

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, December 20, 2016
BLM Phoenix District Office

MINUTES

Attendees: Connie Stone, Chairperson
Pete Reilly, Member
Peter Huegel, Member
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Marie Davis, Member
Ron Tipton, BLM Monument Manager

Chris Reed, Member
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Sarah Ruhlen, Guest
“Hawk” Thul, BLM Ranger

Call to Order: Connie Stone called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of November 15, 2016 were approved.

BLM Update: Ron Tipton, Monument Manager gave the BLM Update.

1. **Cub Scouts:** “Hawk” Thul, Acting Monument Ranger, worked with the Cub Scout group from Cordes Lakes to do cleanup and complete the bat houses started earlier by some of the Friends.
2. **Upcoming activities:** The Agua Fria Days are scheduled for February 18, 2017. BLM will be participating. BioBlitz will be done again in mid-May. The Grand Opening for the Black Canyon City Heritage Center is scheduled for January 18, 2017.
3. **Cross-Y Acquisition:** This is getting closer all the time. There is now a range specialist looking at everything.
4. **Personnel Update:** The Archaeologist position is being re-posted. Probably today. There actually are two positions being advertised: One for the AFNM and one for the APS cooperative agreement position. They will be filled from the pool of people who apply from within government and those that apply from without. Fifty applications maximum and ten day deadline.
5. **Graffiti Near Bloody Basin Entrance:** Hawk removed the graffiti on the boulders at the campsite using Elephant Snot. Mike Hoogendyk looked at the boulders yesterday and reported that you can’t even tell they were vandalized any more.
6. **CRMP:** BLM and Tonto continue working on this. Positions have reversed due to personnel changes. Now Tonto has new employees and is making progress, while BLM has slowed down due to loss of personnel. Regardless, at the moment, they probably both have about the same amount of work to complete.
7. **Cell Phone Tours with QR Codes at Badger Springs:** Mike Hoogendyk had visitors from Colorado and they took a hike to the Badger Springs petroglyphs. The QR codes at the sign-in register worked perfectly. The visitors really enjoyed the talk on their cell phones.
8. **Cub Scouts (again):** Hawk himself came in toward the end of the meeting and added to what Ron Tipton had said. Hawk arranged to get the scouts a NPS Stewardship Badges – the first time this had been done in Arizona. They also got a BLM certificate. They were required to do 10 hours of service on the monument to earn their “Leave No Trace” badge.

FAFNM Board Update: Larry Kraft and Pete Reilly gave the FAFNM Board Update. Major items were as follows:

1. **Finances:** The Friends' has approximately \$27,800 in the bank which includes \$6,000 for the Black Canyon City Heritage Park. There also is \$500.00 allocated to the Cultural Resources Committee for activities. Connie indicated she would take this into account when drafting the Committee's Annual Action Plan. There are funds set aside for the establishment of a trail between the 1891 School House and the Teskey Homestead Site. All that is holding it up is the completion by BLM of an EA on the project. A recent letter/email (?) went out to all the members for a year-end fundraiser. During discussion, the establishment of the proposed interpretive trail at Pueblo La Plata was mentioned. Supposedly, all the equipment for the trail has been purchased. All it needs now is an Archaeologist to work with the Committee volunteers to get the trail completed.
2. **Constant Contact/Wild Apricot:** Once again, Constant Contact has been eliminated. The Friends will use their own contacts database.
3. **Annual Report:** Chris Caseldine, the Friends' Vice President, is working on the Annual Report. Connie Stone passed out a one page report she submitted to Chris for the Cultural Resources Committee portion.
4. **Wet/Dry Mapping:** The 2017 Wet/Dry mapping project will take place on June 28th.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings:

1. **Scott Wood/David Abbott Survey:** The last 2016 survey work on Perry Mesa was completed on December 18th. There will be a break now with no new activity until March, 2017.

Old Business:

1. **2017 Arizona Archaeological Expo:** The Friends won't be doing an exhibit this year because of the distance involved. There will still be a March 18, 2017 hike led by Shelley and Trudy to the Lost Jupiter site. Shelley is the contact which will be advertised by the state. No children under 12 years of age will be allowed. The state brochure should go out in late January, 2017.
2. **Developing an Annual Action Plan:** Connie is still working on this and still needs additional suggestions.
3. **AAC Convention Report:** Connie was the only person from the Committee who attended this. She said there were several interesting papers, including one on the use of Elephant Snot on the Gila Indian Reservation. She will report on this at a future meeting. Possibly we could get one of the participants in this project to talk to the Committee.

