



iBisbee Committee
118 Arizona Street
Bisbee, AZ 85603

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Action Agenda

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING.

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m

Roll Call:

Stanley Stern, Chair
Fred Miller, Vice-Chair
Cynthia Conroy
Bob Klein, Excused

Carrie Gustavson
Robert Page
Kathy Sowden, Excused

Douglas Dunn, City Council Liaison

Nina Williams, Staff Liaison

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – None.

Item 1:

Approve Minutes from the May 18 Meeting.

The committee members unanimously approved the minutes from the May 17 meeting.

Item 2:

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Bisbee Hiking Trails.

Fred Miller and Douglas Dunn reported on the progress on one of the trails on Freeport McMoRan land that may be open to the public by fall. Mr. Miller and Mr. Dunn with volunteers started work on the first trail by clearing and marking the trails direction.

Mr. Dunn noted that the first part of the trail is relatively an easy walk while the second half would be designated as “moderate” by hikers.

Ms. Gustavson has the Smithsonian involved to come up with a bid for interpretative plaques that would go along the route.

More work is needed and local hikers will be asked to help with the continuing clearing and flagging effort on the Galena Trail.

Item 3:

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the “B” Hill Project.

Rob Page gave the good news that the “B” on B hill was completed thanks to the “B Company 1st Platoon,” a group of former military personnel, including Mr. Page. Freeport McMoRan hauled the 75 gallons of paint, purchased by Bisbee Vogue, Inc., and water jugs to the site, but the four men had

to carry the supplies down the steep hill to start the spraying operation and work their ways back up the “treacherous” slope. The next day, they went back up to gather up all the empty paint buckets and water jugs. There were 780 Likes on the Facebook page and many people and business owners put the work up on their pages as well.

The team was Mr. Page, Ron Ramsey, Keith Dennis and Daniel Spivey.

The committee members thanked Mr. Page and the platoon for their hard work in restoring the city's historic icon.

Item 4:

Discussion on Continuing Dialogue with the Urban Land Institute.

Mr. Stern Sent comments made by Mr. Miller to the Urban Land Institute indicating the efforts Bisbee has made to the group's recommendations. ULI was excited, added Stern, and said that the organization had plans to use Bisbee as a national example of what can be done with help from ULI. Mr. Stern is trying to get a group of developers to come to Bisbee to assess potential economic projects.

Item 5:

Discussion on an Electric Highway.

Mr. Miller wants the city to consider installing electric car charging stations to form an “electric highway” in Bisbee similar to projects going on up the west coast and Canada. He said twelve people made reservations since the installation of a Tesla charging station at his Copper City Inn.

Ms. Conroy said there were a number of charging stations being installed at business locations in Tucson and Phoenix.

The committee members agreed that it would be an asset for Bisbee to pursue such installations.

Item 6:

Discuss and Approve Letter of Appreciation for City Manager Jestin Johnson.

The committee unanimously approved a letter of appreciation written by Mr. Miller to exiting City Manager Jestin Johnson to thank him for his professionalism and bringing the true leadership to the city and to the iBisbee Committee. They were sorry to see him go, but wished him well in his new position as assistant manager in Athens, Georgia. The letter will be read by the mayor.

Item 7:

Discussion and Action on Continuing Talks With Local Arizona First.

Mr. Page said there had been no further discussion with LAF.

Mr. Miller suggested asking Local First if there was a list of creative graphic businesses looking for a home and get them to visit Bisbee.

Mr. Stern said after some conversations with other business leaders, he was told that there was not a real market in Bisbee for that. He explained that local broker David Greenberg developed a map of available properties and the most suited ones were in San Jose.

The committee members will continue to search for businesses and developers.

Item 8:

Discussion Regarding Affordable Housing.

Mr. Stern said there was unexpected lead from a possible gasoline spill on Freeport land that had been planned for affordable housing and right now, it cannot be used. The company is in the process of determining the parameters of this contaminated land and what would it cost to clean it up.

The mining company has other land that could be used for the project, but Mr. Stern told them that the terrain did not suit developing such a project on a down-sloping hill.

The Foundation for Senior Living would like to see such a project in Bisbee, he added.

He will update the committee at the next meeting.

Item 9:

Member's Comments (Not Open For Discussion)

Ms. Gustavson said the annex for a small Old Bisbee visitors center was moving along, though slowly.

Detroit has massive murals painted on old buildings and street art, said Mr. Miller. He suggested that the idea be transferred to Bisbee.

Item 10:

Discussion on Agenda Items for the July 20 meeting.

A Cultural District designation discussion as suggested by Ms. Gustavson.

Request Visitor Center coordinator Jen Luria to offer her comments on attending the Governor's Council on Tourism.

Discuss the Arizona Office of Tourism grant awards.

Entertainment District for Old Bisbee for discussion due to proximity of places that serve alcohol to churches as requested by Mr. Page.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 6 p.m.

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