

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS (OSAT) ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ad hoc)

REGULAR MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 3:00 P.M.

**ad hoc OSAT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
2735 S. HWY 69**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL
DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA**

AGENDA

The issues that come before the ad hoc Open Space & Trails Committee are often challenging and potentially divisive. In order to make sure we benefit from the diverse views to be presented, the Committee believes that the meeting be a safe place for people to speak. With this in mind, the Committee asks that everyone refrain from clapping, heckling and any other expressions of approval or disapproval. Please turn off all cell phones. The Committee meeting may be recorded in audio & video format.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL: Skip Gladue, Sandra Goodwin, Judy Kerber, Kevin Leonard, Norman Perry, Heidi Remakel, Vice Chair Carol Barker, and Chair Jack Hamilton.

4. CONSENT AGENDA - All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Town Committee and will be enacted by one motion. At a Committee Member's request only, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. If a citizen desires separate consideration of an item, they must approach a Committee Member prior to the meeting and ask that the Committee Member request that the item be removed.

4.1. Minutes. Minutes from the February 17, 2010 Regular OSAT Meeting.

5. REGULAR AGENDA – Unfinished Business - Discussion and Possible Action on any issue which was not concluded, was postponed, or was tabled during a prior meeting.

5.1. Finalize the Vision Statement. Discussion and completion of the draft Open Space and Trails Vision Statement.

5.2. Summarize the Discussion of Trails. A summary of Arizona Trails 2010 –State Trails Plan Highlights, Trail experiences in Dewey-Humboldt; Destinations; and trail surfaces.

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

6.1. Confirmation on the Role of the Committee. Discussion with Town Manager.

6.2. Presentation on Urban Trails System. A presentation by Nat White, former Flagstaff Council member, Flagstaff Urban Trails System co-founder.

6.3. Presentation of Research and Findings. Research by ADYE Design and sub consultants; presented by ADYE Design.

6.4. Opportunities and Constraints. There will be discussion on the numerous opportunities and constraints regarding trails.

6.5. Preliminary Goals and Objectives. Angela Dye will discuss the preliminary goals and objectives.

6.6. Proposed Community Outreach Plan. Discussion on ways to increase public outreach and involvement in the OSAT process.

6.7. Schedule of OSAT Meetings.

April 7, 2010 – Recommended goals and objectives.

April 20, 2010 – Town Council update.

April 21, 2010 – Community Outreach & regular OSAT meeting.

May 12, 2010 – Review Draft Plan/Comments

June 9, 2010 – Review Revisions/Comments

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. Those wishing to address the Committee need not request permission in advance. For the official record, individuals will state their name. Any such remarks shall be addressed to the Committee as a whole and not to any member thereof. Individuals are limited to speak for three (3) minutes per person unless additional time is granted by the Chair. At the conclusion of all of the unscheduled comments of all interested members of the public and at the discretion of the Chair, individual members of the Committee may respond to criticism regarding the item addressed, may ask the matter be reviewed by Town Staff, or may ask that the matter be placed on a future agenda. The total time for Comments from the Public shall be 30 minutes per meeting.

8. ADJOURN.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Next Town Council Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Next Town Council Work Session: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Next Town OSAT Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Next Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting: Thursday April 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

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By: _____, Town Clerk's Office.

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2010, 2:00 P.M.**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT OSAT COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010, AT TOWN HALL AT 2735 S. HIGHWAY 69, DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA. CHAIR JACK HAMILTON PRESIDED.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Made.
3. **ROLL CALL.** Committee Members Skip Gladue, Sandra Goodwin, Sandra Bradley, Judy Kerber, Kevin Leonard, Norman Perry, Heidi Remakel, Vice Chair Carol Barker, and Chair Jack Hamilton were present.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA.**
 - 4.1. Minutes. Minutes from the February 3, 2010 Regular OSAT Meeting. Committee Member Perry made a motion to Approve 4.1. Minutes. Minutes from the February 3, 2010 Regular OSAT Meeting. Committee Member Kerber seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously
5. **REGULAR AGENDA – Unfinished Business.**
 - 5.1. Discussion of Trails. Discuss the Values, Opportunities and Obstacles as they pertain to Trails. Item 5.1 was moved to 6.1.
 - 5.2. Vision Statement Discussion. Discussion of information on vision and goals that was provided to the Committee prior to the meeting. Public comment invited.

Angela Dye presented two possible options for the Vision Statement. She solicited input from the Committee Members as to which wording they preferred. There was discussion as to the wording in the Vision Statement. There was discussion regarding public land vs. open space; public vs. private; wording of informal vs. official designation. Angela Dye spoke on appropriate language that expresses the values to Dewey-Humboldt. The Vision Statement will be revised with the information received from Committee Members.
6. **REGULAR AGENDA - New Business.**

6.1. Discussion on Trails. Discussion on Arizona Trails 2010 - State Trails Plan Highlights, Trail experiences in Dewey-Humboldt; Destinations; and trail surfaces.

This agenda item was moved from item 5.1 to 6.1 as "New Business" at the request of Angela Dye and approved by Chair Hamilton. There was discussion on the list of questions posed to the Committee from the January meeting. Angela Dye discussed definitions of trail, path, and shared use/multi-use path as they relate to funding and grants. Committee Members gave their input on the definitions. According to Arizona Trails 2010, Yavapai County is second only to Coconino County in non-motorized trail use.

The Committee discussed enforcement on trails. Members noted the Ambassador Club and Saddlebags; two groups that stress enforcement and trail maintenance. Tiffany Halperin discussed Trail Character (width, use, appropriate); Trailhead indicators (gathering place, kiosk); Staging (allocate space for areas at trail head - parking, etc); and User Experience (bikes, horses, ADA, hikers, OHV).

Chair Hamilton opened the floor to public comment.

Anita Wulf spoke on trails on private property and utility easements.

6.2. Summary of Open Space and Trails Input. Summary and discussion on input from the Committee.

Committee Members discussed their ideas of destinations of trails. There was discussion of maps from the Yavapai County Trails Committee. Angela Dye spoke about Dewey-Humboldt being a hub; who the users are; and "Safe Route to School" program opportunity. Committee Members were tasked with reading State Trails Plan, pages 16-20 and tables 1 & 2.

6.3. Discussion of Public Involvement. Discussion on ways to increase public outreach and involvement in the OSAT process.

Postponed until March 17, 2010 meeting.

6.4. Tentative Schedule of OSAT Meetings.

There was discussion on the following schedule:

- March 17, 2010 - Finding and draft recommendations
- April 21, 2010 - Public Meeting & Community Outreach
- May 12, 2010 - Review Draft Plan/Comments
- June 9, 2010 - Review Revisions/Comments

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

George Sheets distributed information on Earth Day '10 on April 24, 2010 in Prescott. He spoke on promoting Dewey-Humboldt and the opportunity for Dewey-Humboldt to get part of the tourism base.

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Anita Wulf spoke on the reference by a Committee Member to downtown Humboldt as opposed to Dewey-Humboldt.

Chair Hamilton solicited Committee Member input on having an additional meeting on February 24, 2010 without ADYE present to discuss trails. Members agreed to the meeting.

Angela Dye spoke on outreach. She asked that the Committee Members talk to a neighbor about the committee and plans in preparation for the April public meeting.

8. **ADJOURN.** Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Jack Hamilton Chair

ATTEST:

Linda Baker, Records Manager/Admin Assistant

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Draft VISION STATEMENT Input

The OSAT Committee made the following comments to this Draft Vision Statement at their meeting on February 17, 2010.

Option 1: Dewey-Humboldt VISION for Open Space and Trails Plan

The Open Space and Trails Plan will create an interconnected, manageable system of open space and informal trails that allows Town citizens and visitors to access and appreciate the native landscape of the river, hills and washes, and uninterrupted vistas to natural and historic landmarks that are the Town's prized resources.

- Members liked the reference to "Interconnected", "visitors and citizens", and that this statement was simple and to the point.
- While the phrase "appreciate the landscape" was positive, some were concerned that because the river through Dewey-Humboldt is largely privately owned and not publicly accessible, that this was misleading. Discussion was held by all about whether the Town could require public access be provided from private land owners when they sought development rights from the town.
- The use of the term "informal trails" to define or describe trails some felt was misleading; that it might imply the trails were not official. This term should be revised to refer to "unimproved, natural" trails.

Option 2: Dewey-Humboldt VISION for Open Space and Trails Plan

The Open Space and Trails system seeks to preserve the spacious quality of the Chaparral environment native to Dewey-Humboldt and create an interconnected, manageable system of informal trails where Town citizens and visitors alike can access the river, hills and washes, natural and historic landmarks that represent the Town of Dewey-Humboldt.

- Some members liked this option better because of the presentation of ideas, and the flow of the text.
- Perhaps the term "sustainable" should be used, rather than or in addition to "manageable".
- The reference to "open space" is good, but should also refer to access to open land and trails on public land. There should be a direct reference to public land access in the statement, and be specific to the BLM and State Trust land as resources.
- Does the Vision statement need to be longer and more descriptive?
- A reference to "spaciousness" should be included in the statement.

REVISED VERSION 3 17 10

The Open Space and Trails system WILL seek to preserve the spacious quality of the Chaparral environment native to Dewey-Humboldt, INCLUDING THOSE LANDS HELD BY THE STATE OF ARIZONA AS STATE TRUST LAND AND BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LOCATED WITHIN TOWN BORDERS, and TO create an interconnected, manageable, AND SUSTAINABLE system of UNIMPROVED, NATURAL SURFACE trails where Town citizens and visitors alike can access the river, hills and washes, natural and historic landmarks that represent the Town of Dewey-Humboldt.

