

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve. 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale, AZ

MINUTES

Attendees: Pete Reilly, Member/Acting Chair
Chris Reed, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member
Peter Huegel, Member
Hawk Thul, BLM – Temp. Ranger

Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Barbara Gronemann, Member
Larry Ross, Member
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Marie Davis, Member

Call to Order: Pete Reilly called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of February 16, 2016 were approved.

BLM Update: Hawk Thul gave the BLM Update.

1. Amanda James' last day is tomorrow. Jim Gibson will be the first temporary 60-day replacement. He is in HR at the state office. Rem Hawes will also be a point of contact.
2. There was a graffiti clean-up last Friday just south of the confluence of the Badger Springs Wash and the Agua Fria River. The cleanup was with students under BLM supervision and used "Elephant Snot" to remove the graffiti. It went very well. No glyphs were involved.
3. Plans are underway to place 100 tons of crushed rock on Bloody Basin Road to the east of the Silver Creek crossing in the roughest areas between the restroom and the top of the mesa.
4. Hawk will be leaving in early April to work in seasonal firefighting.
5. Hawk had no idea about the status of the Site Steward insurance discussions. Lawrence Harper is the "go to" person for this at BLM and Hawk will forward to him the ongoing concerns of the cultural resources related people regarding the delay in resolution of this problem.
6. Hawk was not aware of the Committee's recommendation that the ADOT gate be replaced at the Black Mesa exit to prevent constant littering. He will mention this to the BLM powers to be and remind them that this is a concern.
7. Replacement of the Interpretive Signs using new BLM logos information is an on-going project and is waiting for action at the BLM state level.
8. The status of the CRMP report was uncertain, although it is still in process. With Amanda leaving, this is of concern to the Committee.

FAFNM Board Update: Pete Reilly gave the FAFNM Board Update using the Board Minutes.

1. There is a new phone number for FAFNM. 480-779-7414.
2. The Black Mesa entrance cleanup took place on February 20th. 10 volunteers picked up 17 bags of trash.
3. The Liability Sign-in Waiver form is being set up on the new web site.
4. Agua Fria Day has been changed to May 7, 2016 and will be at Horseshoe Ranch.
5. A discussion was held at the Board meeting with Amanda James regarding the volunteer agreements. Paul Sitzmann and others are working on this.

6. There is an additional matching grant available from BLM for \$27,000 – which will require volunteer hours to support. The application deadline for this is the end of May, 2016.
7. Massive changes are underway to the web site using new software. The new site utilizes WildApricot for all member info and Track It Forward for monitoring volunteer hours.
8. A new Chair is being appointed for the Natural Resources Committee (Grant?).
9. The Board Minutes reflected activity in the form of a new windmill at Richinbar. It was the concern of the Committee that this not mean removing the windmill and replacing it with solar panels. The existing windmills provide an historical image showing how the land has been used for the past 100 years.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings: Chris Reed pointed out that a new Site Steward Coordinator had been appointed for the Salt River Region – Daniel Rocker.

Old Business:

1. **Project Archaeology:** Trudy Mertens, who was absent due to medical issues, sent word that she is still waiting to receive materials related to this.
2. **2016 Arizona Archaeological Awareness Month – Archaeology Expo:** Mike Hoogendyk and Pete Reilly helped Jim Riggs from the Outreach Committee staff the booth at this event. They raised \$150 selling Perry Mesa Symposium books and made lots of contacts.
3. **2016 Arizona Archaeological Awareness Month – Badger Springs Petroglyph Event:** Shelley Rasmussen took reservations from twelve people to attend this. Barbara Gronemann led the hike and explained the petroglyphs. Only four of the twelve people actually showed up.
4. **Geocaching Links:** Mike Hoogendyk is still working on investigating the Internet links which provide information about the geocaches on the monument. Report to follow.
5. **FAFNM Membership Forms:** Mike Hoogendyk provided membership application forms to all the Committee members for their use in signing up new members.
6. **Status of Metal Signs from Site Steward Program:** Pete Reilly has the signs and is planning on placing them at Pueblo Pato and Baby Canyon Pueblo.
7. **Wild at Heart Presentation:** Marie Davis reported that the presentation has been changed to 10:30am on April 16, 2016 at the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve.
8. **New Rock Art Recording Locations:** Mike Hoogendyk provided a confidential draft listing of more than a dozen sites which could be considered. During discussion, Committee members provided suggestions for additional sites, determined a couple that may have already been recorded, and agreed to provide Mike with additional suggested changes to the list. The list should be prioritized based on relative threats to the sites, ease of access to the public and, lastly, the overall importance of the site in terms of all the prehistoric features present: Habitation structures, number of glyphs, grinding slicks, sherds, etc.
9. **Tri-National Symposium:** This is a bi-annual symposium held in Ajo which several of the Committee members attended. Shelley reported on the events that took place and indicated that the members should really start planning to attend it in two years. It's a "not to be missed" event.

New Business:

1. **Joint Meeting with Friends of Tonto NF Cultural Resources:** Scott Wood has agreed to have their CRC attend our Committee meeting in April as a joint meeting. He will talk a little about what their Committee is doing on Perry Mesa. Maybe in the future our Committee will attend their Committee meeting.
2. **NEEF Grant Cultural Resources Event:** Sarah Striker, FAFNM President, indicated that the recent NEEF Grant includes \$300-\$500 for another cultural resources event. The Committee

discussed it and agreed to try and set up an event at the High Desert Heritage Museum after it cools down in the fall – possibly early October if that will meet the requirements of the grant. The event would involve obtaining an event cover (tent without sides), chairs, etc., hopefully from BLM. We could display FAFNM materials, have an hour with multiple speakers and then follow up with tours to Teskey Home Site, the 1891 School House Site and River View rock art – all easily accessible from Cordes Junction. The grant money could be used for poster advertising in Cordes Junction and Black Canyon City, along with light refreshments on site. Mike Hoogendyk will discuss all this with Sarah Striker and then his contacts at the museum, the President of which has already expressed a willingness to do a joint program.

3. **Arizona Highways Article:** Marie Davis mentioned that the March issue included an article about Brooklyn Basin and its rock art. She thought that the cover picture was about Brooklyn Basin also, but didn't have a copy.
4. **Archaeology & Native Cultures Presentations:** The Rock Art Preservation Preserve is holding this event (their "big one") this Saturday, March 19, 2016.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

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 Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve
5/7/2016	8am to Noon	Agua Fria Days at Horseshoe Ranch
5/27-30/2016		ARARA Annual Conference, Las Cruces, NM
6/7-8/2016		Site Steward's 30 Year Anniversary Celebration, Plaza Hotel, Phoenix, AZ
6/9-11/2016		Historic Preservation Conference, Plaza Hotel, Phoenix, AZ

Bryan's Planned Field Dates for Archaeological Surveys

March 2 and 23, 2016
April 6 and 20, 2016
May 6 and 20, 2016

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, 2016, Noon to 2:00 pm, at the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve, 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Glendale.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk