

OAK CREEK CANYON TASK FORCE MEETING
Vultee Conference Room, Sedona City Hall, Sedona, AZ
Friday, October 10, 2008 – 9:30 a.m.
Summary Minutes

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Co-Chair Barry Allan.

Participants: Barry Allan – Co-Chair; Rex Bergamini – Pender Engineering and Consultant; Kurtis Harris – Harris & Associates and ADOT Consultant; Gary Johnson – SFD; Judy Lewis – Pine Flats Property Owners’ Association; Lee Luedeker – AZ Game & Fish; Charles Mosley – City of Sedona; Kelley Riley, U of A; Channah Rock – U of A; Nancy Scagnelli – Sedona City Council; Amina Sena – U.S. Forest Service; Morgan Stine – Co-Chair, and Jason Sutter - ADEQ

Guest: Theresa Stacy-Ryan – Developer of Oak Creek Canyon Website

2. Approval of Minutes: August 8th meeting

MOTION: *Lee Luedeker moved to accept the minutes for the last meeting. Rex Bergamini seconded the motion. VOTE: Motion carried ten (10) for and zero (0) opposed. (Lewis, Mosley and Stine not present)*

3. Treasurer’s Report

Barry Allan: Expressed appreciation for the \$1,000 donation from the City of Sedona.

MOTION: *Lee Luedeker moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Rex Bergamini seconded the motion. VOTE: Motion carried ten (10) for and zero (0) opposed. (Lewis, Mosley and Stine not present)*

4. Round Table status reports

(a) Update on Education Grant and (b) Update on Washroom approvals

Channah Rock: As part of NEMO, they will provide supplemental information to OCCTF for its 319 grant proposal, and their E Coli testing and source tracking may also be of interest.

Jason Sutter: All three watersheds turned in pre-proposals for the watershed grants and a meeting will be held on October 22nd. The grants are targeted toward developing the plan that includes BMPs, rather than on-the-ground improvements. Proposals should be submitted by November 12th. For 319 funding, there must be an on-the-ground budgetary component, but most of the funding is to build the plan, so 75% may be for the plan and 25% for definite BMPs to improve water quality; other BMPs would be in the plan for future funding. The goal is to build an overall watershed plan, and then compare future proposals to that plan.

Their 2006-2008 TMDL should be done by the end of the year; it is basically the same as the 2006 draft. Essentially, the impairments in the canyon start at Sterling Canyon and run to Spring Creek, and then Spring Creek itself. With Load Duration Curve analyses, they can put in BMPs for the impaired regions. The grant can be applied to the whole watershed, but not for monitoring itself; however, monitoring for MS-4 discharges could be part of the plan.

Gary Johnson: He is working on a possible May informational insert in KUDOS to address flooding and the wildland. Yavapai Emergency Management indicated there is a 50-50 matching grant for hiring a licensed contractor for firewise clean-up on properties, and he will apply for the 09-10 year. He will check to see if Coconino County has something similar. He will also be talking to the City about the need for a transfer station or drop-off site.

Theresa Stacy-Ryan: The website should be launched this weekend; encouraged feedback and news stories, and emphasized benefits of links to optimize being found in the search engines. One-paragraph profiles for members' organizations, companies, etc. were requested.

Kurtis Harris: Provided a 179 construction update; the 170 ft. pedestrian bridge should arrive by the end of the month.

Lee Luedeker: There will be a West Fork project meeting and site visit on Thursday, the 16th, at 9:30 a.m., let him know if you're interested and he will call when they leave Flagstaff. Also, a possible public outreach for the education grant may be the Apple Fest at Slide Rock on September 21, 2009; the contact is Kathy Shaw. Additionally, he is considering a BMP of tracking a possible E Coli linkage to the hundreds of skunks killed on the highway.

Rex Bergamini: For the watershed grant, he is identifying the Watershed Improvement Council members; more homeowner and landowner participation is needed. He and Judy Lewis will coordinate their efforts to contact owners and HOAs. Red Rock State Park has benefactors who are interested in funding monitoring programs through the high school, so that is a matching opportunity for the grant and for the inclusion of HOAs upstream. For the educational grant, he has met with the middle schools and high school, and a couple of teachers will be looking at the logistics for signage and doggy waste stations in the field. On-the-ground implementation with students is planned for March of 2009, and he wants to work with the master watershed stewards to develop middle and high school-level curriculums. A meeting is scheduled for October 22nd at 1:00 p.m. at the Red Rock Ranger Station.

Amina Sena: For the watershed grant, she met with the Friends of the Forest and with their volunteer hours, she thinks we can cover some of the matching funds. From the October 22nd meeting, we hope to get solid ideas on what we want to do.

Charles Mosley: Sedona's updated stormwater plan may have to be updated again, when ADEQ develops a new municipal plan, which may move us into monitoring, because of the TMDL situation, and we are getting an Environmental Inspector on staff. He doesn't have an update on the message boards in the canyon to report.

Barry Allan: The Friends of the Forest's BBO will be held on October 25th at Beaver Creek and task force members are invited.

Morgan Stine: The concessionaires are remodeling, and we are waiting for the treatment manufacturer's module to be listed on the state's product list, so our permit can be released.

Judy Lewis: Efforts are continuing to get the names of the HOAs in the canyon.

5. **Old Business** - There was no old business discussed.
6. **New Business... (a) Next meeting date** - The annual meeting is December 12th; ballots for 3 board members will be distributed, so let him know if you're interested in being on the board.

Adjourn

MOTION: *Lee Luedeker moved to adjourn. Rex Bergamini seconded the motion. VOTE: Motion carried twelve (12) for and zero (0) opposed. (Scagnelli not present)*

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.