New Business:

1. **Recap of the 12/13/2016 Committee Hike:** Six committee members participated in the hike, the purpose of which was to review several sample sites for the possibility of future recording projects. The hike went really well and several additional sites were located while the group was in the field.
2. **Agua Fria Days:** Several of the members indicated that they had not heard about this event until they received the Friends' invitation to attend. They wanted to know when the planning took place and whether or not we were going to exhibit. Mike Hoogendyk and Peter Reilly indicated that a couple of planning sessions had already occurred at the Board Meeting and in a recent Telephone conference. The goal this year seems to be aimed at making organizational contacts, and not pushing for lots of public participation. They are seeking interesting speakers. The event will be held at the Black Canyon City Heritage Park.
3. **How to Handle Tours to Sensitive Sites:** Mike Nushawg indicated that there were folks who were leading tours to sites the Site Stewards perceived as being sensitive or even secret, both on

the monument and off the monument. Those leading the tours feel they have this right since the lands are public and the sites are known by the tour leaders. The general consensus seemed to be that the Site Stewards were a monitoring entity, watching for site abuse and/or vandalism. The public has the right to visit the sites. If they abuse them, the Site Stewards need to report that to the appropriate land managers. Those who are leading the tours, on the other hand, need to be sure that they comply with all rules and regulations established by the land managers. In the case of the AFNM, that person is the Monument Manager, currently a position being filled by Ron Tipton.

4. **Regularly Scheduled Hikes for FAFNM Members:** Larry Kraft suggested that the Friends should schedule more hikes for regular members of the association, not just for the Cultural Resources Committee. They should also include in any scheduled hike an educational component. This met with a lot of Committee support. Peter Huegel suggested that there be information of a botanical aspect included. Others requested that any hikes planned be announced early enough that folks could include them on their calendars to keep the dates free.
5. **Adopt-A-Highway:** As a follow-up to last months' discussion on this topic, Mike Hoogendyk reported that he discussed this with the Friends' President, Vice President and one other Board Member. They were all in agreement that the Friends should be participating in this program along I-17 and will pursue it to get the association re-involved. They will also try and get a larger sign again so that the association's involvement can be read by those passing by at 65mph.
6. **Purge of Committee Email List:** Mike Hoogendyk has drafted an email letter to be sent to all the non-members on the committee email list indicating that they need to be paid-up members in order to receive the benefits of the emails. Professional Archaeologists included on the list as a courtesy are excluded, however, they are welcome to join if they wish. This letter was reviewed by both the Committee Chair, Connie Stone, and the Friends' President, Sarah Striker.
7. **Fergoliths:** Larry Kraft and Mike Hoogendyk located the Fergolith found recently by BLM's Monument Biologist, Paul Sitzmann, photographed it, measured it and got new UTM's for it. They will forward all this information to Alan Ferg at ASM for his records. Fergoliths are stones, generally about 12x18x3 inches in size, with two notches cut opposite each other on each side. Their purpose is unknown, but about 75 have been found and recorded. ASM has a whole collection of them. There have been two recently found on the AFNM.
8. **CADO:** This is the Central Arizona Dispatch Office for BLM. BLM Volunteers going out on the monument have been requested to check in when they go out and check in when they return. Supposedly they are open from 6:00am to 6:00pm, but recently people calling in between 6:00am and 6:30am have gotten a recording. Ron Tipton indicated that if you get the recording, leave a message with your name, your destination and your estimated time of return. He also indicated that if there are multiple people going out together, you can make one call and tell CADO how many people will be involved.
9. **Tread Lightly – and Respect and Protect:** Trudy questioned whether or not BLM local was involved in these two programs and could we get a speaker to talk to us about them. Ron Tipton indicated BLM was partnered with both and would get contact information to Trudy. Trudy graciously told Mike Hoogendyk he should handle it.
10. **National Historic Preservation Act 50 Year Anniversary:** Trudy also mentioned that there was interesting information on the Internet regarding this Act and that Arizona was the 15th state to join up. She provided a link for the info: <http://preservation50.org/mapp/>.
11. **Future Meeting Locations:** For the time being, we will continue meeting at the BLM offices on 7th Avenue south of Deer Valley Airport. This is due to on-going construction at the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:59 pm.

Future Activities

2 nd Thursdays	6:30pm – 8:30pm	FAFNM Board Meetings at BLM Office
3 rd Tuesdays	12:00pm – 2:00pm	Cultural Resources Committee at BLM Office
1/18/2017		BCC Heritage Center Grand Opening
2/18/2017	9:00am to 1:00pm	Agua Fria Days at BCC Heritage Park
3/18/2017	9:00am	2017 Archaeology Month Petroglyph Hike to Lost Jupiter
Mid-May		BioBlitz

Planned Field Dates for BLM Archaeological Surveys

(None scheduled at the moment.)

The next meeting will be at 12:00pm, Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at the BLM Offices on N 7th Avenue in Phoenix.

Michael J. Hoogendyk

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk