

Lake Havasu City  
**Trails Advisory Committee**

July 8, 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, John Masden, Mary VanRooy, Bruce Wallace

Excused: Mindy Ritter, Jim Rosensweet, Jeff Smolek

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of the amended minutes on May 20, 2015 and regular minutes on June 3, 2015: Member John Masden moved to approve as written; seconded by Bill Bryan and unanimously carried by the committee.

**Transportation Plan Update/ Trail Funding Opportunities:**

Jean Knight, Metropolitan Planning Manager presented information on the Transportation Plan Update and Trail Funding Opportunities. Knight explained the Metropolitan Planning Organization is not part of the City but is under an umbrella of the City. It is federally mandated and federally funded transportation policy-making organization. This organization helps plan which is governed by a Board. The State Transportation Board is the one that determines all of the projects that are submitted to them by ADOT staff for inclusion. There is also a Technical Advisory Committee that makes the recommendations as to what the MPO is going to do and transfers on to the Executive Board that approves any projects. We are very educated on trails grants; we plan. In the regional transportation plan right now where we are, the plan will finish up in December. Staff is at the first working paper which is not finalized and will be finalized at our public meeting and the public can comment on it and the comments are in the report. The consultant works with the City and the County and we gather up socioeconomic data which is your population, how many homes, what are the employment figures; they project out what it will be in 2025 and 2040. Regional Transportation Plan is a federal requirement for the MPO to complete. If you do not complete it by your deadline which for us is March 2016 all your federal funding is stopped. You have to plan your transportation infrastructure which is your roads, bridges, trails, multi-use path, anything that is related to transportation. They also look at the General Plan Updates for the County and the City and incorporate those projects in the MPO boundary. The LHPO is responsible for the planning area boundary which encompasses all areas with the Lake Havasu City limits, the Mohave County are north of the City limits known as

Desert Hills, Havasu Gardens, Crystal Beach and the Mohave County area south of the City known as Horizon Six; approximately 100 square miles. In our next working paper we are going to look at the future needs and the deficiency; have we met and have we achieved what we said we wanted to do in our 2006 Trails Plan and if we didn't why didn't we do it. Has the City and ADOT provided a safe usable route from one destination to another. Part of the plan is getting you from work to home and home to work if you want to walk or ride your bike. Keyes asked Jean Knight what she sees as the roll of the Trails Advisory Committee members and the planning process and how do they interact with what you are doing. Knight's suggestion is to review the 2006 Trails Plan and see what wasn't done that you want done, look at the needs. As a group vote on it and get information to the MPO by the end of August. Trails have to have a destination; point A to point B. Keyes asked about funding for trail development or planning process. Knight stated she would keep it multimodal even if it is bike and path that keeps it multimodal. Planning Assistance for Rural Areas (PARA) funding is available to do a study and from the study you do a plan. You also need to register with the AZ State Trails system otherwise they limit your funding. Grants these days are extremely competitive and the key is to follow the directions and make sure it has a safety component.

#### **Trails Master Plan Review:**

Committee Member John Masden reported the subcommittee for the Trails Master Plan has met and discussed extensively and decided it is time for a consultant.

Committee Member John Masden moved to task the subcommittee to carry forward a list of priorities for the MPO; seconded by Mary VanRooy and unanimously carried by the Committee.

#### **Division Managers Report:**

##### **a) Correspondence with AZ State Parks**

Manager Dan Keyes reported he has contacted the AZ State Parks and asked about their Grant Program.

##### **b) Arizona Game and Fish Department: Heritage Fund**

Staff has been looking into the Heritage Fund.

##### **c) Communication with Archiekton: Jeff Engelman**

The City has an architectural engineering firm on board already which their priority is parks projects. Keyes has already been in contact with the segment of that firm that specializes in trail development plans. Staff from that firm would like to visit Lake Havasu City and meet members of this committee. Keyes suggested having this engineer as our guest at our next Trails Advisory Committee meeting. We can then develop a scope of work and get a price associated with that work. The sub-committee can meet and then bring back to the committee at the regular scheduled meeting.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Motorized Trails to Plan and Water Trails

**Call to Public:**

N/A

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, member Bill Bryan moved for adjournment at 4:05 p.m., seconded by member Dale Bailey and unanimously carried by the Board.