

**BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011**

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

**Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance:** President Copen called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Carlile.

1. **Determine Quorum by Roll Call – a quorum established with the following 18 members present:** Bell Rock Plaza, Canyon Mesa, Cathedral Rock Ranch, Cathedral View II, Firecliff, La Barranca I, Las Piedras, Oak Creek CC Estates I, Oak Creek Estados, Pine Valley, Pinon Woods North III, Ridge at Sedona, Sedona Golf Resort, Sedona Village Business Assoc., Valley Vista Estates, Village Estates, VOCA, Village Park **8 Members absent:** Highland Estates, La Barranca II, Oak Creek CC Estates III, Pinon Woods I, Pinon Woods East II, Sedona Village Lodging Assoc., Sundance, Wild Horse Mesa. Roll Call attached as Exhibit A.
2. **Agenda from Executive Board meeting**  
The Executive Board met on March 7, 2011 at the USFS Visitor Center, Sedona, AZ.
3. **President's Report – Mel Copen**
  - (a) Mel began his report by indicating he intends to set up a meeting with Pam Miller & Dan Engler from The Villager to talk about the relationship between The Villager & the Council. Mel will involve VOCA in this meeting.
  - (b) Mel then reported on a draft of a Statement of Purpose from the SR 179 Corridor Coalition. The draft was projected on the screen and Mel reviewed some of the issues and projects described in this Statement. No official action at this time but this will be brought back to the Council for action when it is finalized. The draft Statement of Purpose is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
4. **New Members/Member Changes – Secretary Tom Graham** reported that the alternate from Canyon Mesa, Norma Murphy has resigned. No official appointment of replacement.
5. **Secretary's report – Tom Graham**
  - (a) Consideration and approval of minutes from February 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Draft minutes were distributed and only one comment was received concerning the misspelling of Hugh Coble's name. **Moved, Seconded & Carried to adopt the minutes as corrected.**
6. **Treasurer's report – Mark Mumaw**
  - (a) February Treasurer's Report – No comments. Filed for audit and attached as Exhibit C
  - (b) Report of the Audit Committee – The Audit Committee consisting of Tom Graham, Chair, Kathy Nelms and Jolynn Greenfield, met with Treasurer Mark Mumaw on March 3. All income & expense items for 2010 and the Council bank accounts were verified and balanced against one another. The Audit Committee is issuing a clean opinion on Council finances and bank accounts with no irregularities. **Moved, Seconded & Carried to accept the report of the Audit Committee.**
7. **Corresponding Secretary's report – Tom Graham** – The Council received a copy of a letter that KSB had written to the Arizona Water Company on the new water tank issue.
8. **Committee Reports – A reminder for Committee Chairs that display material for the screen should be submitted to Dave Norton one week in advance of the meeting.**
  - (a) **P&Z Committee – Art Toensmeier** – The P&Z Committee met with Jeremy Hayman, the new GM for the Sedona Golf Resort, regarding changes they would like to make to their sign on SR 179. This was an information only meeting and this item will come back to the Council when an application is made to make changes to the sign.  
A question was raised about the temporary sign being used by the Full Moon Saloon and it was determined this entire topic of the Council as enforcer of County regulations should be agendized for discussion at the next meeting.
  - (b) **Transportation Committee – John Gillam** – John reported that the Safe Roads to School Committee meeting had been postponed.
  - (c) **Communications Committee – Carolyn Fisher** – The Committee met and decided there were three

primary ways for the Council to communicate with its members and the community: 1. Email – all Council Reps were asked to communicate with Carolyn to let her know if their organization has an email list; 2. The Villager; and 3. A Bulletin Board at Weber's. Radio, TV, and mailings were also considered but were believed to be too expensive. Discussion ensued about the use of blogs and utilizing the Village Computer Club. The Committee also suggested improvements to the Council website including the addition of an official meetings calendar and a separate social calendar – this would need a volunteer to keep the website up-to-date.

**(d) Vision & Enhancement Committee – Mel Copen**

(1) Mel reported that a serious analysis of the open ended questions was in process. Questions #1 and #2 were put on the screen with raw responses. This kind of data for all these questions now needs to be analyzed and categorized for communication to the community. The plan is to be break up into groups of three or so to handle one question each.

