

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC. NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

9:00 A.M., Thursday, 13 November 2008
Sedona Fire Station #3 - 125 Slide Rock Road, Sedona, AZ 86351

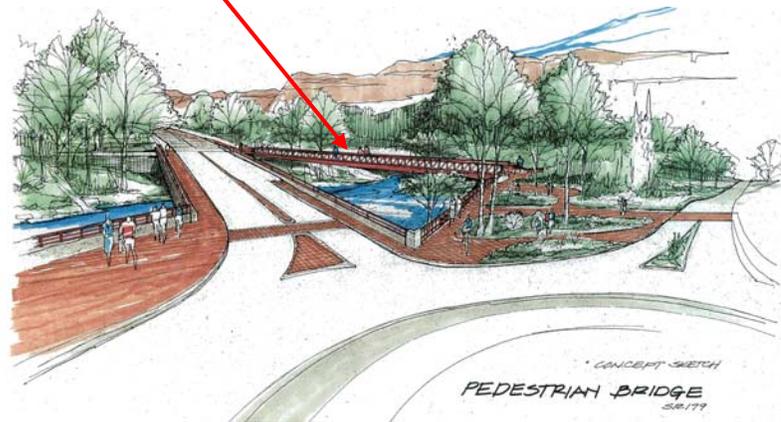
(Note - previous **MINUTES** and **EXHIBITS** may be viewed at www.BigParkCouncil.org)

Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Determine Quorum by Roll Call** – 22 of the 27 Members of the Council were present and 5 were 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, 10 November 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 recognizing guests including Karen Daines, the Sedona Fire District Business Manager, and announcing this month's guest presentation by Susan Barrington, Executive Director of the Sedona Community Center, who will speak on the Meals on Wheels program.
4. **New Members/Member Changes** – MaryAnn Allencourt was introduced as the new Wild Horse Mesa Representative, with Jan Montgomery as the Alternate.
5. **Secretary's report** - Henry Reiter reported two comments were received on the September draft Minutes, with those proposed changes displayed for review by the Council. Upon motion made, the September 2008 minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.
6. **Treasurer's report** – Dave Norton:
 - (a) This month's accounting report was unanimously accepted without comment
 - (b) The 2009 proposed budget indicated another surplus, with the suggestion from the budget committee that \$2,000 of that surplus be used for a Council school scholarship and contribution to the Village library. After some discussion, it was agreed that an ad hoc scholarship committee be formed chaired by Jane Petty. This ad hoc committee will report back at the December 2008 Regular Meeting of the Council, with a vote at the January 2009 meeting.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's report** – Jane Petty – reported that the Council had received correspondence on Highway construction and traffic signage issues – see following committee reports.
8. **Committee Reports** – (a reminder for Committee Chairs that a short summary of their report for December, and any display material for the screen, should be submitted to Dave Norton no later than Friday, December 5th)
 - (a) **Website Committee** – Jane Petty/Dave Norton reported that the "get involved" tab is now up and running.
 - (b) **Recreation Committee** – Don Beard – no report this month
 - (c) **P&Z Committee** - Mark Mumaw – no report this month
 - (d) **Transportation Committee** - John Gillam (note that meetings are on the 4th Monday at the Sedona Winds Library on the second floor)
 - (1) Red Rocks Available – John advised of communications from the Hwy 179 enhancement work that red rock material was available – an email will follow to Council Members on contact information.
 - (2) Pinon Woods Gate – the County traffic study amendment was approved in mid-October, an update will be provided in January.
 - (3) Traffic Signage Comments – 15 to 20 comments were received by the Council. John and Dave presented some graphics on identified issues, and possible means of dealing with those issues.

Basically, the Transportation Committee felt the traffic signage needed to be improved to improve the clarity of communications (especially identifying cross-streets), consolidation of the number of posts used for signage, and a better consistency of signage appearance.

- (4) Oak Creek Bridge – John Gillam provided an update on the pedestrian bridge – please see following ADOT “concept sketch” of the proposed pedestrian bridge, which seems to be a fraction of the height of the one actually constructed:



- (e) **Nominating Committee** – consisting of Jeff Dunn, chair, Neil Pope, and Barbara Miller, nominated the following slate of officers for 2009:

President – Dorothy O’Brien
 Vice President - Mel Copen
 Treasurer - Dave Norton
 Secretary - Henry Reiter

Pursuant to the Council’s Bylaws, elections will take place at the December Regular Meeting.

9. Visitor Presentation – Susan Barrington, Executive Director of the Sedona Community Center, spoke about the Center and the services it provides to adults in the Sedona area, including the village. According to the Center’s website www.SedonaCommunityCenter.org Arizona will experience the Baby Boomer effect ten years before the rest of the country, with the State’s age 85+ population increasing by 240% by the year 2020.



