

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.

FEBRUARY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

9:00 A.M., Thursday, 12 February 2009
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

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Dave Norton, to be admitted to Sons of the American Revolution.

1. Determine Quorum by Roll Call: 23 out of 27 Members were present. The 4 absent Members were: La Barranca I, Oak Creek Country Club Estates III, Pine Valley, and Pinon Woods III North.

2. Agenda changes: The Executive Board had its monthly meeting at the Forest Service Ranger Station Administrative Offices, Conference Room, on Monday Feb 9, 2009 at 9:30 AM. The revised agenda which was emailed subsequently reflects actions taken by the Executive Board.

3. President's report: President O'Brien reported that regional groups are working together effectively. The president of the Cornville association was present and introduced. The Verde Valley Intergovernmental meeting is on February 26th in Sedona at 6:00 PM.

4. New Council reps were introduced. **Firecliff:** Rick Baldauf, **Las Piedras:** Margie Gershtenson, Representative, and Don Brush, Alternate; **Oak Creek Country Club Estates I:** Bob Lukas, Representative; **VOCA:** Joanne Johnson, Representative; **Wild Horse Mesa:** Nancy Heyser, Alternate, Harry Cecil - Alternate

5. Secretary's Report: Henry Reiter was absent. It was moved, seconded and passed that the minutes of the January 8, 2009 BPRCC meeting were approved with the two amendments on top of page 3.

6. Treasurer's Report: Dave Norton presented his report for the month of January 2009 showing an account balance of \$7,568.37. The full report can be viewed on the Council's website www.BigParkCouncil.org. One Council member hasn't yet paid. The audit of the treasurer's books is complete; Don Beard reported everything is in order and the audit committee is satisfied.

7. Corresponding Secretary's report: Fran McWherter had no report.

8. Committee Reports:

- a) **Website:** Dave Norton demonstrated how a user may click on a Member's name on the Council Roster to send an E-mail to the representatives of the neighborhood. The Calendar page allows posting of an event; the post goes to Dave Norton and Fran McWherter for processing. Don't overlook the Category field which must be filled in so as not to lose your work. No one yet knows if there is a word limit for entries. The Sedona Fire District minutes are on their website: www.SedonaFire.org.
- b) **Recreation Committee:** Don Beard reported on the Summer of Fun program. Activities will occur on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in June and July. The new director to be hired is a "pied piper" for students - they like her a lot. Big Park School will be the venue. Signups will be taken as soon as details are final; flyers will be distributed to families in the Village.
- c) **P&Z Committee:** Mark Mumaw reported action taken regarding the **Tequa Special Use Permit**. A public meeting took place on January 16; Over 20 attended. The biggest concern was the possibility of too much noise at some events. The decibel limits established in the city of Sedona will be used here. Mark has a decibel meter which will establish how much noise is actually being generated. The County Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Feb.18; the Board of Supervisors will meet March 16, and an Easter event is planned for April 10-12. Council Members were advised to contact Mark Mumaw directly with issues; he will see they are passed on to the right entity.

d) Community Plan Review Committee: Norm Murdock. The committee's plan will appear in the March 1 issue of "The Villager" with a complete list of committee chairs and meeting dates. All meetings will be held at the Sedona Fire Station #3, 125 Slide Rock Road in the village. Meetings are for business, educational, public health and safety and transportation interest groups. Survey sheets were distributed soliciting help in identifying groups representative of Arts, Culture, Non-profits, Community Organizations and Volunteer Groups. Norm Murdock urged council members to attend all four meetings and stressed the need for community participation. The committee needs an administrative assistant to arrange venues for meetings, prepare flyers and other tasks.

e) Transportation Committee:

- (i) John Gillam reported he had just come from an emergency meeting regarding the Verde Valley's anticipated receipt of \$780,000 from the President Obama's stimulus package. The first priority was repair of Cornville Road between Aspaas Rd. and Beaverhead Flat Rd.
- (ii) Regarding Pinon Woods Gate: There will be no traffic study around the gate, due to reduced funds. John Gillam passed around a sheet of three photos showing that green road signs in the gate area have been replaced with brown road signs, which normally indicate private roads. Chip Davis requests that the green road signs be returned. Moved, seconded and passed to add Peter Gendron to the Transportation Committee.
- (iii) Regarding the Verde Valley Regional Transportation plan: John Gillam reported that a long range plan through the year 2030 shows that the alternate route is "off the table".

f) Community Vision and Enhancement Committee: members are Mel Copen, Chair; Bob Carabell, Jeff Dunn, Tom Graham; Michele Moore; Dave Norton; Norm Murdock; and Neal Pope. The committee has 5 task groups. Signup sheets were distributed soliciting service by volunteers on the 5 Task Groups:

1. Formulating questions to solicit thoughts and feelings from the Community
2. Developing effective communications channels to ensure broadest community involvement
3. Identifying all the organizations, local and beyond, with which we should coordinate
4. Identifying the information that will be most useful to the effort and how to obtain it
5. Identifying potential funding sources and how to reach them

If you are interested in working on any of these Task Groups, please:

1. Fill out the forms available from the committee, providing contact information and the area of interest;
2. If you know of others who would like to participate, have them contact Mel Copen directly at MelCopen@hotmail.com or at (928) 284-2738 (during waking hours, please) or any other committee member;
3. If anyone has any questions or suggestions at any time about anything the Committee is doing (or not doing) don't hesitate to contact Mel at the contact information provided above.

9. Visitor Presentations: Officer Don Beard introduced Yavapai County Sheriff Steve Waugh. The Sheriff reported that there have been budget cuts in fiscal years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, which cumulatively represent a 17% reduction in funds from FY 2007-2008. He is closing the Prescott jail, which will almost meet the target reduction. One alternative to closing the Prescott jail would be to lay off 22 deputies.

The Sheriff counseled the audience to have their mail picked up if they are going to be away for a period of time because burglars look for mail left overnight in mailboxes. Solvability of burglaries is practically zero. The Sheriff stressed that when a crime has been committed, no matter when or under what circumstances, citizens should notify the Sheriff so there will be a record.

Council members asked why it takes so long to get a deputy to respond to a call; the Sheriff reported that coverage in the Village is determined by the number of deputies available and the number of areas that must be covered. There is one deputy covering the Village 24/7 (requiring 5 deputies). The reduction in VIP officers is due to the establishment of a higher standard for admission to the program.

If people want to establish a Neighborhood Watch in their developments, a request can be made on the Sheriff's website: www.co.yavapai.az.us/Sheriff.aspx by emailing the Sheriff (link at bottom left of page) or by calling (928) 771-3260.

Sheriff Waugh offered to have a deputy speak to the council on crime-prevention tips. In response to a question, he stated that the jail tax issue can be on the ballot again; it needs a 4-month lead time.

10. Other reports

- (a) ADOT Executive Team (Gillam/Berkshire)
- (b) Yavapai County Regional Planners Workshop (Mumaw)
- (c) Verde Valley Master Regional Trails Plan
- (d) Verde Valley Regional Transportation - John Gillam
- (e) Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District
- (f) **Sedona Fire District** – The Fireboard report by Don Harr was read by President O'Brien. Please see the report in the attached **Exhibit A**.
- (g) Sedona-Oak Creek School District (Montgomery)
- (h) Yavapai County Schools
- (i) Big Park Wastewater Improvement District
- (j) Village Library Center - Carolyn Fisher
- (k) Sedona Village Business Association
- (l) Community Issues Committee – Chamber of Commerce (Dave Norton)
- (m) Verde Valley Intergovernmental Meetings (O'Brien)

11. Old business: none.

12. New business: none.

13. Announcements:

- (a) February 12 Tonight 7pm, Creative Life Center, free opera program
- (b) February 23: Verde River Basin Partnership full membership meeting; Jerome Fire Station
- (c) March 5: The Sedona Village Business Association networking meeting at the Hilton
- (d) March 17: St. Patrick's Day event
- (e) April 4: Planter's Moon Walk
- (f) April 17: Health Care Fair

14. Meeting adjourned 11:20 AM.