

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 2010 MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010

Sedona Fire Station #3 - 125 Slide Rock Road, Sedona AZ 86351

The meeting was called to order by President Mel Copen.  
Immediate Past President Dorothy O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Roll Call:** There were 20 members present out of 27, which constitutes a quorum. Absent were representatives from La Barranca I and II, Oak Creek Country Club Estates III, Oak Creek Estados, Sedona Village Lodging Assn, Sundance HOA, and Wild Horse Mesa.
2. **Agenda:** This agenda was created by the Executive Board at their meeting on January 11, 2010, 9:30 am, at the Red Rock Ranger Station, 8375 SR 179.
3. **President's Report:**
  - (a) **President Copen introduced and welcomed** guests Chief Hazimi and Officer Gary Johnson of Sedona Fire.
  - (b) **He then introduced the new officers:** Dave Norton, Vice President; Mark Mumaw, Treasurer; Fran McWherter, Secretary; and Dorothy O'Brien, Immediate Past President. President Copen indicated that Dorothy will continue to serve as liaison to the various community organizations with which she has established relationships. He also indicated that the Executive Board had approved the appointment of Tom Graham as Corresponding Secretary.
  - (c) **A grant proposal** sponsored by the Sedona Village Business Association has been submitted. There is approximately \$104K available for Rural Development grants; SVBA's application is for \$25,000 to study and improve commercial signage on SR 179 through the Village. The All-American Road Committee is participating. This is a matching grant. Values placed on volunteer time contributed by the Council, the SVBA and other organizations and rooms and services provided by the Hilton Resort and Spa, the Fire District and *The Villager*, plus a small amount of funding from the Council Budget will equal somewhat in excess of the \$25,000 match. President Copen stressed the need for a theme and a vision in order to design a signage program that is informative, consistent, and attractive. Awards will be announced in a few weeks.
  - (d) **Chairpersons:** President Copen thanked outgoing chairpeople for their fine work during 2009: Mark Mumaw, P&Z; John Gillam, Transportation; Norm Murdock, Plan Review; and Don Beard, Recreation. Don will be stepping down and President Copen asked any members who are interested in taking on that responsibility or know of others who might be, to contact him.
  - (e) **The Executive Board** normally meets the Monday before the Thursday Council meeting at the Ranger Station. Three Mondays this year are federal holidays and the Forest Service has a conflict on one other on May 10. Consequently, Executive Board meetings are rescheduled to May 7, July 2, September 3, and October 8 instead of the normal days for those months.
  - (f) **Membership Input Conferences:** President Copen and Vice President Dave Norton would like to schedule meetings with Council members, up to three at a time, beginning Monday January 18. With the agreement of the Council, a signup sheet was passed around. These meetings are open to anybody from the member's community who may be interested.
  - (g) **Workshop:** President Copen suggested that a workshop be held at the February 11, 2010 Council meeting, using what comes out of these meetings, to address the role and future activities of the Council. The Council approved the concept. All past presidents will be invited to participate. A request was made that an agenda be sent out in advance.
4. **New Members or changes:** none today.

5. **Secretary's report:** Outgoing Secretary Henry Reiter noted a discrepancy between the minutes of the December meeting and the publication *Municipal Incorporation in Arizona* in the paragraph *Legal Requirements*. That was the only correction made to the minutes. He will distribute an amended version of the December minutes. Moved, seconded and passed: the minutes were approved as amended.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Outgoing Treasurer Dave Norton presented the December report and the proposed 2010 budget. The books are ready for audit by the committee consisting of Carolyn Fisher, Jeff Dunn, Mark Mumaw and Dave Norton. It was noted that the amount budgeted for Awards was an estimate only. Moved, seconded and passed: the budget was approved.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's report:** Outgoing Corresponding Secretary Fran McWherter reported that she and incoming Corresponding Secretary Tom Graham are in the process of purging the correspondence files of items no longer needed and preparing the relevant items for scanning by Dave Norton and posting on the Council's website.
8. **Committee Reports:**
  - (a) **Website:** Dave Norton reported that the website has been updated with new officers' names; click to email.
  - (b) **Recreation:** Chair Don Beard is retiring and President Copen asked anyone interested in working on this committee to speak to him directly. He hopes to have a new chair by the February Council meeting.
  - (c) **Planning and Zoning:** By motion and unanimous approval, P&Z Chair Mark Mumaw was reappointed; he presented a list of committee members: Jane Petty, Mel Rycus, Tom Graham, Bert Berkshire, Bill Kusner, Joanne Johnson, Phil Shuper, Ruth Kane; and new members David Gill, Henry Reiter. Alternates are new members Paul Jones and Michelle Moore; continuing are Craig Dible, Bob Carabell, Carolyn Fisher and Peggy Dorell. Moved, seconded and passed: P&Z committee members were approved.
    - (1) **Manufactured housing skirting amendment:** Chair Mumaw presented these facts: The County Amendment requires skirting; skirting screens the manufactured home's under-carriage; VOCA Pine Creek requires skirting; the P & Z Committee recommends approving the Yavapai County amendment to require skirting. Moved, seconded and passed: approved.
    - (2) **The Outlet Mall** is applying for an expansion of their existing art show permit from 4 to 15 per year. Public input will be considered. Notification will be made to those within a 1,000 foot radius; the P&Z committee will consider any opposition.
    - (3) **P&Z Policies and Procedures:** Chair Mumaw requested the committee be exempt from producing policies and procedures:
 

Upon motion duly made and seconded at a regular meeting of the Planning & Zoning Committee of the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council, Inc. held January 6, 2010, the following resolution was unanimously passed without objection:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to ARTICLE VII, Section 2(i) of the Bylaws of the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council, Inc., the Planning & Zoning Committee hereby requests exemption from the Bylaws requirement that it submit to the Council of Representatives proposed Policies & Procedures for the reason that the Committee sees no need for such Policies & Procedures.

Moved, seconded and passed: approved. It was reported that before the 2007 Bylaws revision all standing committees had P&Ps which now have been incorporated into the current Bylaws.
  - (d) **Transportation Committee:** Chair John Gillam and the current committee were unanimously approved to continue. President Copen indicated that John is currently away and that he may present membership changes at the February Council meeting when he returns home. John has indicated

that he would like to transfer the Chair to someone else before the year is over. Moved, seconded and passed to approve.

- (e) **Community Plan Revision Committee:** Norm Murdock was unanimously approved to continue as Chair. Vice Chair Tom Graham reported on a meeting with the new interim Director of Development Services for Yavapai County Steve Mauk. The Big Park Council's plan is on hold due to reduced staffing levels; the three community plans already submitted, for Paulden, Williamson Valley and Beaver Creek, will be continued. President Copen indicated that the roles of the Plan Review Committee and the Vision Committee will be reassessed in the near future with the possibility of folding elements of the former into the latter.
- (f) **Vision & Enhancement committee:** Mel Copen was unanimously approved to continue in this role. He reported that the next step will be to confer with the county and that the intention was for the visioning effort to proceed at full speed. The Rural Development grant, if it is awarded, will help this effort.
- (g) **Bylaws Committee:** Chair Mark Mumaw distributed a 10-page redraft of the Bylaws to Council Members who are asked to review it. If there is no controversy, a final vote will be taken at the February Council meeting. If there are issues raised by members, the vote will be postponed until March.

Chair Mark Mumaw also reported that, within the Bylaws Committee, the following resolution failed by a 3-4 vote:

The Bylaws Committee hereby recommends to the Council that within the next twelve (12) months the Council Bylaws, as revised in 2010, be fully reviewed in their entirety without limitation.

9. **Visitor Presentations:** No guest speakers today.

