

Pinal Partnership Parks, Trails, and Open Space General Meeting Notes

Tuesday, April 1, 2014 – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Anthem Fire Station Community Room

Agenda

- County Update: Kent Taylor
- Pinal Partnership Update: Jason and Sandie
- Regional Groups reports
- Review Jan. Open Space Workshop outcomes for Next Steps

Introductions

Cyndi welcomed all and asked for self-introductions.

County Update: Kent Taylor

- 99% complete in updating Oracle and Dudleyville parks to meet security requirements
- The new Open Space and Trails Advisory Commission will have its first meeting on 4/8/14
- Trust for Public Lands will present the results of the Feasibility Study to the BOS on 4/16. The agenda and report will be posted on the county website the Friday prior.

Pinal Partnership Update

- The District 3 Breakfast was successful and included discussions on economic development in relation to open space.
- The Partnership is getting online with Twitter and Instagram and are asking for our committee and regional groups to send information to Sandie which they can send out.
- The next Breakfast is 4/25 and will entail city managers and economic development from the west side of the county.
- The Partnership will soon begin updating their strategic plan.
- The Infrastructure Map is being printed in many sizes. Members receive one for free and others can be purchased.

Regional Groups Reports

Southeast Region: Alicia

- Invited to their April meeting is Director of OST Dept., the newspapers and some OST Commissioners.
- Some "open space economic development" opportunities in the region is; partnering with the Biosphere II, a zipline on private land near the Biosphere II, Oracle State Park is applying for night observatory designation.
- San Pedro River Fest is May 3rd. Requests for group tables will go out soon. Gina said she could have a table for our committee and Sandie will supply banner and other items required from the Partnership.

District 4 group: Gina

- Trying to engage more people from a broader diversity.

- Addressing how do we support the working open space viability (\$1.1 billion business in our county)
- Planning another National Public Lands Day event for Sept. 29th.
- The regional group had a table at the Salsa Festival in the city of Maricopa.

District 5 group: Cyndi

- Successful clean up on March 15th: 55 volunteers

Natural Drainage Sub-Committee

- Ben Hickson was introduced as the new intern hired by ALWT to assist the committee in the Gis mapping of the natural drainage corridors.

Open Space Workshop Review

- general discussion then tabled until May meeting after members had a chance to review the summaries sent to them short notice to this April Meeting.

Adjournment: 11:50a.m.