

Friends of the Agua Fria National Monument
Cultural Resource Committee (CRC) Meeting
Tuesday, November 21, 2017
BLM Phoenix District Office

MINUTES

Attendees: Connie Stone, Chairperson
Shelley Rasmussen, Member
Chris McLaughlin, BLM Archaeologist
Trudy Mertens, Member
Mike Nushawg, Member
Marie Davis, Member
Larry Kraft, Member
Chris Reed, Member
Tim Watkins, Monument Archaeologist

Call to Order: Connie Stone called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of October 17, 2017 were approved.

BLM Update: Tim Watkins, gave the BLM Update.

1. **Status of TNF Class 3 Cultural Survey on Perry Mesa:** The survey was done by Josh Evans of Cornerstone and is complete. It involved 30 acres on which grazing improvements have been proposed for the Copper Creek Allotment.
2. **Teskey Homestead Site Flood Repair Possibilities:** pending
3. **BLM9610 Gate Renovation:** pending
4. **New Park Ranger:** AJ Whiteman

FAFNM Board Update: Larry Kraft gave the FAFNM Board Update.

1. **Leadership:** The Board monthly meeting is Tuesday evening and any updates will be reported in December.
2. **Disabled Veterans Hike:** Larry and other Board members led a hike with Disabled Veterans at Badger Springs. The Board plans to continue this outreach program.

Perry Mesa Area Archaeological Happenings:

1. **Perry Mesa Ceramics Project:** There will be more field days on Perry Mesa. If you are interested, please contact Scott Wood.

Old Business:

1. **Horseshoe Ranch Petroglyph Interpretation Sign:** Since the sign cannot be placed in the ground, Pete Riley will try to place the sign in a more permanent place.
2. **Barbed Wire and Other Metal Rubbish at Point Extreme Well Site:** pending
3. **Replacement for CRC "Acting" Secretary:** will continue to rotate
4. **The 2018 Pecos Conference:** This will be held in Flagstaff next August. Since it is located so close, it was suggested that we might want to sponsor a monument hike for the attendees. Connie will contact Peter Pilles for more details.
5. **2018 Arizona Archaeological Expo:** This is scheduled for March 10, 2018 at the Arizona Museum of Natural History in Mesa. Connie will be the contact person and has forwarded the paperwork regarding a public hike at Badger Springs on Saturday, March 24.

New Business:

1. **October 26th Cleanup at School House & Teskey:** Five members cleaned up the overgrown areas. The Gauthiers have been storing tools for these two sites. They gave us an inventory of the equipment. Members will determine if there is a better place to store the equipment.
2. **Recap of Graffiti Removal workshop:** Shelley attended the workshop at South Mountain Park organized by the city of Phoenix and SHPO. There was a demonstration of the use of *Elephant Snot*. Tim will look into using this product to remove the graffiti at Riverbend petroglyph site.
3. **BCC Storage Unit:** Shelley, Trudy and others will continue the clean-up when they are there for the Book Fest in December.
4. **Our Visitors Center:** At the Black Canyon Heritage Park Visitor Center, there is no presence of signage for the AFNM and BLM. They have brochures. Larry will bring this up to the Board to determine if a larger presence is needed.
5. **Outdoor Expo March 24-25, 2018:** Opportunity to join with Tonto Friends for outreach program
6. **Update on Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve:** It is open. We will continue to partner with them.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:40 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
12/2/2017	1:00pm – 3:30pm	2 nd Annual Canon Arizona History BookFest in BCC
1/27/2018	9:00am – 3:00pm	WinterFest at BCC Heritage Park
3/5-8/2018		Celebrating the Sonoran Desert – Tri-National Symposium
3/10/2018		AZ Archaeology Expo, Museum of Natural History, Mesa
3/24/2018		AZ Archaeology Expo hike at Badger Springs
3/24-25/2018		Outdoor Expo
6/6/2018		Arizona Historic Preservation Conference, Hotel Valley Ho in Scottsdale, AZ

Planned Field Dates for BLM Archaeological Surveys

(None scheduled at the moment)

The next meeting will be at 12:00pm, Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at the BLM Offices on N 7th Avenue in Phoenix.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Reed