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**PINAL COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 14, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Carnes, Member Mr. Brown, Member  
Ms. D'Abella, Member Mr. Bristow, Member  
Mr. Standage, Member Ms. Ruehl, Member  
Ms. Butler, Member

**ABSENT:** Mr. Vogler, Sr., Member (Excused Absence)  
Ms. Johnson, Member (Excused Absence)  
Mr. Kavathas, Member (Excused Absence)

**LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Costello, Deputy County Attorney

**OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS STAFF PRESENT:**  
Mr. Taylor, Open Space and Trails Director  
Ms. Cortez, Administrative Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m., this date by Director Kent Taylor in the Pinal County emergency Operations Center (EOC) Hearing Room, Building F, Florence, Arizona.

**DISCUSSION/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: July 8, 2014**

**MOTION**

Vice Chairman D'Abella motioned to approve the minutes of July 8, 2014. Commissioner Standage seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Ruehl opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Mr. Lon Brehmer, 38156 S. Redington Rd. San Manuel AZ 85631. Mr. Brehmer spoke against the proposal to chip and seal the unpaved road from San Manuel to Pima County that will affect the San Pedro River.

Mr. Peter Else, PO Box 576 Mammoth, AZ 85618. Mr. Else came forward to address the Commission. Mr. Else spoke against the proposal to chip and seal the unpaved road from San Manuel to Pima County that will affect the San Pedro River.

Ms. Doris Haynes, Address Unknown, Ms. Haynes came forward to address the Commission. Ms. Haynes spoke against the proposal to chip and seal the unpaved road from San Manuel to Pima County that will affect the San Pedro River.

Chairman Ruehl closed the public portion of the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Taylor used a PowerPoint presentation on Open Space and Trails Department FY13-14 recap and FY 14-15 Preview. (This presentation was also given to the Board of Supervisors August 13, 2014)

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Mr. Taylor used a PowerPoint presentation of Pinal County Strategic Plan 2014-2017, specifically regarding Strategic Priority 2: Economic Development and Objective 2.4.

Discussion/Recommendation Lower San Pedro Watershed Alliance letter September 19, 2014 re: Planned transportation maintenance project on Redington Road in southeast Pinal County.

#### **MOTION**

Commissioner Bristow made a motion to make recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, to ask the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Department to provide plans for the specific area, which will not increase traffic flow or speed in the project area. Commissioner Standage seconded the motion.

Mr. Taylor stated that the letter does not need to be drafted tonight; however he suggested that the Commission provide the bullet points that need to be added, while the letter can be drafted later.

Commissioner Brown stated the commission should recommend the criteria for the project, be based on consistency with dust control requirements, and based on the current traffic demand. Investigate a possibility of a better route, for an east west route and a road to carry more traffic design for the future.

Commissioner Ruehl asked for a roll call vote:

Commissioner Standage, Yes.  
Commissioner Bristow, Yes.  
Commissioner Carnes, No.  
Commissioner Brown, No.  
Vice Chairman D'Abella, Yes  
Chairman Ruehl, No.  
Commissioner Butler, No.

Motion not passed.

#### **MOTION**

Vice Chairman D'Abella made a motion to draft a letter from the Commission to the Board of Supervisors, and the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Department to provide plans for the specific area that will not increase traffic flow or speed in the project area, regarding the dust abatement material used and take into consideration these four issues:

- Relationship to the Proposed Open Space designated in the Open Space and Trails Master Plan
- Dust control based on current traffic and demand
- Investigate an alternative future route to meet anticipated traffic demands
- Assessing the ecological impact of the proposed changes, in reference to the Open Space and Trails Master Plan

Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion.

Commissioner Brown stated to specify, the Commission would like to recommend the least amount of dust abandonment sufficient to demonstrate the current traffic flow, and demonstrate correct traffic flow. Research a possibility of a better route, for an east west route and a road to carry more traffic design for the future.

### **MOTION AMENDED**

Vice Chairman D'Abella made a motion to amend the original motion, and add Commissioner Brown's language:

"the least impactful dust abatement option sufficient for demonstrated current traffic".  
Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion.

### **MOTION**

Draft a letter from the Commission to the Board of Supervisors, and the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Department to provide plans for this area that will not increase traffic flow or speed in the project area, with bullet points that would include in this memo:

- Relationship to the Proposed Open Space designated in the Open Space and Trails Master Plan
- the least impactful dust abatement option sufficient for demonstrated current traffic
- Investigate an alternative future route to meet anticipated traffic demands
- Assessing the ecological impact of the proposed changes, in reference to the Open Space and Trails Master Plan

### **Roll Call Vote**

Commissioner Standage, Yes.  
Commissioner Bristow, No.  
Commissioner Butler, No.  
Commissioner Carnes, Yes.  
Commissioner Brown, Yes.  
Vice Chairman D'Abella, Yes.  
Chairman Ruehl, Yes.

Motion passed, 5-2.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Taylor suggested a motion is in order to authorize Chairman Ruehl to draft the memo with staff support, and sign the communication for the entire Commission.

Commissioner Standage made a motion to authorize Chairman Ruehl to draft the memo with staff support and sign it on behalf of the Advisory Commission. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

### **WORK SESSION**

Work session to discuss the development of strategic direction for the OS&T including the possible development of a strategic plan.

Mr. Steve Frazier came forward to address the commission.

### **OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS DIRECTOR REPORT**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS/POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Strategic Planning Session Number 2
- CAP Trail Master Plan Update
- Peralta Regional Park Master Plan update
- Palo Verde Regional Park Master Plan Update

- Future knowledge and education, Research on dust cost, travel. Road maintenance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Bristow. Commissioner Standage seconded the motion. Chairman Ruehl accepted the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

RESPECTFULLY submitted January 14, 2014.



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Kent Taylor, Open Space and Trails Director