

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS (OSAT) ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STANDING)

MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, February 5, 2014, 3:00 P.M.

**OSAT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
2735 SOUTH HIGHWAY 69**

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

AGENDA

The issues that come before the Standing 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. Please turn off all cell phones. The meeting may be broadcast via live streaming video on the internet in both audio and visual formats. **NOTICE TO PARENTS:** Parents and legal guardians have the right to consent before the Town of Dewey-Humboldt makes a video or voice recording of a minor child. A.R.S. § 1-602.A.9. Dewey-Humboldt Standing Open Space & Trails Committee Meetings are recorded and may be viewed on the Dewey-Humboldt website. If you permit your child to participate in the meeting, a recording will be made. You may exercise your right not to consent by not permitting your child to participate or by submitting your request to the Town Clerk that your child not be recorded.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. ROLL CALL: Executive Members: Skip Gladue, Kevin Leonard, Laurence McCormick and Chair Sandra Goodwin. Associate Member: Carl Marsee.

4. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS. Individual members of the Committee, Staff and Public may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for the purpose of informing the Committee and public of such events, actions or activities. The Committee will take no discussion, consideration, or action on any such item except that an individual member of the Committee may request an item be placed on a future agenda.

4.1. Opening on OSAT Committee due to Jay Jones' resignation. Applications encouraged.

5. 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.

5.1. Minutes. Minutes from the January 8, 2014, OSAT meetings.

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

6.1. Trails and Trailhead Options within Dewey-Humboldt and Accessibility to Cathy Hubbard Trailhead and Trails.

6.2. Town Manager officially requested to include refinement of Newtown Avenue in 2014-2015 Budget.

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

7.1. Newtown Trailhead story in Prescott Valley Tribune. Review, discussion and possible next steps.

7.2. Joining and/or attending Friends of Safe Arizona Trails.

8. 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.

9. ADJOURN.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Next Town Council Work Session: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Next Town Council Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Next Town OSAT Committee Regular Meeting: March 5, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached notice was duly posted at the following locations: Dewey-Humboldt Town Hall, 2735 South Highway 69, Humboldt, Arizona, Chevron Station, 2735 South Highway 69, Humboldt, Arizona, Blue Ridge Market, Highway 69 and Kachina Drive, Dewey, Arizona, on the ____ day of _____, 2014, at ____ a.m./p.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Town of Dewey-Humboldt with the Town Clerk, Town of Dewey-Humboldt.

By: _____, Town Clerk's Office.

Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodations by contacting the Town Hall at 632-7362 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
OSAT COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2014, 3:00PM**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 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 3:00PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Made.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Executive Members Skip Gladue, Kevin Leonard, Laurence McCormick and Chair Sandra Goodwin were present; Jay Arthur Jones was absent. Chair Goodwin informed the Committee that Jay recently moved and will be submitting his resignation to the Town. Associate Member Carl Marsee was present.

4. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS.

4.1. Playground Equipment Installation schedule for Butte Street Park.

The Committee was informed that the Butte Street Park playground equipment was to be installed in April.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1. Minutes. Minutes from the June 5, 2013 and August 7, 2013 OSAT meetings.

Executive Member Skip Gladue made a motion to approve the minutes from June 5, 2013, seconded by Executive Member Larry McCormick. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Member Skip Gladue made a motion to approve the minutes from August 7, 2013, seconded by Executive Member Larry McCormick. The motion passed unanimously.

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

6.1. Newtown Trailhead/Prescott National Forest (PNF) Visit Report.

Skip Gladue and Sandra Goodwin reported on the positive feedback they and the Town Manager received from the PNF staff at their meeting on December 17. Present were six PNF staff including the director, Linda Jackson. Their support seemed to be partially based on the low cost of developing the trailhead due to the flat terrain and the town's willingness to support the project by completing the Newtown Avenue road to make it safe and rock-free. Their support was more obvious when they heard that this entrance into PNF from Dewey–Humboldt was the only entrance known to the committee.

PNF director Linda Jackson, who was vocally supportive, announced that she will be on assignment in the White Mountains for the next six months but that the staff would continue to pursue the options.

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

7.1. Review of OSAT Master Plan.

The OSAT plan, its recommendations, and its importance to the committee's direction was discussed and committee members were urged to read the plan which is now online. Copies presently held by previous committee members should be collected for current members.

