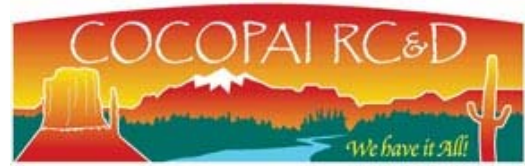


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Cocopai Council Meeting

Minutes

May 24, 2004

Sedona, Arizona

Attendees: Diane Joens, Jolene Williams, Fran Schumacher, Andy Bertelsen, John O'Neil, Bill Towler, Annie Hanson, Bob Adams, Tim Garcia, Ron Eckfield, Bob Arambula, Charlie Ester and Elaine Bremner.

Andy Bertelsen, City of Sedona, gave an update on what is going on in Sedona. The City is in a design process to come up with two designs for Highway 179 that can be presented to the public for input. They are also looking for funding for public transportation. The Jordan Historic Park, a farmstead, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. They are updating their pool. The City should be built out by 2017.

John O'Neil, Cottonwood Public Library, has done some research for a Grant Library at the request of Diane Joens. Diane wants to develop a grant library in the Verde Valley. The reference material would cost about \$4000 and could be spent over a 3 year period. This was proposed as a Council project by Bill Towler and seconded by Fran Schumacher. Passed unanimously.

Trail project update. Diane Joens talked about the various groups that have come together to discuss the development a master recreation trails plan for the Verde Valley. Plan development cost estimate is about \$70,000. The groups meet to share the various projects that they're working on, and where the single projects come into the bigger scope of trails in the Verde Valley. Fran Schumacher is interested in having Cocopai serve as an umbrella to put together a plan in the tri-cities area. Charlie Ester discussed the Dead Horse Ranch Trails Coalition video project. The project is moving ahead with a good partnership of trails groups, State Parks, and the US Forest Service.

Elaine Bremner, Verde Valley Senior Center provided an update on the Center operations. The Center provides a huge social service delivering meals on wheels, as well as 220 meals per day or more than 55,000 meals per year through the Center. As a service they also transport people to some shopping, legal aid, prepare tax returns, and some combat veteran counseling. They are able to accomplish all this with 19 volunteers. The Center is building a greenhouse with a grant from Salt River Project.

Noxious Weeds Project. Bob Arambula explained the opportunity to submit a proposal for a Cooperative Agreement with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to conduct a weed survey in Yavapai County. The survey would be conducted during the growing season using contract personnel. The Council could hire a person as Project Director. Motion made by Bill Towler to submit a proposal, seconded by Diane Joens. The proposal submission is not a binding contract. Working out details of a Cooperative Agreement would be the contract.

Charlie Ester, President
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