

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
OSAT COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2014, 3:30PM**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014 AT TOWN HALL AT 2735 S. HIGHWAY 69, DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA. CHAIR SANDRA GOODWIN PRESIDED.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Made.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Executive Members: Skip Gladue, Laurence McCormick and Chair Sandra Goodwin. Associate Members: Carl Marsee and Becky Paloutzian were present. Executive Member Kevin Leonard was absent.

4. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS.

Announcement was made of Dewey-Humboldt Candidate Forum to be held at Cherry Creek Ranch Event Center on August 13, at 6:00 p.m.

5. CONSENT AGENDA.

5.1. Minutes. Minutes from the June 4, 2014 OSAT meeting.

Executive Member Gladue made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2014 OSAT meeting as presented, seconded by Executive Member McCormick. It was approved unanimously.

6. **REGULAR AGENDA – Unfinished Business.** Discussion and Possible Action on matters previously presented to the Committee.

6.1. Update and possible action regarding current Newtown Trailhead OSAT project.

Chair Goodwin referred to a conversation she had had moments before the meeting with Jason Williams from the Prescott National Forest (PNF) while he was on assignment in Montana. He indicated the PNF was still interested in pursuing the NEPA study for a Newtown Trailhead but the federal government budget would not be approved – and filtered down to local jurisdictions – until at least the first of 2015. He remains encouraging and supportive of that project. He also indicated that the PNF was, at this time, only interested in the Newtown location.

OSAT's role is dormant until their budget is determined.

Goodwin mentioned that she informed the lessee, Rink Goswick, of the status of the project and he was again supportive and asked to be kept informed. Goodwin stated she would do that.

Goodwin also spoke with Debbie McNeely of PNF asking for timelines and direction regarding reinitiating the Newtown grant and was told the PNF would keep all applicants informed as the timelines were established. She will be making an appointment with Town Manager, Yvonne Kimball, within the next few weeks.

7. **REGULAR AGENDA – New Business** - Discussion and Possible Action on matters not previously presented to the Committee.

7.1. Discussion and possible action for 2014-2015 Planning, Role and Responsibilities and Possible Action for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

The Committee agreed that direction from the Town Council was needed to establish their future role, clarifying that the Committee was basically established to investigate and recommend open space and trails projects, and that the Butte Street Park was a deviation from the Committee's understanding of its scope. The Committee had not heard of any other right of way that could be developed into a park.

Future project discussion turned to the Kathy Hubbard trail head and it was reiterated that although that location provided trailer parking for about 10 rigs it was not in the town of Dewey-Humboldt. However, it is in close proximity to two or three BLM trails whose entrances were within Dewey-Humboldt.

Council Allen was asked if she had any information regarding a trailhead event she had been working on and she indicated it was moot at this time.

Committee member, Larry McCormick offered to follow up on his previous exploration of privately owned parcels near the Kathy Hubbard Trailhead but within D-H that could be leased or purchased thereby providing some parking space within D-H. He will report back at the Sept meeting.

7.2. Discussion and possible action regarding the adopted 2014-15 Town Budget.

The chair understands that the \$12,000 originally designated for developing the Newtown Trailhead Project remains in the budget. This will need to be discussed with the Town Manager, Yvonne Kimball, to ascertain if this sum can be used to coordinate an Inter-Governmental Agreement with PNF so the NEPA study can be completed in time to meet the project grant deadline in 2015. If this is not possible the Chair believes the grant will not be recommended for funding by the grant reviewing committee.

7.3. Discussion and possible action regarding Traffic signs indicating horse crossing.

All committee members had input and discussion regarding the equine safety on our local roads and concluded they would recommend to Council the posting of street signs with statements such as: HORSE CROSSING, EQUINE COMMUNITY; HORSES ON ROAD; DRIVE SAFELY, EQUESTRIAN CROSSING; SHARE THE ROAD, etc.

Committee members accepted the assignment to come to the September meeting with a list of needed streets for the posting of such signs. Becky Paloutzian and Larry McCormick will cover the Blue Hills streets and Goodwin and Gladue will cover the Humboldt area. Comments from residents will be solicited

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Councilwoman Arlen Allen addressed the Committee in the status of a private citizen.

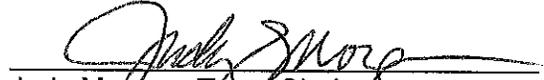
She spoke of a major event that she is working on that could transition over years into the community which would focus on our Country Town image and equestrian uses. She stated her regrets that the town presently has no trailheads and therefore D-H was not a possible candidate for this event which is anticipated to bring in many people and business. She discussed this as an alternative to those who support lot splits and development. She stated that it is difficult now to stage an event in our town.

She voiced her agreement that the Committee is doing good work but needs more direction from the Council.

9. **ADJOURN.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.


Sandra Goodwin, Chair

ATTEST:


Judy Morgan, Town Clerk