**(e) SR 179 Weed Abatement Task Force - Gail Shaw Simpson**

(1) Task Force member Bill Kusner reported that the Task Force has met twice and are focusing on the issues applicable to the SR 179 medians, road sides, and the pathway to the USFS Visitor Center.

**(f) Task Force on Redistricting – Dorothy O'Brien**

Task Force Chair Dorothy O'Brien first indicated that there were action items to be decided that do not appear on the Agenda for this meeting. It was determined that the Agenda needed to be amended to consider 1. A Task Force Resolution supporting the concept of keeping our community with the City of Sedona in one Supervisor district; 2. Authorize Mel to discuss with the Sedona City Council and the Sedona Chamber of Commerce a position keeping the two communities together for purposes of supervisor redistricting; and 3. A phone call by the Council to the US Department of Justice to discuss this redistricting process. The Council Bylaws require a two-thirds vote to amend the Agenda. After extended discussion it was **Moved, Seconded and Carried 14 to 4 by roll call to amend the Agenda to permit consideration of these items.**

It was then **Moved, Seconded and Carried 17 to 1 to adopt the Task Force Resolution, as amended, and present the Resolution to the Sedona City Council and the Sedona Chamber of Commerce. No vote was taken on the phone conversation with the US Department of Justice.** Resolution attached as Exhibit D.

**9. Other Reports (see reminder about display material under #8 above)**

BPRCC seeks to have attendees at meetings of many organizations. In the interest of shortening our meetings, these reports will be made on a rotating schedule of 2-3 per month:

- (a) Forest Service Liaison (Sullivan)** – Paul reported on the meeting concerning future options for the Red Rock Pass Program. The meeting attendees included a vocal minority opposing this Program. There will be another meeting on this issue organized by the Forest Service on March 24 from 4-6 PM at Sedona Red Rock High School. In response to a request to the Council for a resolution or letter of support on this issue, it was decided to agendaize this issue for action next month.
- (b) Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District (Graham)** – Tom reported that the new Special Districts Coordinator, Jesse Eller, had responded to his email and indicated there was nothing to report this month. In addition there is a meeting scheduled with Chip Davis and the County Attorneys' office on March 10 to discuss whether the Supervisors can form a citizen board for the RRREMD without new authorizing legislation or whether new legislation is required. Report on this meeting next month.
- (c) Sedona Fire District (Chief Hazime)** – Gary Johnson reminded the Council members of the SFD Board meetings at Station #3 this month.
- (d) Sedona Village Business Association (Nelms)** – Kathy reported that the SVBA has changed the dates of its membership and board meetings to avoid a conflict with the SFD Board meetings. SVBA member meetings are now on the third Wednesday of the month and the SVBA Board meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Kathy also reported that the SVBA will hold another Full Moon Walk in April or May.
- (e) State Parks Liaison (Lisowski)** – Mel read a written report from Jan that the Benefactors of Red Rock State Park are looking for new candidates for its board.

**11. Old Business – None.**

**12. New Business**

- (a) Beautification Award Proposal** - This matter was referred to the P&Z Committee to come up with a

proposal to be presented to the Council for action.

**13. Announcements**

- (a) Yavapai County Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting – 3/24/11 @5:30 PM, Station #3.
- (b) Red Rock Ranger District, Red Rock Pass – 3/24/11 from 4-6 PM, Red Rock High School.
- (c) Deadline for Comment of Coconino Forest Plan Revision – 3/14/11 with verbal indication from the Forest Service that they would accept comments through 3/31/11 – Tom Graham to provide “bullet points” to assist Council members in making comments.
- (d) Free Dump Dates at Camp Verde Dumping Station – April 20, 22, 23, 27, 29 & 30
- (e) Graffiti alert from the Sheriff’s office – to be distributed to Council members

**14. Adjournment – MSC to adjourn at 11:22 AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas H. Graham, Secretary

**EXHIBITS**

**A – Roll Call**

**B – SR 179 Corridor Coalition Statement of Purpose**

**C – Treasurer’s Report**

**D - Task Force on Redistricting Resolution as Amended**