

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
BLM Phoenix District Office

MINUTES

Attendees: Larry Kraft, Acting Chair
Pete Reilly, Member
Peter Huegel, Member
Mike Hoogendyk, Member
Ron Tipton, BLM Monument Manager
Scott Wood, Guest

Chris Reed, Member
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member
Marie Davis, Member
Chris McLaughlin, BLM Archaeologist

Call to Order: Larry Kraft called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of December 20, 2016 were approved.

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

1. **Personnel Update:** The Archaeologist position posting has been closed and they are waiting for applicant list certification. The Natural Resource Specialist position which Casey Addy had filled is now going to be filled by Tim Lyons.
2. **CADO:** There was a long discussion about all the problems members have been having with CADO (Centralized Admin Dispatch Office). Ron Tipton is going to follow-up with them about their procedures involving use of the answering machine. Mike Hoogendyk is going to provide Ron with a list of BLM volunteers and their contact information using an Excel spreadsheet. Shelley Rasmussen and Mike Nushawg are going to provide Ron with the same information for Site Stewards. Mike Nushawg passed out a card provided by BLM with the CADO numbers and safety information. The card has some real problems in terms of readability: Some red and white letters on blue background are very hard to read. Some other phone numbers are so small that failing eyes of old folks have trouble seeing them even when squinting very hard. In the past, volunteers have been provided with the CADO phone number to use when departing and returning from trips to the field. That number is supposed to work from 6:00am to 6:00pm. There is also an after hours number to use when they are closed: 480-259-8749. Ron suggested calling that number if you got the answering machine when returning from the field.
3. **CRMP:** This project continues on. If and when a new archaeologist is chosen, work on it may speed up. Otherwise, no change from the status reported last month.

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

1. **Grant Funds for the Teskey/School House Trail:** Pete Reilly reported that trail construction funds in the amount of \$4,500 were in danger of being lost if not used by the end of the fiscal year. The project is being held up because of a lack of an EA and the need to coordinate with the State where the trail crosses state lands. Chris Caseldine, FAFNM Vice President, is working with his contacts in BLM to understand what flexibility there is in the use of the funds. The Committee would like to recommend that if it isn't feasible to actually use the funds for the trail, it be used instead for implementing some of the proposed interpretation improvements at Pueblo La Plata.

2. **BCC “Winter Fest”:** This is a one day activity being planned by Black Canyon City scheduled for January 28th and involves the Black Canyon City Heritage Center.
3. **Finances:** The Friends’ has Total Available Funds of \$36,136 as of December 31, 2016. Pete Reilly passed out a one page FAFNM Financial Report for figures as of that date.
4. **Annual Report:** Pete Reilly passed out a copy of the Annual Report which all members should have received in the mail.
5. **Adopt-A-Highway Program:** Pete Reilly has agreed to handle the ADOT clean-up program on behalf of the Friends. Jim Riggs and Victoria South are working on getting the forms submitted to re-apply for Adopt-A-Highway with the state. Once approved, there will be a cleanup every six months at whatever I-17 exit area is adopted.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings:

1. **Scott Wood/David Abbott Survey:** Scott Wood reported that the coordination with ASU for survey work on Perry Mesa continues. They are planning a possible training day on April 8th and survey work on April 9th and 29th, May 13th and June 3rd. Before any work can be done on the AFNM side of Perry Mesa there is some compliance work that must be completed so that Professor David Abbott from ASU can collect some samples. Scott is going to contact Ron Tipton, Monument Manager, and try to get Chris McLaughlin, Acting Monument Archaeologist, permission to work that out.
2. **Sherd ID Class:** Scott has scheduled a Sherd ID class for Friday, March 17th. Chris McLaughlin and Mike Hoogendyk will work out a location for the class.
3. **Sears Kay Open House:** Scott also reported that he is trying to set up another open house at Sears Kay ruin for March 11th, but is waiting for Tonto National Forest response.

Old Business:

1. **2017 Arizona Archaeological Expo:** Nothing new came up on this subject since last month. Scheduled for March 4, 2017 at Himdag Ki Museum near Sells, AZ.
2. **Agua Fria Days:** Nothing new today about this activity other than Connie Stone, in an email to Mike Hoogendyk, indicated that she would be willing to help out where ever needed.
3. **Developing an Annual Action Plan:** Connie is still working on this and still needs additional suggestions.
4. **Purge of Committee Email List:** Mike Hoogendyk has sent an email to about a dozen non-members on our Committee Email List, letting them know that they will be dropped from the list on January 31, 2017 if they haven’t joined the friends by that time. Professional archaeologists receiving courtesy email copies are not affected.
5. **Tread Lightly and Leave No Trace:** Mike Hoogendyk passed out an information sheet detailing some of the services provided by each group and details about membership. He is expecting additional information by phone and mail from both groups and will further report next month.
6. **Regularly Scheduled Hikes for FAFNM Members:** Larry Kraft further detailed some of his ideas about scheduling hikes for members: Small groups, members only, at least one per quarter, advertised on the FAFNM web site, 1st come/1st served, educational in nature, a hike leader and assistant hike leader, and going to locations with a cross-section of prehistoric features to be seen. The members need to have activities which make it worthwhile to join. Pete Reilly will bring it up again with the Board. The Committee can provide leaders, dates and locations; the Board will have to help with getting everything on the web site.

New Business:

1. **Another Hike for Committee Members:** It was agreed that the next Committee hike would be on Friday, February 10, 2017, at 8:00am. The location will be distributed by email to those individuals normally attending the Committee meetings.
2. **Sierra Club Activities:** The Sierra Club put out information about BLM hearings regarding expanding target shooting on the Sonoran Desert National Monument. One hearing is being held January 19th from 5-8pm at the BLM National Training Center, 9828 N. 31st Avenue in Phoenix. Another is being held January 20th from 5-8pm at the Arizona Game and Fish Dept., 5000 W. Carefree Highway in Phoenix. There is also an “Environmental Day at the Capitol, Wednesday, February 15th, from 8:30am to 2:00pm at the Arizona State Capital Museum, Historic Supreme Courtroom, 1700 W. Washington in Phoenix. To RSVP for the latter you must contact Sandy Bahr at (602) 253-8633 or sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org.
3. **Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve:** Shelley reported that the most recent information is, the Preserve will not open up again until April, 2017.
4. **Committee Funds Budgeted for Fiscal 2017:** Pete Reilly mentioned that there was \$500.00 in the budget for this fiscal year. We need to decide how we are going to spend this money. Discussion will be held during the meeting next month.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:53 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
1/26/2017	5:00pm – 7:00pm	BCC Heritage Center Open House
1/28/2017	10:00am – 1:00pm	BCC Heritage Park “Winter Fest”
2/18/2017	9:00am to 1:00pm	Agua Fria Days at BCC Heritage Park
3/4/2017	10:00am to 4:00pm	Archaeology Expo at Himidag Ki Museum in Topowa
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, February 21, 2017, at the BLM Offices on N 7th Avenue in Phoenix.

Michael J. Hoogendyk

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Hoogendyk