For over 25 years, the Sedona Community Center has been the only organization in the area that provides nutrition services to seniors with its “Meals on Wheels”, “Breakfast Club”, “Community Lunch”, “Transportation”, and “Telecare” programs. The Center’s social services have been recognized nationally for being creative, responsive and responsible. Last year, SCC served over 25,000 meals with half being delivered directly to seniors’ homes. Of the 75 seniors currently receiving meal deliveries to their home, half are from the village area, with a handful of village restaurants participating in the program, including Blue Moon Café, the Marketplace Café, Desert Flower, and P.J.’s.

Sedona Community Center’s 2009 operation budget of about \$575,000 is based on receiving 41.5% from grants, including one from the City of Sedona, and 58.5% contingent upon receiving income from memberships, programs, facility rentals, planned giving and donations – see following percentage breakdown:

Program Income	20.75%	Program Direct Costs	18.75%
General Donation	21.91%	Staff Costs	46.21%
Fundraising	14.80%	Facility Costs	11.27%
City of Sedona Grants	22.76%	Fundraising Costs	1.48%
Other Grants	18.74%	Other Operating Costs	5.87%
Other	1.04%	Reserves/Improvements	16.42%
Total Sources of Funds	100.00%	Total Uses of Funds	100.00%

Susan Barrington completed her presentation with an urgent alert to the Council – by next year she projects that there may be as many as 60 village seniors that will require meal deliveries to their home.

Given the driving times from Sedona, the Sedona Community Center will be hard pressed to be able to keep up with the village need – a village-based “Meals On Wheels program is urgently needed.

10. 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) – John Gillam reported that Zona Fink and Doug McDaniel were presented with ADOT’s Recognition Award. The next meeting of the Executive Team is in March.
- (b) Yavapai County Regional Planners Workshop (Mumaw)
- (c) Verde Valley Master Regional Trails Plan (Cliff Huffstetler) – Cliff reported that regional trails plan, consisting of about 100 trails, includes the interconnection of Forest Service trails, a change that he personally could not support. The next meeting will be in Clarkdale on November 20th, at 9:00 AM.
- (d) Verde Valley Regional Transportation (Gillam) – next meeting will be on November 26th.
- (e) Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District – Tom Graham reported that the landscaping project is under way in Big Park. The week of November 3, crews will be working in the median areas. In areas where the medians narrow to four feet, they will be paved with red concrete that is stamped with a pattern to look like pavers.
- (f) Sedona Fire District – Don Harr and Craig Dible – Don Harr and Charles Christiansen were elected to the Board, joining the existing three other Board members. The new fire chief selection committee is working on the selection process – December 15th is the filing date for applications.
- (g) Sedona-Oak Creek School District (Montgomery)
- (h) Yavapai County Schools
- (i) Big Park Wastewater Improvement District (Ruth Kane)
- (j) Village Library Center - Carolyn Fisher
- (k) Sedona Village Business Association – Judy Hill spoke on the full moon event, “Holly Day”, on December 20th – call Judy Hill at Sedona Winds for more information.
- (l) Community Issues Committee – Chamber of Commerce (Norton)
- (m) Verde Valley Intergovernmental Meetings (O’Brien)
- (n) Community Plan Review Committee – Norm Murdock – the committee, chaired by Norm Murdock, includes Mel Copen, Karen Daines, Peter Gendron, and Tom Graham, has had three meetings reviewing the 1998 plan, and is currently formulating a plan for community outreach – next meeting will be on Monday, November 17th.

11. Old Business – none this month

12. New Business – none this month

13. Announcements

- (a) McGuireville Rest Area unveiling memorial art on Saturday, November 15th at 10:00 AM
- (b) Verde Valley Toy Run – including 500 cyclists, will be having its 24th annual Holiday Toy event on November 23rd at 1:30 PM commencing at Tequa’s Full Moon Saloon
- (c) Full Moon Event – “Holly Day”, will take place on December 20th at La Plaza – contact Judy Hill at Sedona Winds for more information.
- (d) Morocco Night – event starts with theme dinner at the Marketplace Café, including belly dancing, at 6:00 PM, with a special slide show at Canyon Moon Theater at 7:30 PM presented by village photographers Mel and Beverly Copen.
- (e) Sedona Verde Valley Times Fundraiser will take place at the Heritage Museum on Jordan Road, on Sunday November 16th.
- (f) Imagine Art Fundraiser – event will take place on Monday, November 17th at 3:00 PM at Sedona Winds – Camp Soaring Eagle to benefit from sale of ceramic tiles at \$10 per tile.

14. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM