

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.

REGULAR MEETING - September 2009

Thursday, 10 September 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)

Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance – Fire Chief Nazih Hazime

1. **Determine Quorum by Roll Call** – **21 out of 27 Members are present. The 6 absent Members** are: Canyon Mesa, Oak Creek Country Club Estates III, Pinon Woods I, Lodging Association, Sundance, and Wild Horse Mesa.
2. **Agenda changes/Executive Board Meeting** – Because of the Labor Day holiday, The Executive Board had its monthly meeting at 25 Corte Banca, Sedona, AZ 86351, on Monday, 7 September 2009, at 9:00 AM. The revised agenda, subsequently emailed to Council Members, reflects actions taken by the Executive Board.
3. **President's report** - Dorothy O'Brien
 - (a) **Fire Chief Nazih Hazime** – the Sedona Fire District's new chief was introduced, as well as other guests from the Fire District including **Gary Johnson** and **Karen Daines**.
 - (b) **Tammy DeWitt** – was introduced representing County Development Services along with **Director Chad Daines** and **Terry Nelson** – who will make a presentation on the Verde Valley Regional Trail Plan.
 - (c) **Yavapai County un-incorporated areas population** – President O'Brien advised of the latest population estimate indicates that there are more than 92,000 people in the County's un-incorporated areas.
4. **New Members/Member Changes** – Cathedral Rock Ranch has appointed David Norton as **an** Alternate.
5. **Secretary's Report** - Henry Reiter reported that no comments were received on the August draft minutes as distributed. **On motion made and seconded, the August draft minutes were unanimously adopted by voice vote with no objections.**
6. **Treasurer's Report** - Dave Norton filed his report that indicated end of August balances of total Account Balance of **\$3,298.30** - see website 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 reported that one piece of correspondence was received and none sent.
8. **Committee Reports**
 - (a) **Website** - Jane Petty/Dave Norton – please see the Council's website at www.BigParkCouncil.org
 - (b) **Recreation Committee** - Don Beard reported that the Committee was in “hibernation” and preparing for next summer's program.
 - (c) **P&Z Committee** - Mark Mumaw
 - (1) **Big Park Water Well #3 Arsenic Building** – a presentation was made on need for a Special Permit for a well equipment enclosure including reasons for the need, timing, and the scope of work proposed. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend this action to the Council. On motion made and seconded, by voice vote with no objections, the Council adopted the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council supports administrative approval by Yavapai County Development Service Department of the plans presented by Big Park Water Company to erect a metal building to enclose its arsenic treatment equipment.
 - (2) **Temporary Event Permit Ordinance** – this item was initiated by the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council, the Sedona Village Business Association, and the All-American Road Committee because the typical process takes time and expense, which often is not realistic for temporary non-recurring

events. Proposed provisions include public notice and decision notification to interested parties. On motion made and seconded, by voice vote with no objections, the Council adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council supports adoption of the new Section 580 to the Yavapai County Zoning Ordinance with the following comments:

a) The Council was concerned that the initial notice provisions of the Ordinance (Section E) were not adequately specific to provide the public with adequate lead time to determine a thoughtful position prior to the actual date of the proposed event; and

b) The Council respectfully requests that the Ordinance contain provisions to notify the public of the decision by the County to grant or deny a permit so that the opportunity to appeal such decision contained in Section G provides a realistic opportunity to take action.

- 3) **Temporary Camping Amendment** (Zoning Ordinance Amendment HA#H9072) – this proposed amendment would permit periodic camping by an owner of 10 or more acres of unimproved property – something that is not currently provided for in the County Ordinance. The Committee believes that there are few if any such properties in the Big Park area. On motion made and seconded, by voice vote with no objections, the Council adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council supports adoption of the Temporary Camping Amendment referenced above.

- (d) **Transportation Committee** – John Gillam

- (1) **Sign-off Assessment Tour** – Some Committee members and other village stakeholders attended ADOT’s “walk-through” of the Highway 179 enhancement construction at 9:00 AM on August 13th. The Committee reports that the enhancement construction “establishment period” began on 27 July 2009, and they are working with ADOT to extend the period beyond the April 2010 date.

- (e) **Community Plan Review Committee** – Tom Graham

- (1) **Status of Public Participation Plan application with County** – The BPRCC’s application to proceed under the Policies and Procedures **was** adopted by the County in August. That application is on the agenda for the BOS meeting on September 21.

- (f) **Vision and Enhancement Committee** – Mel Copen

- (1) **Feedback on Villager article** – Mel reported on the informal nature of the feedback process, but thought that the 100+ responses were of interest and would be the subject of an upcoming article in the Villager.
- (2) **Update on Community Function** – the Committee is making progress on various aspects of its assignment from the Council and focusing on a community survey to help formulate questions to be addressed in a broad community involvement process, planned for the fall.

- (g) **Bylaws Review Committee** – Mark Mumaw

- (1) **Committee Membership** – Chairman Mark Mumaw advised that the Committee will have its first meeting at the end of September or the beginning of October. In addition to Mark, the Committee members are Elaine Brown, Jim Gibson, Tom Graham, and Dave Norton. **Mark advised that Joanne Johnson has volunteered to serve, and made a motion to approve this member addition. The motion was duly seconded, and approved unanimously by voice vote without objection.**

9. Visitor Presentation –

- (a) **Fire Chief Nazih Hazime** – the Sedona Fire District’s new chief made a short presentation on his background and stressed how community involvement is essential to our the District’s success, and his commitment to be accessible to District citizens. He looks forward to hearing community ideas and comments. Contact Chief Nazime at AskTheChief@sedonafire.org or call him at 928-282-6800 – he promises to reply to your email or call as quickly as possible. The District’s home page is at www.sedonafire.org.



- (b) **Tammy DeWitt** – County Development Planner, and **Development Services Director Chad Daines** made a presentation on the Verde Valley Regional Trail Plan; also available to answer questions on the Trail Plan maps was **Terry Nelson**. The PowerPoint presentation highlighted: (1) the Goals of the Plan; (2) the purpose of the meetings to get public comment on priorities of the plan, and hear suggestions and comments; (3) reviewed Background of the Trail Plan Process; and (4) review the Draft Plan.



The **Draft Plan** can be accessed through the County's website <http://www.co.yavapai.az.us/> or directly at the following link - <http://www.co.yavapai.az.us/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=44790>.

The presentation ended with a discussion of the 5 maps available for viewing and comment. It was pointed out that the maps displayed were draft trail plans and were not yet available for distribution in electronic form because it has been the County's experience that when such draft graphics are distributed, they find their way into various publications before being finalized and adopted.

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** – Mark Mumaw reported on District's estimated budget which provides for \$92,962 of expenditures resulting in a estimated tax rate of \$0.0401 – that rates translates into \$16.04 annually for a \$400,000 property as valued by assessor.
- (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
- (j) Sedona Public Library - Village Library Center – Carolyn Fisher
- (k) **Sedona Village Business Association** – Judy Hill reported on the September 3rd meeting of the Association, which included a presentation on the All-American Road Committee's participation in the National Byways Conference in Denver.
- (l) Chamber of Commerce Community Issues Committee – Dave Norton
- (m) Verde Valley Intergovernmental Meetings – Dorothy O'Brien

11. Old business - none this month

12. New business - none this month

13. Announcements:

- (a) **September 16th** – **Verde Valley Trails Plan** – next public meeting in Sedona
- (b) **September 19th** - **Celtic Harvest Festival** - at **Tequa and the Tequa Ballroom** (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM) and **Ceilidh dance event** (6:30 PM) – please go to website www.CelticHarvestFestival.com.
- (c) **September 23rd** – **Sedona City Council/NSA** – President O'Brien to present Village resolution
- (d) **October 3rd** - **Full Moon Walk** – flyers will be distributed by Executive Board – volunteers are needed call **Judy Hill** at Sedona Winds 284-1021
- (e) **October 17th** – **Memory Walk** – call **Dave Norton** at 284-9764
- (f) **Movies at The Moon** – ongoing program started last week – flyers to be distributed

14. Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM