

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
OSAT COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2012, 3:00 P.M.**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012, 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 3:04PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Made.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Executive Members Skip Gladue, Kevin Leonard (arrived at 3:25PM), Associate Member Carl Marsee and Chair Sandra Goodwin present; Executive Member Jason Allen absent.

Chair Goodwin stated the committee did not have a quorum at the time of roll call and called for a recess to wait for other committee members to arrive. The meeting was called back to order at 3:25PM.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1. Minutes. Minutes from the April 9, 2012 Regular OSAT meeting. Associate Member Carl Marsee made a motion to approve the minutes; Executive Member Skip Gladue seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

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

5.1. A.P.S. Update regarding Butte Street Park progress and park equipment.

Mr. Hanks stated part of the material was hauled in and they have started cutting ditches on the south half of the east and west side of the park and moved the fence that was over the park line. Chair Goodwin stated she has had an opportunity to go to the park and encouraged the committee members to do the same; it is coming along. She stated she will coordinate with APS regarding the trees; they want to know what the plan is for watering the trees. Mr. Hanks stated he spoke with Doug at Humboldt Water Company and they will put in a meter and service. Chair Goodwin asked about the price or if it is considered an extension to the Town's service. Mr. Hanks stated the water company was checking into that. There was discussion about the water, sprinkler system, drinking fountain, bike rack and landscape plan. Chair Goodwin suggested in order to help determine the water needs OSAT should establish where the trees and fountain will go. She asked Mr. Hanks if he thought it necessary to make any changes from the previous landscape plan already presented. Mr. Hanks said no. She asked Mr. Hanks how much time he would be able to continue to put in. He stated his work at the park is put on hold until more dirt and material is available; likely a couple weeks before there is more activity. Chair Goodwin asked if he was keeping an eye on the calendar for committing requisitions for the allotted Town money before the end of the budget year; Mr. Hanks confirmed.

Associate Member Marsee distributed copies of the park equipment price list from Arizona Correctional Industries; prices current as of today. There was discussion about various items from the list; protecting equipment from being moved from park. Chair Goodwin stated APS is awarding the Town a \$4,000 grant for park equipment; in addition to the grant APS is donating trees. Chair Goodwin asked the committee members if there is general agreement

that they do not want wood equipment; there were no objections. Chair Goodwin asked the committee members to take a look at the landscape plan and the equipment list and come to the next OSAT meeting ready to talk about which pieces of equipment would be suitable for the park. She noted that Arizona Correctional Industries is the least expensive and most long-lasting equipment; the Town of Prescott Valley has used them also.

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

6.1. Discussion of contacts with Jeff Gurst and Rem Hawes of BLM regarding Henderson/BLM Trail and Trailhead. Chair Goodwin explained she did not have a complete pre-application consulting with Rem Hawes, Field Manager of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management Hassayampa Field Office. She stated Mr. Hawes was extremely helpful and would like to work with Dewey-Humboldt. She suggested going to Mr. Hawes's office and walk through the pre-application consultation. Chair Goodwin asked the committee members to read through the guidelines for conveyance and leases provided in their packet and get familiar with the information and know how to reference it. There was discussion about scheduling a meeting with Mr. Hawes.

Chair Goodwin stated the committee is aware there is not direct access off Martha or Esther; also aware of "social trails" (BLM term) that horseback riders and hikers have made but are not official BLM trails. Chair Goodwin stated Jeff Gurst has built trails for BLM for the last several years and he would be willing to take a look with Mr. Hanks at where the trail crosses Henderson and see what would be required to make a trailhead.

Chair Goodwin stated as part of the application process, BLM will conduct a mineral and EPA study which could take 9 months to one year to complete. Chair Goodwin stated some steps of the process may not apply, especially if the plan is to lease the land. Next steps would be to set up a meeting with two people from OSAT and Mr. Hawes; set up a meeting with Mr. Hanks and Mr. Gurst to look at the small piece of land on Henderson.

Executive Member Kevin Leonard asked why the timeframe is so long and what would be located at the right-of-way off Henderson. Chair Goodwin stated BLM is currently working on other projects and it takes time to do the EPA and mineral studies. In regards to the Henderson ROW, Chair Goodwin stated Mr. Hawes recommended doing the bare essentials of placing a trailhead with a kiosk displaying the trails with space to turn a horse trailer around and grow from there; aiming to accomplish something similar to the Kathy Hubbard trailhead.

Chair Goodwin asked if there were volunteers for the subcommittee. Executive Member Gladue and Associate Member Marsee volunteered. There was discussion about scheduling and posting the meeting for public notice.

6.2. Discussion of Recreation and Public Purpose Act and applicability to Henderson/BLM Trail and Trailhead. Chair Goodwin informed the committee that Mr. Hawes looked at the maps and said it appears to be a good application of the RPP Act. The purpose of the Act is for open space and other public purposes including making BLM land accessible to the community. The Act is applicable to any public lands except lands withdrawn or reserved for national forests, parks, monuments, wildlife refuges, Indian lands and lands set aside, revested Oregon and California railroad grant lands, etc. Chair Goodwin stated Mr. Hawes preliminarily said the Town qualifies as a county and municipality and the exceptions do not apply.

6.3. Discussion and current use of the BLM land as "social trails". Chair Goodwin stated BLM prefers to refer to private property trails as "social trails".

6.4. Discussion of a Community Dog Park. Chair Goodwin stated Committee Member Jason Allen was absent. Tabled.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. Jerry Brady spoke about getting funding, donations and other agencies' assistance; EPA survey done under academic format; park equipment using General Services Administration (GSA) catalog; opportunity for trailhead funding for fire protection purposes; Oregon California Railroad Revestment Lands Acts; Rails to Trails conversions; Defense Contract Administration System catalog for surplus equipment; established freeway undercrossings which are ADOT-dedicated and accessible by horseback riders; and an ordinance survey map necessary to access state and federal funds.

8. ADJOURN. The meeting was adjourned at 4:01PM.

Sandra Goodwin, Chair

ATTEST:

Mandi Garfield, Administrative Assistant