

# BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.

## REGULAR MEETING - August 2009

Thursday, 13 August 2009 9:00 AM Sedona Fire Station #3 - 125 Slide Rock Road, Sedona, AZ 86351

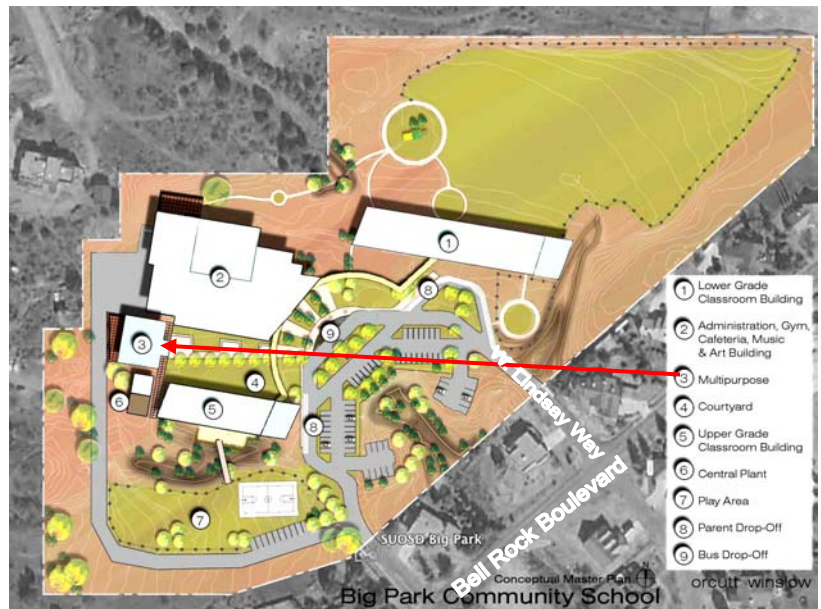
(Note - previous **MINUTES** and **EXHIBITS** may be viewed at [www.BigParkCouncil.org](http://www.BigParkCouncil.org))

Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Determine Quorum by Roll Call** – **16 out of 27 Members are present. The 11 absent Members** are: Canyon Mesa, Cathedral Rock Ranch, La Barranca I, La Barranca II, Oak Creek Country Club Estates III, Oak Creek Estados, Pinon Woods I, Pinon Woods III North, Sedona Village Lodging Association, Sundance, and Wild Horse Mesa.
2. **Agenda changes** - The Executive Board had its monthly meeting at the Forest Service Ranger Station Administrative Offices Conference Room, on Monday, 10 August at 10:30 AM. The revised agenda, subsequently emailed to Council Members, reflects actions taken by the Executive Board.

3. **President's report** - Dorothy O'Brien  
(a) **Big Park Community School** – advised that its new meeting room in the Multipurpose Building (Bldg #3 in the diagram to the right) will be available to the community at no cost. The space, with a capacity of up to 250, has a stage and should be an attractive new venue for community meetings and events. .

**Directions** -The school entrance is on W. Lindsay Way and Bell Rock Boulevard – from the north, take Verde Valley School road to Bell Rock Boulevard and head south, and from the south, take East Saddlehorn Road to Bell Rock Boulevard, enter on W. Lindsay.



4. **New Members/Member Changes** – none this month
5. **Secretary's Report** - Henry Reiter – two comments were received on the July draft minutes, (a) Agenda Item 3(b) to include that officer terms of office was an area to review in addition to those outlined in the minutes, and (b) Agenda Item 10(c) should include language that, because of time constraints, the report was emailed and inserted after the meeting with prior permission of the Council. **On motion made and seconded, the draft July minutes as amended were unanimously approved by voice vote with no objections.**
6. **Treasurer's Report** - Dave Norton filed his report that indicated end of June balances of **\$2,932.12** in the Regular Account, **\$926.92** in the Recreation Account, and a total Account Balance of **\$3,859.04** - see website [www.BigParkCouncil.org](http://www.BigParkCouncil.org). **On motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was filed for audit by voice vote with no objections.**
7. **Corresponding Secretary's report** - Fran McWherter reports no correspondence activity this month.

