

Northern Pinal Partnership Open Space Meeting Notes
Wednesday, March 12, 2014

March 15 Desert Clean Up – Under power lines between Idaho and Ironwood Roads

- Leslie Bennett is coordinator of this clean up
- She has designed team maps that are color coded – green is the most difficult – pink and green are easier
- Meet at the Ramada on the Northwest Corner of Prospector's Park
- There will be a snack table
- SALT will have a registration table – * Carolyn – let Cyndi know if SALT needs a table
- SALT will provide the waivers of liability
- Alan with AJ will get announcement out to the media
- Website for cleanup is www.footprintsmatter.org

Open Space & Trail Commissioners

- Cyndi announced that Open Space and Trail Commissioners have been appointed
- Cyndi Ruehl and Elizabeth Butler are appointed for this district
- Bylaws have been written
- First meeting is April 8

Open Space Workshop – January 28

- Developer Jason Barney was a keynote speaker (Circle G Development)
- He stated the benefits of blending open spaces with development
- Green infrastructure was discussed –
 - Use policy, etc., from the comprehensive plan
 - How to use marketing of natural resource of the County
 - Offer education and advocacy – Partnership and collaboration

Lost Gold Mine Trail disconnect

- The plot is on the books but a subdivision blocks the right away corridor
- Kent Taylor spoke about the problems and said nothing can be done at this time
- Kent and Duane Dunning (SALT) will focus on the west side of LGM Trail next year

Planning & Zoning Website

- Kent Taylor said to go on the website to locate areas being reviewed

- Flags will indicate what areas are in review
- It was mentioned that the notice of hearings are difficult to find

Office of Tourism

- Pinal County does not have an office of tourism; however, the State does
- Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce handles many of the tourism questions for this area

Budgetary Restraint – Apache Junction

- Elan from the AJ Economic Development said much of the tourism lies outside of the city boundaries
- He asked for assistance on how to capture the traffic going to and from the Superstitions, Renaissance, etc.
- He is looking at this more regionally
- How can we drive traffic back into the City?
- The AJ Chamber wants to get this together and advertise various conference, etc.
 - What do we want to promote?
 - Who are the users?
 - What are the attractions?
 - Who/what groups are currently using these attractions
- He believes after we address these questions we can begin a partnership
- San Tan Regional Park was mentioned and birding at the San Pedro Copper Corridor as that areas attractions
- What are the current trends right now?
- Identify where the equestrians are coming from and where do they stay?

Economic Development: State Trust Land South of 60

- Elan talked about the state land south of 60 – it is currently open – they need to find a development group interested in it
- State auction – highest bidder – will determine the sale
- He believes it will be residential, not commercial

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.