7.2. Trails and Trailhead Options within Dewey-Humboldt and future direction for OSAT on these trails. Discussion and possible action.

Chair Goodwin and Executive Member Gladue volunteered to explore trails leading off the Cathy Hubbard Trailhead at the end of Iron King Road. They will report back at the next meeting.

7.3. Prescott Dells Ranch Road entering PNF Trail. Discussion and possible action.

Goodwin and Gladue volunteered to explore a trail at the end of Prescott Dells Ranch Road to determine if it is viable, accessible and who the land belongs to – PNF? BLM? Or State Trust. They are to report back at the next meeting.

A letter from former councilman, David Nystrom, a Prescott Dells Ranch Road property owner, voicing opposition to using Prescott Dells Ranch Road as a means of getting to the trail entrance was read into the record (attached). Chair Goodwin stated that the road was not a private road but rather it had been verified in the OSAT master plan (Page 36) as being on a public access easement. Also, mentioned was that it was another Prescott Dells Ranch Road resident that encouraged and assisted with the planned ride.

7.4. Newtown Trailhead 2014-2015 budget request to Council timeline. Discussion and possible action.

Chair Goodwin mentioned that she is watching the budget development time line to assure that OSAT has funds to pursue the trail work they are doing. The Town Manager assured Goodwin that she would be advised of what to do when.

7.5. Schedule to complete Newtown Avenue to allow rock-free access to PNF Trailhead.

Goodwin stated that The Town Manager had assured her that the refinement of Newtown Avenue would be considered in the budget preparations.

7.6. Review of Chapter 4 of the OSAT Master Plan “How We Get There” (pages 47-58) and discussion of the implementation planned, particularly the shoulder work.

Committee members were urged to review the implementation timing, etc. covered in pages 47-58 of the OSAT Master Plan. She addressed the progress of the current weed abatement schedule that was a priority of the Master Plan and noted the visible improvement it made and how walkers could get off the roadway in many areas.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. None.

9. ADJOURN. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50PM.

Sandra Goodwin, Chair

ATTEST:

Mandi Garfield, Administrative Assistant

Judy Morgan

From: David Nystrom <thedesertrat@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 1:40 PM
To: Judy Morgan
Subject: Comment on OSAT Committee Agenda Item 7.3

To: Judy Morgan, Town Clerk

If you could please forward or provide each member of the Dewey-Humboldt OSAT Committee a copy of this e-mail for the meeting this Wednesday, 8th January I'd appreciate it.

Comment on OSAT Agenda Item 7.3 Prescott Dells Ranch Road Entering PNF Trail

I understand from the agenda item, the OSAT Committee may be considering promoting a trail head to the PNF via Prescott Dells Ranch Road access. I only have the agenda item to work from, as there was no additional information in the packet. If this is the intent I'd request the committee consider the following perspective early on in your decision making process.

I personally support access to trails (and other Town supported recreational activities) via access from Town roads, those roads which the Town maintains and takes liability responsibility for. The Newtown Road trailhead access is a good example of this and I fully support that endeavor. However, private roads (such as Prescott Dells Ranch Rd) do not have this same status. Those living along private roads must privately pay for all maintenance and have liability responsibility for those roads. Due to restrictions in the Arizona Gift Clause, the Town takes no action for improvement or even maintaining the road surface in the current condition. The Town does not even provide basic street signs or traffic warning signs such as stop signs, speed limit, etc. Those of us on private roads are left to fend for ourselves, despite contributions to the tax base through State Income Tax Shared Revenue and HURF.

For those of us living on private dirt roads any increase in road travel deteriorates the road surface. In addition, maintenance after winter storms or summer monsoon rains becomes more difficult and time consuming with additional traffic. Although these roads are indeed open to public access, there is no public support to keep them open and safe for travel. **I would ask the committee to consider not placing an additional burden on property owners along private roads, by promoting increased public traffic on these roads in order to access trail heads, parks or other recreational activities.** In all fairness, without public support for these private roads, property owners along these roads should not have to bare the addition costs and liability of increased traffic to benefit the Town.

Thank-you for considering my perspective on this topic.

Respectfully Submitted,

David D Nystrom

07 January 2014
Dewey-Humboldt, AZ