

Mayor's Report on Old Home Manor Recreational Uses 7/8/2016

At the Town Council meeting on March 8th of this year, the Mayor's Ad Hoc Old Home Manor Recreation Committee delivered its first formal report on proposed recreational uses of the Town's property located at Old Home Manor on Perkinsville Road. The property consists of approximately 880 acres of relatively flat land, 240 acres of which have been dedicated as an industrial park, and the remainder being slated for recreational uses by the Town. The Committee (made up of members of the Council, members of the community, and a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board), reviews suggested land uses and recommends those uses to Council for possible approval.

Since the land in the recreational area already has a number of existing structures and dedicated uses in place, it has been the responsibility of the Committee to attempt to fit proposed uses into available spaces around those existing facilities. The eastern end of the property, being already occupied with the Police Department's shooting range, the Town's rifle and pistol ranges and the model aviator's facility, will hopefully be filled in with similar recreational uses. The central portion of the recreational area (where the Chino Mud Run took place this year) will be a multiple use area, hopefully hosting similar events and possibly an expansion of the model aviator's facility. The western end of the recreational area has presented somewhat more of a challenge, since we have existing structures already in place: (a ballfield, the old rodeo grounds, and a maintenance facility), as well as the existing lease with Yavapai College. The Committee has recently been contacted regarding the possibility of siting a motorsports facility in the western end of the recreation area, but there are some significant hurdles to overcome before that proposal comes before Council.

With the Chino Valley Equestrian Association finalizing its location in the western end of the recreational area, the Committee's challenge will be ensuring that we have sufficient infrastructure to support all users and resolving compatibility issues between various recreational needs. If that can be accomplished, the citizens of the Town will have a wide array of recreation for our youth, as well as a significant source of income for the community.

Chris Marley, Mayor of Chino Valley