

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.

SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

9:00 A.M., Thursday, 9 October 2008
Sedona Fire Station #3 - 125 Slide Rock Road, Sedona, AZ 86351

(Note - previous **MINUTES** and **EXHIBITS** may be viewed at www.BigParkCouncil.org)

Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance

1. Determine Quorum by Roll Call – 18 of the 27 Members of the Council were present and 9 absent – please see website for attendance record **Exhibit A**

2. Agenda changes from Executive Board meeting – Dorothy O'Brien - the Executive Board had its monthly meeting at the Forest Service Administrative Offices, Conference Room, on Monday, 6 October 2008 at 9:30 A.M. The circulated revised agenda reflects actions taken by the Executive Board.

3. President's Report - Dorothy O'Brien, President, opened the meeting by announcing:

- (a) this month's guests – representatives of Camp Soaring Eagle, and Jennifer Wesselhoff of the Sedona Chamber of Commerce
- (b) 15 emails have been received regarding Highway 179 traffic signs, especially at the roundabouts
- (c) that Mel Copen is the new Alternate representing the Sedona Golf Resort
- (d) introduced Karen Daines, the new Business Director of the Sedona Fire District

4. New Members/Member Changes – Sedona Golf Resort has designated Mel Copen as its new Alternate

6. Secretary's report - Henry Reiter - the Draft Minutes of the September 2008 regular meeting were unanimously approved without change by voice vote

7. Treasurer's report – Dave Norton – reported on:

- (a) This month's accounting report reflects that there were no expenses or income, and can be viewed on the Council's website – www.BigParkCouncil.org
- (b) a communication from Chief Boler of the Sedona Fire District advising that henceforth there would be no charge for using meeting room at the Fire Station

8. Corresponding Secretary's report – Jane Petty - no report this month

9. Committee Reports – (a reminder for Committee Chairs that a short summary of their report for October, and any display material for the screen, should be submitted to Dave Norton no later than Friday, October 7th)

- (a) **Website Committee** – Jane Petty/Dave Norton – Dave Norton requested the Council to renew the annual hosting and domain name registration for \$110 – on motion made and seconded, the request was unanimously approved by voice vote
- (b) **Recreation Committee** – Don Beard – no report
- (c) **P&Z Committee** - Mark Mumaw
 - (1) **Sustainable Planning Committee/Open Space Presentation Subdivision**
 - (a) committee now has greater representation from the Verde Valley
 - (b) basic issues involve density transfers and lack of public process
 - (c) a presentation by the Committee to the County P&Z Commission is slated for 29 Oct 2008
 - (d) see County website – Departments/Development Services/scroll on left side of screen
 - (2) **Sedona Golf Resort Gate** – application has been temporarily withdrawn pending the receipt of the County Trails Committee report
 - (3) **Bell Rock Plaza Use Permit Renewal** – Mark reported that BRP was applying for an administrative 5-year extension of the current special permit without changes. He wanted the Council to know about what was going on, and that without hearing an objection, BRP would proceed. There were no

comments or objections, and no resolution was required – **Mark advised that he would abstain if the Council decided to vote on the matter**

- (3) **Zambrano Rezoning Application** – the next community meeting is scheduled for 22 October 2008 to review the revised plan that provides for 59% open space

- (4) **Setback Variance APN # 405-27-802** – the P&Z committee recommends a resolution supporting this application for a single family property located at 395 E. Saddlehorn Road, in Sedona Golf Resort between Crown Ridge Road and East Saddlehorn Road. The variance is for a 25% reduction in building setback (from 40' to 30'), and there has been no objection from neighbors. Upon motion made and seconded the Council voted unanimously to support the application



395 E. Saddlehorn Road

(d) **Transportation Committee**

Tom Hutchinson for John Gillam (meetings are on the 4th Monday at the Sedona Winds Library on the second floor)

- (1) **Lee Mountain Rd/Jacks Canyon Rd Intersection** – the Transportation Committee recommended that the Council pass a resolution regarding the intersection of Jacks Canyon and Lee Mountain Roads. On motion made and seconded, the Council unanimously adopted the following resolution by voice vote:

“The Big Park Regional Coordinating Council recommends that Yavapai County look into the traffic control configuration of the intersection of Jacks Canyon and Lee Mountain Roads based on the community’s concerns of the following conditions observed at that intersection:

1. On two separate occasions, a vehicle traveling northeast on Jacks Canyon Rd was going too fast to make a safe right hand turn on Jacks Canyon and proceeded to travel over the traffic island to the north. In either situation, this action could have led to a serious accident if someone traveling from the Pine Valley direction had been stopped at that stop sign.
2. Because there is no stop sign on Jacks Canyon Rd for vehicles approaching the intersection from the southwest, vehicles turning right on Jacks Canyon continue to accelerate and approach the first turn at a high rate of speed. At least one vehicle has overshot this curve and gone off the road onto private property.
3. There have been several near accidents at this intersection from vehicles traveling south on Lee Mountain Road and attempting to turn left onto Jacks Canyon towards Pine Valley. Because of the raised traffic island, there is no room for a clear left turn onto Jacks Canyon without going into the main Jacks Canyon traffic lane approaching Lee Mountain Road from the southwest.”

10. **Visitor Presentations –**

Rick James, Pronto **Parenteau** and Jennifer Perry – spoke on developments at Camp Soaring Eagle:



Artist Rendering of Cabins



Camp Soaring Eagle Site Plan

- (a) Soaring Eagle is one of the 11 Hole-in-The-Wall camps throughout the world that serve

seriously ill children

- (b) The camp serves the entire southwest, partnering with children's hospitals in Phoenix and Las Vegas, and is the only camp for seriously ill children that is free of charge in Arizona
- (c) 3 cabins are under construction with a total future build-out of 16 cabins, each accommodating 8 children
- (d) the camp will open in the summer of 2009 – they are looking for volunteers to assist as counselors and with fund raising events – look them up on their website: www.CampSoaringEagle.org

Jennifer Wesselhoff – Sedona/Oak Creek Chamber of Commerce spoke about:

- (a) how the Chamber of Commerce represents the greater Sedona area, and that village businesses have invested millions of dollars promoting the greater Sedona area, and want to continue that marketing effort
- (b) the Chamber promotes the entire area business community through emails, newsletters, etc.
- (c) the Tourism Division is funded by \$300,000 from a public/private partnership and conducts its promotional work through print, the internet, public relations, and mailings. The Division is re-positioning its branding campaign to high-end destinations including the Phoenix metro area, Las Vegas, and Southern California.
- (d) there are 1,038 total members in the Chamber, including 170 from the village area, and the Chamber is working on building a partnership with the Forest Service
- (e) the Uptown visitors center recorded approximately 350,000 visitations per year, and the village visitors center experienced peaks of 500 visitations per day

11. Other Reports – (The Council seeks to have attendees at meetings of the following organizations. In the interest of shortening meetings, these reports will be made on a rotating schedule of 2-3 per month – please see reminder about report summaries and display material agenda item #9 above)

- (a) ADOT Executive Team (Gillam/Berkshire) - (b) Yavapai County Regional Planners Workshop (Mumaw)
- (c) Verde Valley Master Regional Trails Plan (Huffstetler) - (d) Verde Valley Regional Transportation (Gillam)
- (e) Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District** – Tom Graham reported that the State Transportation Board awarded Recon, Inc., of Phoenix the enhancement contract on 19 September 2008. Their bid was \$984k, well below the ADOT estimate of \$1.277m. The actual contract has been signed. Carl Burkhalter anticipates a November start on the work
- (f) Sedona Fire District** – Don Harr and Craig Dible
 - (1) Karen Daines reported on nationwide search for a new Chief
 - (2) see updated organizational chart handout from Craig Dible, **Exhibit B**
- g) Sedona-Oak Creek School District (Montgomery) - (h) Yavapai County Schools
- (i) Big Park Wastewater Improvement District (Kane)
- (j) Village Library Center** - Carolyn Fisher restated the goal to have a real branch library in the village, and the need to raise funds for such an initiative
- (k) Sedona Village Main Street Revitalization Committee (Nelms) - (l) Community Issues Committee – Chamber of Commerce (Norton) - (m) Verde Valley Intergovernmental Meetings (O'Brien)

12. Old Business

- (a) Reply from ADOT on Hwy 179 rumble strip** – ADOT said they the matter would be taken care of when funds are available – see letter dated 16 September 2008 – **Exhibit C**
- (b) Highway 179 signage comments** – see item 3 (b) above

13. New Business

- (a) Appointment and approval of Nominating Committee** – President O'Brien named Jeff Dunn, chairman, and Neil Pope and Barbara Miller as the three member of the Nominating Committee
- (b) Community Plan Review Ad Hoc Committee** – On motion made and seconded, an Ad Hoc Community Plan Review Committee was unanimously approved on a voice vote, with Norm Murdock as chair
- (c) Budget Committee** – will consist of Dave Norton, Norma Wallace, Don Beard, and Peggy Dorrell

14. Announcements

- (a) Memory Walk** – BPRCC Team, October 18th, from Tequa to Bell Rock and back – contact Dave Norton
- (b) Project WET** – Water Education for Teachers, chaired by Chris Moran, event on October 23rd, Chip Davis requested the Council and public to come to the event - check website www.BigParkCouncil.org
- (c) Cottonwood Annexation** – President O'Brien informed the Council and public of a hearing in Cottonwood tonight regarding the potential annexation of approximately 10 miles of State trust land

15. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM