

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.

MAY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

9:00 A.M., Thursday, 14 May 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 – **Edgar Lozoya**

- Determine Quorum by Roll Call** - 20 out of 27 Members were present. The 7 **absent Members** were: Canyon Mesa, Cathedral Rock Ranch, Oak Creek Country Club Estates III, Pinon Woods I, Pinon Woods II East, Sundance HOA, and Village Estates HOA.
- Agenda changes** - The Executive Board had its monthly meeting at the Forest Service Ranger Station Administrative Offices, Conference Room, on Monday, 11 May 2009 at 9:30 AM. The revised agenda which was emailed subsequently reflects actions taken by the Executive Board.
- President's report** - Dorothy O'Brien advised that **Vincent E. Randall, Apache Cultural Manager of the Yavapai Apache Nation Cultural Resource** center will be the guest speaker at about **9:00 AM**, and until that time, the Council would proceed with its agenda items.
- Visitor Presentation – at approximately 9:15 AM Elder Vincent Randall** made a 40-minute presentation on the history and culture of the Yavapai Apache in the Verde Valley. A sampling of the verbal presentation:
 - The Apache, which means “the people”, consist of 6 sub-groups, each noted for either their way of life or areas where they resided. Life revolves around clans whose family lines are traced through the mother’s side (Randall belongs to the “over the top” clan, which came from what is now the Ashfork area) – in addition to lineage, the role of women was to “hold the pocketbook”.
 - The Yavapai (Colorado River tribes) Apache are headquartered in Camp Verde. They were forced out of the Verde Valley in 1875 and did not return until 1900. English names were given by federal officials based on army troopers’ names for ease of record keeping. Verde Valley presentation timeline highlights:
 - 1583** – first European contact
 - 1820** – first trappers including Kit Carson and Bill Williams
 - 1860** – first settlers came from Prescott to the Verde Valley, who introduced “delicacies” such as watermelon and cattle
 - 1865** – first military troopers led by General Crook came to protect settlers and undertook a 10-year campaign to subdue the local Indian population
 - 1871** – several Indian groups surrendered and agreed to live on reservations - 900 square miles were given to the Yavapai-Apache – but, 2 years later in 1873 they were sent to San Carlos (just east of what is now Globe)
 - 1875/1900** – the Yavapai-Apache lived in San Carlos as “prisoners of war” – upon return to the Verde Valley in 1900, the Indians couldn’t live in their home, what is now referred to as “Red Rock Country”, but had to live in nearby camps – “homeless in their own homeland”
 - 1907** – schools for Indians were set up in Clarkdale, Camp Verde and Beaver Creek – that same year the Yavapai-Apache purchased 18 acres of land (they now own 600 acres, or “about one square mile with another 899 square miles to go to reach the original 900 square miles promised”
 - 1996** – the tribal economy received a boost from the opening of the Cliff Castle casino with subsequent business additions including the Distant Drums RV park, and a sand and gravel operation – income from these businesses enabled the community to build its own clinic and support elders, so that they will have a place to live, and go to a nursing facility only if absolutely necessary.
 - During the question and answer period, Randall described some of the Nations’ community efforts including scholarships.
 - See attached **Exhibit A** for flyer on Festival of Native American Culture



Website: www.Yavapai-Apache.org

5. **New Members/Member Changes** – Village of Oak Creek Association changes – Dave Benore, Representative, with Steve Nelson and Joanne Johnson as Alternates - see **Exhibit B** attached.
6. **Secretary's Report** - Henry Reiter – reported no comments on the **April 2009 draft minutes** – on motion made and seconded the **minutes were approved, without change, by voice vote with no objections.**
7. **Treasurer's Report** - Dave Norton – Henry Reiter read the May Treasurer's accounting report, which was displayed on screen indicating that there was a total balance of \$7,096.72, including both the Regular Account and the Recreation Account see **Exhibit C** attached.
8. **Corresponding Secretary's report** - Fran McWherter – **sent out one letter**
9. **Committee Reports**

- (a) **Website** - Jane Petty/Dave Norton – Jane Petty made a brief verbal report www.BigParkCouncil.org should be checked regularly.
- (b) **Recreation Committee** - Don Beard – reported that this **summer's program** will include hiking to West Fork, Red Rock State Park, Bell Rock Pathways, and V bar V. There will be a magician, reptiles, dance lessons, pottery lessons, a theatre and a cooking class. There will be trips for bowling at Cliff Castle, swimming at Sedona Winds, miniature golfing at Los Abrigados, a tour of the Red Rock News, and there will be a couple of BBQs at Kiwanis Park, with the Fire District pay a visit to cool things off.

A school bus will be used for transportation to activities outside the Village and Sedona Trolley for transportation to Sedona Winds for swimming and to Bell Rock Pathways for a hike. Thanks to **Judy Hill** for arranging the use of the Sedona Winds pool. Judy also volunteered to have an ice cream social for the kids after swimming. See **Exhibit D** attached.

