; T-shirts and refreshments will be available. Garrison also reminded the community about the Halloween on Main Street special event for all to enjoy.
7. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.**
(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)
Justin Wertz again spoke to the Council to describe the ongoing efforts of his group to encourage development of a skateboard park to benefit both the community and its youth.

There was no further public input.
8. **Public Hearing, discussion, consideration, and possible approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Yavapai County, Town of Clarkdale, City of Cottonwood, Town of Jerome, and City of Sedona for the purpose**

of supporting the objective of improving non-motorized trails and trail facilities in the Verde Valley as generally expressed in the Verde Valley Trails Conceptual Plan Support for interagency cooperation is also recognized between these jurisdictions and other local, state, and federal land management agencies, including, but not limited to Arizona State Parks, United States Forest Service, and the National Park Service.
Staff Resource: Mike Jenkins

On a motion by Baker, seconded by Roulette, the Council unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Camp Verde, the Town of Clarkdale, the City of Cottonwood, the Town of Jerome, the City of Sedona, and Yavapai County, for the purpose of supporting the objective of improving non-motorized trails and trails facilities in the Verde Valley region of Arizona, as generally expressed in the Verde Valley Trails Concept Plan, with Section V deleted.

Asst. Planner Jenna Owens outlined the purpose and background information regarding the proposed Memorandum of Understanding, explaining that the purpose is to encourage a voluntary association of jurisdictions and agencies to work together for the improvement and development of non-motorized trails throughout the Verde Valley, and to support such development of trail opportunities within the mandates of the applicable jurisdictions. Owens then introduced Tammy Dewitt, of Yavapai County Development Services, Planning & Design Review, who is a Planner for Yavapai County, to share a Power Point presentation on the proposed project.

Tammy Dewitt first noted that she is the acting coordinator and facilitator for the group of volunteers and is making the presentation as a representative of the group that was formed to work on a trail plan for the Verde Valley, including members from Camp Verde. The only involvement by Yavapai County was to help with the mapping system of the GIS Department. Ms. Dewitt reviewed the details of the long-range vision of the Regional Trails Concept Plan, including the purpose and goals of the Plan, the background and content, and types of trails, and the meetings held for public input. The Plan provides resources for grant funding or other possible funding for trail development. Ms. Dewitt noted that the proposed document is simply a tool for planning purposes in the future, and that signing it does not imply approval of any of the trails, only support for going ahead with the plan, recognizing the need for trails in the Verde Valley, subject to the required public hearing process. Ms. Dewitt pointed out that Section V, as requested by the P&Z Commission, has been removed from the draft document. She stressed that the Memorandum of Understanding is a non-binding document, requiring no financial commitment. A map indicating the existing and proposed Verde Valley Regional Trails Plan was on display; Ms. Dewitt commented that it is a concept only and not intended for public distribution since it could be misinterpreted at this point.

PUBLIC INPUT

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

Bob Rothrock said he was one of the original proponents of the subject plan and it is gratifying to see it come to fruition; it is a good plan and he urged that the Council support it.

Diane Lovett said that she has spent the last 2-1/2 years working on the plan with the group, and noted the important benefits to the Town for connecting the trails, and requested support for the plan.

Bill Stafford noted that he has worked for 29 years for the U.S. Forest Service in the Verde Valley, and was an original member of the trails planning committee for the Regional Trails Plan; he reviewed how the plan offers a great opportunity to have the plans ready for when Government and private funding and citizen opportunities become available. He noted how valuable the plan would be for future planning and development, and urged the Council to approve it.

Charlotte Salsman said that she would go one step farther and begged the Council to support the plan. She described the impressive trails system she found in Denver that provides great health benefits, and said that Camp Verde has the same opportunity, history and scenery to build upon.

Beth Blay commented that the plan is an idea whose time has come; years ago the idea was discussed and she has high admiration for all those who have brought it this far. It is now simply a matter of cooperation and vision and she urged the Council to support it.

Christine Lombardi described an experience she had while riding with a group of horseback riders and encountering another similar group coming from the opposite direction and different cities, all having accessed it from different points. She agrees that the plan is a good beginning.

Suzy Burnside believes that Camp Verde is ahead of the curve, having been the first of the five named towns to name trails as the alternate means of transportation, as adopted in the General Plan. Ms. Burnside reviewed the groundwork done on creating the trails plan for Camp Verde. Ms. Burnside questioned what she believes was an improperly stated agenda item that failed to notice a public hearing on the concept plan. She noted some omissions on the proposed map when comparing it with Camp Verde's trails map, and questioned how it relates to the General Plan.

Following the comments by Ms. Burnside, and prior to determining that there was no further public input, the Council discussed with Ms. Burnside her question of the agenda item not being properly stated, together with her perception that the subject MOU had been previously approved in 2007 by resolution. During the discussion, with input from Ms. Dewitt and staff member Jenkins, it was reiterated and confirmed that the proposed plan is just the start in response to the need for a master trails plan for Yavapai County and the MOU is a tool to express support for the proposed plan; Camp Verde would still have jurisdictional control over what goes on within the Town limits. Town Manager Martin said he understands that the purpose of the proposed MOU is to support the concept of the trails plan; it is not a static document but an agreement to cooperate in order to move forward with the purpose and goals. The intent is not to adopt the draft plan or the maps, but only to approve the MOU, agreeing to cooperate with the other entities, which Martin suggested would be part of the Motion to approve.

There was no further public input.

Further Council discussion included the understanding that the 2007 resolution previously referred to was not meant to be an MOU. It was pointed out that the proposed MOU would be subject to change by a vote of the representatives, which led to a lengthy discussion on determining or formally appointing a representative to represent the Town, and the apparent discontinuing of a representative attending meetings on behalf of the Town as provided by a previous resolution. **When asked by Garrison why the Town was not notified when the Town's representative resigned from their Commission on Trails, Tammy Dewitt said that they "did not have any clue who to contact," so no one was contacted.** The issue of the disbanding of the Trails Commission as a factor in losing a representative was also pointed out, as well as the need to ensure consistency in following the provisions of formal actions. In response to a question about the possibility of the Plan leading to a property tax, Ms. Dewitt commented that there are grant funds available for trails, and the idea of a property tax has nothing to do with the proposed document. As for the possibility of some trails being closed, Ms. Dewitt noted that some of the existing trails are not official; approval of the MOU is not signing off on any trails; there will always be the public process that will be in place, and that would include reinserting or adding trails to the map. Martin suggested that changes to the MOU can be made and simply placed on the Consent Agenda and presented to Council for approval. Ms. Dewitt added that the Council will be kept advised and updated on the Verde Valley Trails Concept Plan as it is developed in anticipation of creating a Master Trails Plan.

9. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.**


There was no further public input.

10. **Advanced Approvals of Town Expenditures.**

There were no advanced approvals.

11. **Manager/Staff Report**
There was no Manager/staff report.

12. **Adjournment**
On a motion by Baker, seconded by Roulette, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Bob Burnside, Mayor

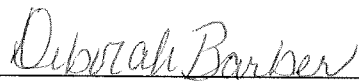


Margaret Harper, Recording Secretary

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 Regular Session of the Town Council of Camp Verde, Arizona, held on the 27th day of October 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 18 day of November, 2010.



Debbie Barber, Town Clerk