**8. Committee Reports**

- (a) **Website** - Jane Petty/Dave Norton – Dave Norton reported an update on website links, replacing the Big Park Community School link with the School Districts' link – from which the Big Park Community website can be reached - see the Council's website at [www.BigParkCouncil.org](http://www.BigParkCouncil.org)
- (b) **Recreation Committee** - Don Beard – Summer of Fun program completed its activities at the end of July, and as Don reported, "it was the best of times and the worst of times" with a lot of fun for both the children and the volunteer grownups, along with some unexpected challenges. The Recreation Committee is doing a review on how to do better next year – as is typical with such programs, the Committee could do better if more money was available, perhaps from grants?
- (c) **P&Z Committee** - Mark Mumaw
  - (1) **Status Update on Guest Home Amendment** – the County P&Z Commission voted 7-2 **against the proposed amendment**. The P&Z Commission's recommendation to deny will now be considered by the County Board of Supervisors.
  - (2) **County Community Plan Policy and Process** – the County Board of Supervisors **adopted the 8 July 2009 version 2 Policy and Process document**. This is the version that the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council voted to support at its July 2009 Regular Meeting (see Agenda Item # 8(c) 2 of the minutes of that meeting).
- (d) **Transportation Committee** – ADOT scheduled a "walk-through" of the Highway 179 enhancement construction for 9:00 AM today. John Gillam is attending that "walk-through" and will report at next month's Council meeting.
- (e) **Community Plan Review Committee** – Norm Murdock
  - (1) **Status of Public Participation Plan application with County** - in Norm Murdock's absence, Mel Copen reported that the County Supervisors approved the adoption of the revised Policy and Process document, with the same provisions that were supported by the Big Park Council. A PAC (County Plan Advisory Committee) has been appointed but has not yet met. The 5-member PAC consists of Steve Mauck, Elise Link, Judy Miller, Dava Hoffman and Norm Davis. The PAC's first priorities are the assignment of priorities to existing and pending applications and the development of a template. Ours is the only application pending at this point. The Community Plan Review Committee is hopeful that it will be approved at the BOS meeting on September 21.
- (f) **Vision and Enhancement Committee** – Mel Copen
  - (1) The temporarily-combined Image and Promotion Subcommittee and the Vision and Enhancement Committee will begin to work on a major community involvement project, currently targeted for October. A working group will meet next Monday and will report it's recommendations to the larger body on the 24th. Those recommendations will then go to the the Plan Review and the Vision Committees for their consideration.
  - (2) Officials from Yavapai County will be involved in the discussions on designing a public process.
  - (3) Mel reported on initial feedback from the Community Vision Exercise and thanked all the members of the Council who had participated and gathered information from their community. An article, summarizing key results, will appear in September's "Villager". Mel provided a brief overview to the Council and indicated that the primary use will be to help formulate questions to be addressed in a broad community involvement process, planned for the fall (hopefully in October).

**9. Visitor Presentation** – none this month. The new Sedona Fire District Chief is scheduled to meet with the Council at its September Regular Meeting.

**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 reported on the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting held in Cottonwood, and the first County "charrette" that took place yesterday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, in Cornville. Keran advised that the next County "charrette" will be as a guest speaker at the Big Park Council's Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The County announced that the **purpose of the presentation is threefold:**

- (1) to get public comment
- (2) to have the public tell County representatives what their priorities are, and
- (3) to tell the County representatives if they missed a trail corridor that the community would like to see on the map

**The plan provides for 5 types of trails:** (motorized trails will be discussed at a later date)

- (1) Community connector trails
- (2) Circle Community trails
- (3) Feature access trails
- (4) General recreational trails
- (5) Historic trails

**Next steps will be:**

- (1) review comments gathered from public meetings and "charrettes"
- (2) sending the resulting draft out for agency and municipal review
- (3) final draft will be then be presented for public comment
- (4) seek a memorandum of understanding from involved municipalities

The County plans to have forms available to be filled out by the public at this presentation – and Keran advised that comments should be specific and made in writing and include contact information if further discussion is called for. Some Council discussion followed regarding the County's use of the "charrette" label for the County's September presentation, and possibly raising mis-conceptions considering the limited time available during a Regular Meeting of the Council, and the community's previous experience with a "charrette" process. (Those interested in more information on "charrettes" may want to check the National Charrette Institute's website <http://www.charretteinstitute.org/about-nci.html>)

- (d) Verde Valley Regional Transportation - John Gillam
- (e) **Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District** – Mark Mumaw reported on the "walk-through" that was taking place and advised of an All-American Road Committee "punch list" will be used during the "walk-through" on the Highway 179 enhancement construction work. Mark advised that this "walk-through" was a precursor to ADOT's acceptance of the contractor's work, and that such acceptance triggered the commencement of the warranty period.
- (f) Sedona Fire District
- (g) Sedona-Oak Creek School District – Jan Montgomery
- (h) Yavapai County Schools – (need representative)
- (i) **Big Park Domestic Wastewater Improvement District** – Paul Jones will be the Council's representative and attend the next meeting in September and report at the October Regular Meeting of the Council – Paul noted that District meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month.
- (j) Sedona Public Library - Village Library Center – Carolyn Fisher
- (k) **Sedona Village Business Association** – Judy Hill advised that there will be a Full Moon Walk on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the next meeting of the Association will be on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hilton.
- (l) Chamber of Commerce Community Issues Committee – Dave Norton
- (m) **Verde Valley Intergovernmental Meetings** – Dorothy O'Brien reported on the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition – discussion included the maintenance of bike lanes working with the Forest Service on trail maintenance.
- (n) Greater Sedona Area MatForce Meeting – Steve Suter

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

**12. New business**

- (a) **Bylaws Review Committee** – Mark Mumaw agreed to be the chair, with Dave Norton, Jim Gibson, Elaine Brown, and Tom Graham as members.

- (b) **Sedona Literacy Center** – Carolyn Fisher reported on the Sedona Literacy Center, which has been providing free help to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the Sedona-Oak Creek School District. Now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, the program assigns **volunteer tutors to work with under-achieving children**. Big Park students meet their tutor on Monday and Wednesday afternoons immediately after school for a 75-minute session. This year the work with the children will start on October 5<sup>th</sup> and end on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

The program requires dedicated volunteers - there is no paid staff, and operates on donations from the Sedona Soroptimist club, which is now disbanded. There are some volunteers who have been with the program since it's beginning, but **new volunteers are needed**. No educational background or special skills are required – just a desire to make a difference for a student who is struggling. The Center will provide the training you might need.

To learn more, Carolyn urges attending an orientation on Thursday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 AM to Noon at St Andrew's Episcopal Church's Parish Hall, 100 Arroyo Pinon Drive in West Sedona (yes, that is the same day and time of the Council's September Regular Meeting). Please call **Carolyn Fisher at 284-4638, or Lori Johnston at 284-9630**.

### 13. Announcements:

- (a) **Movies at the Moon – Canyon Moon Theater** has renegotiated its lease at the Outlet Center, and plan a kick-off of its program sometime in early September, with an inaugural function at the end of September or early October.
- (b) **August 13th – Magical Journeys** – a Mediterranean feast at the Fork in the Road restaurant
- (c) **September 10th – Regular Council Meeting - Guest Speakers/Presentations**  
(1) County Regional Trail Plan presentation  
(2) Sedona Fire District – meet the new Chief
- (d) **September 10<sup>th</sup> - Sedona Literacy Center** – program orientation 9:00 AM to Noon at St Andrew's Episcopal Church's Parish Hall, 100 Arroyo Pinon Drive in West Sedona
- (e) **September 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> – Celtic Harvest Festival - [www.CelticHarvestFestival.com](http://www.CelticHarvestFestival.com).**  
(1) **Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> - Pub Night at Fork in the Road** restaurant featuring **Oceans Apart** (6:00 PM to 9:00 PM), and Celtic cultural workshops in area schools  
(2) **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Celtic Harvest Festival at the Hilton/Tequa** (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM) and **Ceilidh dance event at the Hilton Sedona's Tequa Ballroom** (6:30 PM)  
(3) **Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> - Brunch at the Marketplace Café** featuring **Oceans Apart** (11 AM - 2 PM)
- (f) **Date Pending - Town Hall Meeting** – Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick - Edgar Lozoya has offered the Hilton for a meeting with Congresswoman Kirkpatrick. We just need to have a date from her.

### 14. Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM