

Lake Havasu City
Trails Advisory Committee

November 18, 2015
Lake Havasu City Aquatic Center
Room 155/156
100 Park Avenue
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Summary Minutes

Call to Order: Mary VanRooy, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Dale Bailey, Bill Bryan, William Katen, John Masden, Jim Rosensweet, Jeff Smolek, Mary VanRooy

Excused: John Geyer

Absent: David McAtlin

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the minutes from meeting October 14, 2015; Member Jim Rosensweet moved to approve as written; seconded by Bill Bryan and unanimously carried by the committee.

Presentation by Windsor Beach State Park Manager:

Committee member Bill Bryan introduced Pete Knotts Lake Havasu State Parks Park Manager. Mr. Knotts stated he was asked to speak by Dan Keyes about what is happening in Lake Havasu State Parks. There have been a lot of changes lately and a lot more changes coming. Knotts would like to get involved with the Trails Advisory Committee and the trails system. State Parks has a new Director, Sue Black. All over Arizona the parks are going through changes which are all positive. Lake Havasu State Parks is beginning the process of building a new launch ramp which they hope to have completed by Memorial Day. The new launch ramp will be between Windsor 4 and the campground area. Along with the new launch ramp there will be a new restroom at lot 2, two new shower houses, and an event/restroom at the lot 4 event area which will be a big asset to all of the events that do occur. An emergency fire lane will be put in with the new construction. The new launch ramp will be 8 lanes. There will be an additional exit that will be by lot 4 where the pedestrian gates are now those gates will be moved to the south and a new exit will be there with tire rippers. The beach area between the lighthouse and the Kingsview Condos will be graded and be made more boat user friendly and walker friendly as well as some ramadas. Committee member Jim Rosensweet asked if new walking paths will be put in. Knotts stated initially they were going to install a sidewalk from the condo sidewalk clear to the lighthouse. That has been cut out at this time due to cost and erosion problems. Knotts stated Sue Black is all about creating partnerships

and working with the community and that is a very positive note for State Parks. Committee Member Rosensweet asked if they have or will be working on plans for new trails in the Lake Havasu State Parks. Knotts replied the current trail in the park is going to be obstructed during construction but there will still be a walkable trail for those that use it. Committee member Bill Bryan stated State Parks has opened up Highland Scorpion Island by Contact Point for scouting. There will be a Scout Camp built on that island that will be maintained and cleaned by the Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts. Chairman VanRooy asked what the schedule is for Contact Point. Knotts responded he does not know at this point the time frame. Committee member Bryan stated the current Sunset Trail will be modified somewhat and the idea is to connect it to the trails system we are working on. Knotts stated he would like to be involved and is looking forward to working with this group.

AZ State Trails System:

Division Manager Dan Keyes stated this committee went through a process that identified at least six top priorities. As a committee we took those to the Parks and Recreation Board which they approved and then moved forward to the City administration where they were also approved. The application and submittal to the AZ State Trails System is one of those items that need to be worked on. Keyes asked the committee how they would like to work on these priorities one suggestion being different committee member's work on projects with staff to achieve those goals. Chairman VanRooy, committee members Smolke and Rosensweet volunteered to start working on the AZ State Trails application. A discussion took place and all priorities will be placed on next month's agenda to be discussed and determined how to proceed.

Aquatic/Recreation Division Manager Report:

a) Piccadilly Point Trail

Manager Dan Keyes reported there is money allocated in this fiscal year to use as a match for a possible State Trails Grant. Because of the time schedule for the SARA Park Trail Head there is an existing grant out there and the rule is you have to have the first grant 50% complete or more before you can apply for a second grant. Staff recommended coming up with a plan to develop a trail at Piccadilly Point and then associated cost can be reallocated and the \$15,000 from the grant match can go to actual construction dollars. Keyes met at Piccadilly Point yesterday with Project Manager, Jeremy Abbott, Jim Rosensweet, and Mary VanRooy. Abbott will provide Keyes with a cost estimate based on his previous go at putting that trail segment that would be associated with the parking lot project that is underway right now. Extending the existing trail from the park out to Piccadilly Point cost estimated came in to around \$18,000. The amenities will need to be similar to Rotary Park and the trail will need to be similar. Keyes was able to get the square footage that the sidewalk will be and he will be able to go out to bid for that. The next goal is to get the \$15,000 released. The focus is going to be getting the trail out there and then ideas can be presented to the park board for their consideration about the rest of the development and what it might look like in the future. VanRooy stated the group

talked about the Leave a Legacy and people volunteering, labor and materials. Rosensweet looks at it as phase one of the Havasu Trails System. Rosensweet believes with some good publicity and advertising the trail will be really used. Chairman VanRooy talked about benches and trees that could be donated and that could go through the Keep Havasu Beautiful program. Keyes informed the committee he has already spoke to the finance department about how to take donations; they will set-up an account to receive donations for trails in general or for specific trails. Committee member Smolek suggested doing a contract amendment with the contractor that is currently working down at Rotary Park building the parking lot. Rosensweet suggested printing a brochure with what the committee plans on doing; something that could be handed out to service organizations and citizens.

Future Agenda Items:

Trails Advisory 6 Top Priorities
Island Bike/Walking Path – Jeff Smolek
MPO Update – Jean Knight
Surplus Equipment for Maintenance of Trails – Bill Bryan
History of Pima Wash Trail – Bill Bryan
Spring Frenzy – Swan Cooke

Call to Public:

Swan Cooke Aquatic Supervisor asked to be put on next month's agenda to discuss the Trails Advisory Committee members being involved with hiking classes for the upcoming Spring Frenzy Event.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, member Bill Bryan moved for adjournment at 4:00 p.m., seconded by member Jeff Smolek and unanimously carried by the Board.