10. **Other Reports:**

- (a) **Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District:** Tom Graham reported that the warranty period on landscaping has been extended to April 27, 2010. As a result, the district will not incur expenses for landscape maintenance, water or plant replacement until after that date. Vicente Landscaping continues to make weekly visits to empty trash containers and clean sidewalks and unpaved pathways. They also monitor the community calendar for special events and make trash pickups when needed. It was reported that the water being used is not reclaimed.
- (b) **Sedona-Oak Creek School District Bond Update:** Joan McClelland reported that three of Keep Sedona Beautiful's ten awards are going to schools this year. One is to Big Park School for energy-efficiency for their solar system; an architecture award goes to West Sedona School for their new gymnasium and multipurpose complex; third is for a student at Red Rock High School who is responsible for the new reusable dishes for food, replacing Styrofoam containers. The approved bond issue resulted in these outstanding developments; all are invited to the KSB awards luncheon on February 14, 2010 at Los Abrigados Resort and Spa. Tickets available at KSB office.
- (c) **Sedona Village Business Association:** Judy Hill reported that a Full Moon Walk is scheduled for this spring.
- (d) **Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization:** Kathy Nelms reported on a meeting on January 8, 2010 which some 110 people attended, including Chip Davis, Mayor Bob Burnside from Camp Verde, Terri Drew from NACOG, Virginia Turner from Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick's office, plus representatives from all Chambers of Commerce. The VVERO mission is to expand the regional economy through business attraction, retention, expansion, and quality job creation while maintaining a sense of place. Some current projects are: broadband initiative; the VV Wine Consortium; Yavapai College.
- (e) **Community Issues Committee:** VP Dave Norton reported on the quarterly meeting he attended, representing the BPRCC. The city of Sedona has an 80% cash reserve; 30% is considered good.

Tom Schumacher from Yavapai College and the VV Wine Consortium reported that Yavapai College has a viticulture class; anybody can attend. There is a lab fee - for drinking and tasting wine. Yavapai College in Clarkdale has an undeveloped plot which they will turn into vineyards, using Cottonwood's effluent. Sedona may try to develop something similar at the west end.

For the Sedona Film Festival in February, Michael Moore will be here in Sedona when three of his films are shown.

- (f) **Verde Valley Intergovernmental Meetings:** Immediate Past President Dorothy O'Brien reported the next quarterly meeting will be in March; she will have a report then. 92,000 taxpayers live in the unincorporated areas of Yavapai County. The purpose of the organization is to strengthen relationships working in the National Scenic Area Coalition, and the Verde River Basin Partnership. Tom O'Halleran may make a presentation on water to the Council in March. There will be publicity asking why elected officials ignore the science that answers water questions. President Copen emphasized that before the Council gets involved in a controversial issue, it will be brought to Council members for consideration.
- (g) **Sedona Fire Officer** Gary Johnson reported that residents should be paying attention to their vegetation now while it's cold, in order to be ahead of the curve by May or June. Sedona Fire personnel will be happy to walk a property and give suggestions.

11. **Old business:** None.

12. **New Business:** President Copen asked for Council approval to create one *ad hoc* committee and one task force.

- (a) **The *ad hoc* Communications Committee** would study what kind of outreach capabilities the Council members have so that information can be distributed immediately and feedback obtained on important issues facing the community. The intent would be to look at various communications media, particularly the Internet, and help establish a network which would encompass as many property owners, residents and businesses in the community as possible.
- (b) **The task force on Membership** would identify all the communities in the Big Park area, reach out to them, and try to get them involved. When that has been done, the task force would be dissolved. Carolyn Fisher pointed out that some people are not technologically involved; the Communications Committee should include people who still read paper, and those who don't. Moved, seconded and passed: the committee and the task force were unanimously approved. President Copen will get back to the Council at the February meeting with recommendations for Chairs and members.

13. **Announcements:**

- (a) **Sedona Public Library** in the Village Book Sale Jan 22-24, 9-5, Village Fire Station Training Room.
- (b) **TGIF:** The celebration of the completion of SR 179 roadway has been moved from April to sometime in June.
- (c) **NSA Coalition Event:** Gale Shaw Simpson announced an event February 17 at the Hilton Hotel and Spa with Larry Warren, a journalist who writes about issues of the West. Support is needed throughout the area; watch for publicity.
- (d) **Bohemians:** Music School students from NAU are going on tour to South Africa. They may come here a few times before they leave. Last weekend's performances were almost sold out. Watch for publicity.
- (e) **Movies at the Moon:** Every Monday at Canyon Moon Theater, showings at 4 and 7 or 7:30 when in conjunction with a restaurant event. No movies during the Film Festival in February.

14. **Adjournment:** Moved, seconded and passed: Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.