

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.

MARCH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

9:00 A.M., Thursday, 9 April 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 – Elaine Brown

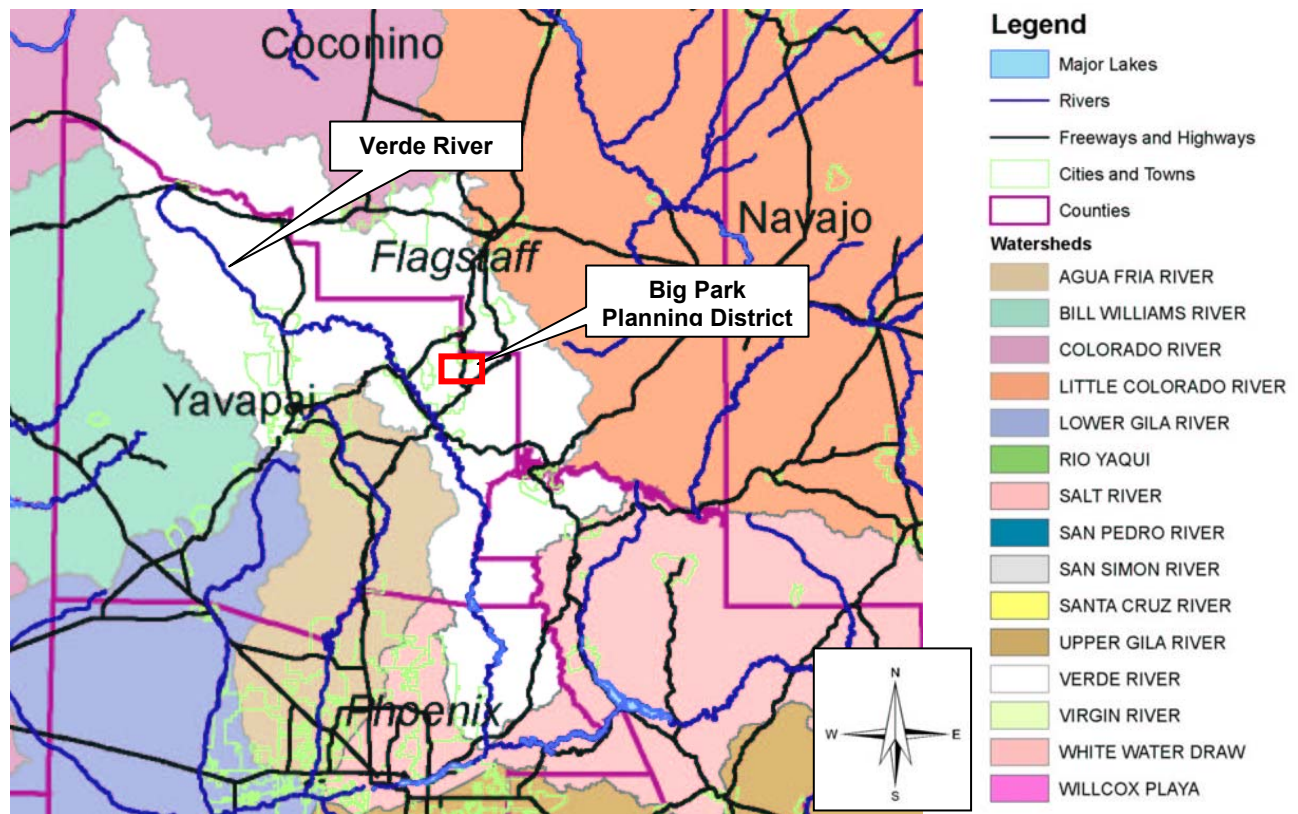
1. **Determine Quorum by Roll Call:** 21 out of 27 Members were present. The 6 absent Members were: Cathedral Rock Ranch, La Barranca I, Oak Creek Country Club Estates III, and Pinon Woods I, Sedona Village Lodging Association, and Wild Horse Mesa – see **Exhibit A** attached.
2. **Agenda changes:** The Executive Board had its monthly meeting at the Forest Service Ranger Station Administrative Offices, Conference Room, on Monday, 6 April 2009 at 9:30 AM. The revised agenda which was emailed subsequently reflects actions taken by the Executive Board.
3. **President's report:** Dorothy O'Brien
 - a) **Introduction of guest** – Tom O'Halleran, past State Senator, Will Loesche, Fire Marshall, Sedona Fire District; Jennifer Wesselhoff; Michael Howley, Community Liaison for Tequa events, and Richard Howland, property manager at Tequa
4. **New Members/Member Changes** – CR Ranch changes – Paul Campanella, Representative, and David Gilchrist, Alternate
5. **Secretary's Report:** Henry Reiter – reported no comments on the March 2009 draft minutes – on motion made and seconded the minutes were approved without change by voice vote with no objections.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Dave Norton – reported that: (i) all dues for this year have been paid, and (ii) year to date accounting report was displayed on screen indicating that there was a total balance of \$7,574.04, including both the Regular Account and the Recreation Account see **Exhibit B** attached.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's report:** Fran McWherter – advised that Neighborhood Watch handouts were available.
8. **Committee Reports:**
 - a) **Website:** Jane Petty/Dave Norton – no report this month – www.BigParkCouncil.org) should be checked regularly.
 - b) **Recreation Committee:** Don Beard – reported that the search for a program director was ongoing, that field trips are planned for Wednesdays starting in May, and that chaperones are still needed.
 - c) **P&Z Committee:** Mark Mumaw
 - (1) **Tequa Special Use Permit** – reported that the County's Board of Supervisors approved the application on March 16th, and that the first event is this weekend – Journey to Jerusalem.
 - (2) **Wild Horse Mesa** – Zambrano Project – the County's Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval; the matter is on the Board of Supervisor's agenda for April 20th.
 - (3) **Special Event/Temporary Use Permit Ordinance** – is on the agenda for a Joint Session of the County Board of Supervisors and the P&Z Commission on Monday, April 13th.
 - (3) **Sustainable Planning (Cluster Development) Ordinance** – is also on the agenda for a Joint Session of the County Board of Supervisors and the P&Z Commission on Monday, April 13th.
 - d) **Transportation Committee** – John Gillam
 - (1) **ADOT Public Information Meeting** – letter dated 1 April 2009 addressed to Don Beard – ADOT is conducting study for improvements on Interstate 17 from Sedona exit 298 to Flagstaff exit 340. A public information meeting will be held on 22 April 2009, and the Council's comments need to be submitted by 13 May 2009 – see **Exhibit C** attached.
 - e) **Community Plan Review Committee:** Norm Murdock – reported great deal of public interest and support. The Committee has made a wide distribution announcing the four initial public meetings that

were held in March. Notification of those meetings took place in various forms including announcements at Council meetings, emails, Village publications, and over 5,000 flyers that were hand-distributed at various village locations. The Committee continues its efforts to reach out to as many stakeholders as possible to get their views and input.

- f) **Vision and Enhancement Committee:** Mel Copen – reported that the Vision & Enhancement Committee is exploring ways to coordinate with Community Identification and Promotion subcommittee of the Council's Community Plan Review Committee. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Monday's of the month and will be held 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Fire Station.

9. **Visitor Presentation:** – April is water awareness month and **Tom O'Halleran** spoke on water resources, flood control, and the state budget process in dealing with infrastructure issue involving those issues. The State Legislature has been making reductions in state contributions to flood control, which will lead to higher local property taxes. In addition, water supply projects have been neglected resulting in much higher future cost impacts that will have to be dealt with. There will be a water panel meeting on April 18th.

The graphic below is a portion of the **watersheds map on the Arizona Electronic Atlas** website <http://atlas.library.arizona.edu/index.html> - the Verde River Basin is the white area in the center - certain annotations have been added.



10. **Other reports:**

- a) **ADOT Executive Team (Gillam/Berkshire)** – the team meets twice a year; next meeting is in September
- b) Yavapai County Regional Planners Workshop (Mumaw)
- c) **Verde Valley Master Regional Trails Plan** – the Council's representative, Keran O'Brien reported on the March 12th meeting - see **Exhibit D** attached
- d) Verde Valley Regional Transportation - John Gillam
- e) Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District
- f) **Sedona Fire District** – the Sedona Fire District provided two handouts consisting of an update to the Council as well as a flyer of the District's budget allocation by category – see **Exhibit E** attached.
- g) Sedona-Oak Creek School District (Montgomery)

- h) Yavapai County Schools
- i) Big Park Wastewater Improvement District
- j) **Village Library Center** - Carolyn Fisher reported on upcoming book sale to raise funds to increase hours at the **Sedona Public Library branch in the village**. The sale will take place from June 5th through June 7th – see **Exhibit F** attached.
- k) Sedona Village Business Association – (Judy Hill)
- l) Community Issues Committee – Chamber of Commerce - Dave Norton reported that the Sedona Chamber of Commerce met last month in the Village for the first time – an encouraging sign.
- m) Verde Valley Intergovernmental Meetings – (Dorothy O'Brien)
- n) **Greater Sedona Area MatForce** – Steve Suter represented the village at the recent Meth Amphetamine Task Force meeting that was held at the Sedona Library. The task force was formed with the goal to reduce drug abuse.
- o) **All-American Road Committee** – Bill Kusner reported on progress for the Scenic State Route 179 ribbon cutting ceremony, scheduled for July 4th at the Tequa arch. Local and statewide dignitaries are being invited – a flyer will be available in May.

11. **Old business:** none this month

12. **New business:**

- a) **Resolution Supporting Red Rock State Park** – Neil Pope advised of the possible closing of the Red Rock State Park as part of budget cutting measures, and proposed a draft resolution of support from the Council – see **Exhibit G** attached. **On motion made and seconded the Council voted by voice vote with no objections to authorize the President to send the subject letter of support as stated in Exhibit G with additional language stressing the negative economic impact to the community in the event the Park was closed.**
- b) **VV School Student Letter requesting Support** – President O'Brien presented a 2-page letter from a Verde Valley School student dated 30 March 2009 – see **Exhibit H** attached – the President noted that the deadline for donations is April 20th.
- c) **Canyon Moon Theater Letter of Support** – President O'Brien advised of a communication from Canyon Moon Theater requesting a letter of support. **On motion made and seconded, the Council voted by voice vote with no objections to authorize President O'Brien to draft and send such a letter of support.**
- d) **Big Park Council Letterhead** – President O'Brien advised of the receipt of a suggested Council logo from a village business person. It was suggested this matter be discussed at the next Council meeting.

13. **Announcements:**

- a) **April 11th – 12th – Journey to Jerusalem** – annual Easter event held this year at Tequa
- b) **April 18th – Water Panel Meeting** – contact Tom O'Halleran for time and place
- c) **April 22nd – Magical Journeys April in Paris** – see flyer **Exhibit I** attached
- d) **May – Magical Journeys – Japan** – to take place at Tequa, including Japanese drum entertainment
- e) **June 5th - 7th – Village Book Sale** see flyer **Exhibit F** attached

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