

NOTES

Dave Hornung called the meeting to order – Introductions –

Margaret Bailey, CHM—Robin Wiley, Rod Lenz, Frank Magee, Deb Daniel

Audience

Margaret Bailey – history, purpose of meeting – stages of her analysis

Robin Wiley – explained previous study by Yuma County Economic Development

Frank Magee – explanation of CPWs participation in project

Current recreation/activities

Ideas:

Mike Forrestowski motorcyclist/fisher/hunter – kid friendly camping area – BMX track – grant for OHV trail funding ---- parking/fishing/hunting fees that would be used for O&E – activities for kids (zip-line, birthday party area) – leisure activities (mini-golf, painting area) – motor sports (motocross track, carts, motorcycles, racing association are onboard with area, vendors will pay fees, riders spend \$\$\$\$, BMX for kids, horseback riding,

Questions:

How much impact will there be with limited water?

Neil Hutton -- The summers can be very hot but the evenings cool down. There is shade. This area cannot sustain Bonny without visitors from out of area. We need to make Bonny very attractive to the Front Range. People will drive 3 hours for activities and solitude – is a pilot, where Bonny is at a lower elevation which makes it very desirable for camping/short trips from the front range/fishing/trail hiking/hunting... RAF is willing to clean up runway strip and willing to maintain the area for public use – work with groups to find funding for different areas of Bonny – money is available if pursued. The Bonny strip will take a very short time to get it up and running again.

Kendra Mulch -- Need access for sewer and electricity. Trail rider group interested in area. Would like to ride for 3 hours (10 miles?) Small lake in Kansas (Scott Lake) campground area is important!!

Donovan Carson -- water to flow? Robin – we can't refill the lake but we are planning to have small water recreation areas Duck Ponds? Frank – yes if they were lined

Debbie Mangus – great amphitheater onsite, wonderful music

Former County Commissioner from Jackson County – If you create a great facility for families – people will come

Kathy Parrish – major migratory path for waterfowl

John Pekarek – family – hunting is very popular in this area, good financial income from hunting to this area – kayaking, have as much water as POSSIBLE -- we camp in multiple areas -- can we have a YMCA?

Frank – Yes – Boy Scouts camp along the river every year – SFRRRC, don't overanalyze this project, the

Burlington Economic Development analyzed main street and NONE of what was decided has been put in place

Rod Lenz – answered question on amount of water allowed to be stored in Bonny Reservoir area – must share cost of evaporation on Bonny – Bonny is a “wonderful mess” we need to adjust our thinking -- WE can make this happen – We NEED water – we need increased streamflow at the compact gage – it takes an organized effort

Larry Mangus – where does the water go from 385 to Bonny? Rod – water is moving, slowly -- cleaning the streamflow area to stop slowing down channel

Neil Hutton – as a student in Idalia we planted trees that benefited the area – could offer class similar as in the classroom classes at Bonny – it’s been done before

Is there ANYTHING that you do not want to see?

Larry Mangus - How does CPW look at motorized sports – Frank, OK – Bob Shade, (retired in 2012) there was a ATV trail, (he built the trails with mower and front-end loader) panels available for horse camping at Foster Grove,

Mitch Schlepp – how big would you envision the ponds to be – answer: each must be less than 15 AF

Denis Stahlecker – what about the trees using water? Rod – compact does not include phreatophytes in calculations

Camping areas – tiny houses?

Mike F – Yes, we had a ball when we have stayed in one – Kendra Mulch, yes, another facility has tiny houses to rent and you have to reserve one year in advance

Steve Daniel – rehabilitating costs can be accomplished but who is going to be responsible for OEM?

Denis Stahlecker – our open highways will be very desirable

Debbie Mangus – can we ask KOA or YMCA to take over the campgrounds? Frank – we have been looking for outside area – no one is interested at this time. Debbie, if we get the area cleaned up and more desirable that could sell our ideas

Dave Worden – people drive 4 hours to Trenton – if there is SOMETHING to do – people will come to Bonny

Mike –would there be limitations from CPW

Mitch Schlepp – there are steps to get to finished project (when can we see this in place) Robin, it will take 4-5 years, explained phase one and then onto phase two \$\$\$ -- Rod explained his philosophy on project (farmer mentality – reality – great quality project will take time) can’t take track-hoe and get it done in the next few months – we will have to find \$\$\$\$\$ for phase 2 and will need MORE help/funding

Ezra and Jenna Guitezra – owner of The Dish Room – explained about history from Courtside AZ, no water, in off-season there are 3,000 citizens – Canadians drive through Burlington to Courtside for RV camping – in RV season Courtside grows to 1M – in Parker, AZ there is no water, motocross, rock-

crawlers, he understands why NO one wants to drive in heavy traffic – bringing Bonny back will bring a LOT \$\$\$ to area – Burlington’s population is drying up and there is nothing good on the horizon – why not take Bonny and make it great by working together. Work smart by working together

EZRA ----- Look up/Google: Activities in Parker and Courtside AZ