TRAILS DISCUSSION

From easel notes at February 17, 2010 OSAT meeting

Adapted from Homework Questions(January 13 and February 3)

WHO ARE THE USERS OF TRAILS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? IN YOUR TOWN? WHAT PERCENTAGE OF EACH TYPE?

- Need to provide trails for the elderly and for bicyclists in town
- Need to include criteria for access to BLM for motorized users
- What about destinations for young/old such as going to the library, town hall, commercial centers, post office?
- People walk in the road now, not safe
- Not a lot of destinations in town now
- Difficulty with slope and rough terrain, surfaces
- Look at survey from Arizona Trails 2010 – 2003 and 2009 pp 10 through 20
- Would D/H be different from Arizona generally
 - Look at Table 1 and table 2, page 16/Arizona Trails 2010

WHAT IF ANY SURPRISES DID YOU FIND FROM READING THE ARIZONA TRAILS 2010 PLAN?

- That Yavapai County was #2 in the state for trails usage
- That there were less motorized use in the county than expected
- Many common concerns like noise and trash
- Concerned there is illegal use of motorized vehicles
- Interesting that sales of motorized vehicles for recreation was down

WHAT DO YOU THINK APPLIES FROM THE STATE PLAN TO DEWEY-HUMBOLDT?

- The terrain is different here than in the rest of the state
- How to enforce proper trail use, and how to stop or deter rule/law breakers
 - Ambassador Club as example of a group who help with enforcement
 - Trains OHV users of all ages to help enforce rules (USFS/BLM/State Trust land)
 - Southern part of Arizona most successful with implementing this type of enforcement (Tucson and Yuma)
 - Saddlebags
 - A volunteer equestrian group that adopts trails (Groom Creek an example) and helps enforce proper trail use
- State decal/registration program can help fund trails development and improvement
 - OHV clubs are responsible users but a lot of people don't apply for decal
- Do people know better here
- A lot of similar values and comments/issues statewide are also similar to D/H values
 - Litter, access, trails ethics, safety, enforcement, noise, random shooting

- Target shooting a big issue in D/H – shells, litter, and shooting within ½ mile of residences – make a high priority for enforcement

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO SEE TRAILS? WHAT DESTINATIONS DO YOU WANT TO TRAVEL TO?

- What about trails on private property? Will only be developed with permission given to the Town by a private property owner
- Provide a trail within the Town east of the Aqua Fria river, with a tunnel under SR 69/169 to connect to trails into the Bradshaw Mountains (a trail that connects east and west D/H)
- A trail around the town limits (between Mayer/Poland Junction up to Prescott Valley)
- A trail that connects to Camp Verde along SR 169 (Orme Road and General Crook Trail)
- Have trails anywhere we can get them on public land (not private land) that would eventually connect
- Have a trail system that connects to all surrounding trail systems such as those already planned to connect with BLM and State Trust land
- Create a big trail loop to USFS, that goes under SR 69 with 2 crossings and staging areas for users
- Have trails that connect to what is available to us; use roads already available to use; expand trails within the Town; don't need to create new and different places to connect to
- A trails system that connects into existing trails, of different types that offer a 1 hour experience or longer
- Have trailheads; may not be practical to create trails within Town so create places to stage and get to existing surrounding trails
- Connectivity to adjacent trails
 - To a spur of the Black Canyon Trail (Cathy Hubbard Trail) to Mayer on USFS land, past Poland Junction to existing Iron King trailhead on BLM
 - Continue a trail to connect Lynx Lake to Prescott and the Circle Trail
 - Connection to the Black Canyon Trail under SR 169 to three planned/existing loops
 - Connect to the Black Canyon Trail into the General Crook Trail
- Connect to BLM planned trails using labor offered by the Orme Ranch and Spring Valley Schools
- Within 10 years, plan to:
 - Connect Dewey-Humboldt via the Iron King Mine trailhead to all the surrounding trails in the planning stages
 - Connect Dewey-Humboldt to 3 planned loops (10 mile, 12 mile, and 17 mile) as planned by the Yavapai County Trails Committee
 - Make Dewey-Humboldt the hub for all these connections due to its central location
- Wants a nature walk, bird watching trail
- A trail near the Old Black Canyon Highway
- Trail along Prescott Street to be used by the elementary school (K-5)

- Number of students average approx. 30 per class; enough may need access
- West side destinations are few
 - No community center, commercial centers
 - Not sure people would want it to become a destination
 - Concern about intrusion from strangers
 - Would West side residents use a walkway to get to the General Store? May be too far and too hilly?

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

- George Sheats/Yavapai Trails Association:
 - April 24th Earth Day event in Prescott sponsored by the Open Space Alliance; good opportunity for a booth space for OSAT; only \$25 for a non-profit
 - Bison Lane/Prescott Valley an example of a trail that took long time to realize but with commitment and work, it was just built/opened
 - Peavine Trail – also an example of a trail built locally