

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2015
BLM Offices, N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

MINUTES

Attendees: Shelley Rasmussen, Acting Chair
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
JJ Golio, Site Steward
Connie Stone, Member
Sarah Striker, Acting AFNM Archaeologist

Barbara Gronemann, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Chris Caseldine, Member
Trudy Mertens, AAS
Pete Reilly, Member

Call to Order: Shelley Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Minutes: The minutes of May 19, 2015 were approved as amended.

BLM Update: Sarah Striker gave an update for BLM.

1. Teskey Site Vandalism: There is a new PR Officer for BLM and at the moment they are really swamped. They may not get to this immediately. The possibility of using a game camera type of approach is being discussed between the monument manager, Amanda James, and the Law Enforcement Officer. The Gauthier's reported among other things by email that the quote for repairs has been approved by the FAFNM Board and the contractor has the go ahead to proceed with the work.
2. Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP): Work continues on the plan. There are meetings scheduled for today from 2pm to 5pm and on Wednesday, June 24th from 9am to Noon. Sarah has updated the cultural resource strategies and will present those today. By next week we will be working on finalizing adaptive strategies. Good progress is finally being made.
3. Monument Ranger: There is still no monument Ranger. Other staff are filling in to do clean-up and patrolling the monument as time allows.
4. BLM Inventory of Signs: Sarah had no information about what had happened regarding to checking how many cultural site signs were on hand at BLM. Amanda James was going to do the inventory and she was out sick today.
5. Vandalism Records: Sarah passed out a form she had found which can be used for reporting vandalism of Cultural Sites. She suggested that everyone utilize it, including Site Stewards.
6. Bryan Lausten: Bryan is indicating he should be back to work around June 25th, so there should be a week or two of overlap between Bryan and Sarah.
7. Eroding Burial Remains: A known site on the monument where burial remains are eroding has been inspected by a hydrologist and it appears that the site can be repaired, eroding stopped, and no human remains will need to be moved. However, there are coyote dens dug in the immediate area and that is another problem which will have to be addressed.

FAFNM Board Update: Chris Caseldine gave a report on the last FAFNM Board Meeting.

1. Most of the meeting was given over to discussion and planning for the June 20th Wet/Dry Mapping and, on the same day, the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the AFNM and the NCLS. The celebration will be held at the Black Canyon City Heritage Center from 9:00am until 1:00pm. There is an outstanding request for volunteers from the Cultural Resources Committee to help staff the Friends' Booth.

Site Stewards Update: JJ Golio indicated that the Site Stewards had finished the work to include the monument's "1st Love" Site, formerly known as the "Shangri La" Site, in the Site Steward program. All that information has been forwarded to Lila Elam and JJ will also forward a copy to Sarah Striker.

AAS Update: The recent member communication sent out by AAS regarding their new insurance program was discussed in light of on-going uncertainty about insurance over committee activities on the monument.

Old Business:

1. Horseshoe Ranch Petroglyph Interpretation: The sign company is working on the sign. Amy from Game & Fish is discussing with them a problem regarding the clarity of the photo which is being included. There is a three week turn around on production of the sign and then Shelley will work with volunteers from our Committee to get the sign planted.
2. Wagon Wheel Rock Art Recording: Barbara Gronemann and Gerry Haase are anticipating a meeting with all the involved recorders toward the last part of August. Barbara will provide Mike Hoogendyk with some possible dates and Mike will set up a Doodle for the participants.
3. Teskey Vandalism: (See comments above under the BLM Update.)
4. Public Lands Foundation Annual Meeting: The meeting is taking place on Wednesday, September 23rd. Connie Stone indicated the group would be bussed to the Badger Springs area for hikes and lectures. Barbara Gronemann volunteered to talk to them about the rock art and other cultural items at the confluence of Badger Springs Wash and the Agua Fria River.
5. Archaeology Site Etiquette Brochures: JJ Golio reported that the brochure was updated with the already approved language and is undergoing printing. It will be used for the first time at the June 20th celebration in Black Canyon City.
6. Proposed Budget for Fiscal 2016: This budget takes effect on October 1, 2015. The Committee discussed lots of items that could be included in the budget and Pete Reilly graciously volunteered to put something together for review and possible approval at next month's committee meeting. Included in the discussion were Carsonite signs for cultural sites, graffiti removal at River Bend, La Plata interpretive brochures, 1891 School House Site cleanup, material to post "No Littering" signs which the Gauthier's have, and equipment which can be used by the committee for survey and recording. Included in the latter "could" be everything from a Total Station to range finders, 50 meter tapes, cameras, a drone for aerial photography, recording forms, pin flags, chain flags, blue tape, pencils, metal clip boards, T-Bars & bolts. Pete will try to price all that out prior to the next meeting.

New Business

1. No Littering Signs: Mike Hoogendyk reported that the Gauthiers had seven or eight metal signs with the Friends' logo on them which indicate that one shouldn't litter and that volunteers clean up the area. The committee agreed they could take on a project of posting those signs in the monument entrance areas for Black Mesa and Badger Springs. Pete will pick up the signs, which need to have holes drilled in them, and will see if he can get some T-Bar posts on which to mount them.
2. Point Extreme Well Upgrades: Larry Kraft indicated that he had visited the area on May 28th. Game and Fish has installed the solar power generators on top of the tank, cleaned up the area, and placed an approximately 50 gallon water trough for wild life. Discussion centered on whether or not the ranching equipment (cattle loading dock, storage units, etc.) had been removed like the downed windmill had been. Whether or not it is right to remove such historic artifacts will be discussed at a future meeting.

3. Potential Revamping of the Cultural Resources Committee: Shelley Rasmussen is going to check with the Deer Valley Rock Art Center (their name has been changed since we met there last) and see if we can begin meeting there again. We might have to change the meeting times to 1:00pm to 3:00pm in order to do so year around. Another alternative is the public meeting space at the Anthem Outlet Malls. Changing the location might make meeting setup and teardown more convenient after the recent security changes implemented at BLM. In addition, discussion was held regarding who can be on the committee in light of the Friend's Bylaws, who can attend committee hikes, whether or not we needed to have an annually appointed Committee Chair, and how the email list should be segmented and utilized. With the exception of the meeting location, all subjects discussed were tabled until the next meeting. This will give Committee Members time to think about the issues, discuss them amongst themselves outside of the formal meeting, and come back next month with more ideas and input.

Future Activities

2 nd Thursdays	6:30pm – 8:30pm	FAFNM Board Meetings at BLM Office
3 rd Tuesdays	11:00am – 1:00pm	Cultural Resources Committee at BLM Office
June 20, 2015	9:00am - Noon	15 Year Anniversary Celebration for AFNM & NLCS, Black Canyon City Heritage Park

Bryan's Planned Field Dates for Archaeological Surveys

(Cancelled until Bryan's return from DC)

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 11:00 AM, at the BLM Offices on 7th Avenue just south of Deer Valley Airport. Connie Stone volunteered to be Acting Chair for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hoogendyk