- (c) **P&Z Committee** - Mark Mumaw - **Guest Homes as Accessory Dwelling Units HA# H9038** – currently Guest Homes can only be used by “non-paying or non-reimbursing relative or guest” – the proposed amendment (see **Exhibit E** attached) would remove this restriction allowing it to be rented for no less than 30 days –. Since the proposed amendment was received after the regularly scheduled P&Z Committee meeting but requests a response by May 15th, a **motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved by voice vote without objection authorizing the chair of the P&Z Committee to advise the County that the BPRCC will provide comments after its June 11th meeting, before the County's P&Z Commission on June 17th. This will allow time for the Council's P&Z Committee to consider the matter at its next meeting on June 3rd, and forward its recommendation to the Council.**
- (d) **Transportation Committee** – John Gillam - **ADOT Future I-17 Improvements** – a draft letter to ADOT with proposed comments on Exit 298 was considered at the Council's April meeting - the final draft that was signed and sent to ADOT is attached as **Exhibit F**.
- (e) **Community Plan Review Committee** – Tom Graham – reported on recent PRC meetings with County staff and the May 13th memorandum to **Chad Daines, Yavapai County Development Services Director** – see **Exhibit G** attached. The memo stresses the PRC's commitment to work “shoulder to shoulder” with the County on the Community Plan review process, and how the PRC wholeheartedly embraced the County's idea of using this effort to help create a “model plan” for other communities.

Tom stressed the PRC's continuing efforts starting over 6 months ago to involve residents, businesses, and other interested community groups and agencies in the Big Park Planning District. The efforts to engage the entire community in the **Citizen** Participation process included 4 public meetings in March which were widely advertised by the distribution of 5,000 flyers, and news releases to various publications. Additionally, articles focused on a call to the community for volunteers to participate in the effort were published in every issue of the Village since December. **So far, the PRC's membership consists of 57 volunteers representing all areas of Big Park.**

- (f) **Vision and Enhancement Committee** - Mel Copen – reported that the Vision & Enhancement Committee is now working with the Community Identification and Promotion subcommittee of the Council's Community Plan Review Committee – which now has a total of **28 members**. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Monday's of the month, 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Fire Station - the next meeting on May 18th

10. Other reports – (BPRCC 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)

- (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 – Keran O'Brien
- (d) Verde Valley Regional Transportation - John Gillam
- (e) Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District – **no report this month**
- (f) **Sedona Fire District** – Bert Berkshire – contract negotiations are under way with the selected chief, Nazih Hazime, the fire chief of the Dearborn, MI fire department – information on the new chief can be viewed on www.CityOfDearborn.org/departments/fire/firechief.shtml - see **Exhibit H** attached.
- (g) Sedona-Oak Creek School District (Montgomery)
- (h) Yavapai County Schools
- (i) **Big Park Wastewater Improvement District** – Mark Mumaw – advised of a **public hearing** on proposed **rate increases under consideration** – May 19th, 9:30 AM at the Sedona Fire Station #3.
- (j) **Village Library Center** - Carolyn Fisher – reminded everyone 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 with a setup date of June 4th – volunteers are needed – see **Exhibit I** attached.
- (k) **Sedona Village Business Association** – the association's annual meeting was held on May 5th at Hilton's Tequa Ballroom – there were 4 new directors elected to the 9-member Board.
- (l) **Chamber of Commerce Community Issues Committee** – Dave Norton attended the 28 April meeting at T-Carls, Poco Diablo Resort and provided the following brief update via email:
- (1) There will be a Farmer's Market each week starting in June in West Sedona
 - (2) A new program is being created for local dining, "Dine in Sedona". More details will be forthcoming
 - (3) The Highway 179 will focus on the Chapel roundabout then the Morgan Road roundabout
 - (4) Attending Chamber members were filled in on the village's Community Plan Review progress
- (m) Verde Valley Intergovernmental Meetings – (Dorothy O'Brien)
- (n) **Scholarship Committee** – members **Jane Petty**, **Neil Pope**, **Norma Wallace** and **Kathy Huffstetler** - application requirements sent to SRRHS; with a March 31, 2009 deadline. The 10 applications received and 3 candidates were selected as finalists. After interviews by **Jane Petty** and **Neil Pope** on April 23rd, **Catey Maxey** was selected to receive the scholarship. **Catey** has lived in the Village since her pre-school years and attended Big Park School. Next year she will attend the University of Arizona, majoring in Business Management. At SRRHS, **Catey** maintained a 3.615 GPR with a class rank of 36 of 122. She has already entered the business world with producing and selling "**Neigh's Catey's Treats for Horses**". She has been active in the area with seniors as well as children's groups. She exhibits a strong work ethic, independence, and positive determination for success. **Dorothy O'Brien** awarded the Council's scholarship at the school's ceremony on May 12th

11. Old business - none this month

12. New business – none this month

13. Announcements:

- (a) **May 15th – 16th – Canyon Moon Theater** - rummage sale
- (b) **June 4th – Magical Journeys at Cucina Rustica** – see flyer **Exhibit J** attached – (the May Magical Journeys program - Japanese drum entertainment at Tequa was attended by **370 paying guests**)
- (c) **June 5th – 13th – Native American Festival** - see flyer **Exhibit A** attached
- (d) **June 16th – Bids Due** on maintenance work for Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District
- (e) **June 25th – Magical Journeys Hilton Caribbean Pool Party**
- (f) **July 4th – All-American Road Committee** – celebration from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Tequa with ribbon cutting under archway – contact **Joanne Johnson** or **Ruth Kane**.

14. Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM