

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 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 Sedona Fire District Board Chair Dave Blauert.

1. **Determine Quorum by Roll Call – a quorum established with the following 19 members present:** Bell Rock Plaza, Canyon Mesa, Cathedral Rock Ranch, Cathedral View II, Highland Estates, Las Piedras, Oak Creek CC Estates I, Oak Creek Estados, Pine Valley, Pinon Woods I, Pinon Woods East II, Pinon Woods North III, Ridge at Sedona, Sedona Golf Resort, Sedona Village Business Assoc., Valley Vista Estates, Village Estates, VOCA, Village Park **7 Members absent:** Firecliff, La Barranca I, La Barranca II, Oak Creek CC Estates III, 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 June 6, 2011 at the USFS Admin Building, Sedona, AZ.
3. **President's Report – Mel Copen**
 - (a) Mel indicated that most of the items normally covered by the President's Report would be covered under other Agenda items.
 - (b) Mel then introduced SFD Board Chair Dave Blauert who stepped to the podium and gave an update on the resignation of Fire Chief Nazih Hazime. Negotiations have been in progress with Nazih on the terms and conditions of the resignation. Dave Blauert fielded questions on this issue and the process for replacement. He indicated the public would have the opportunity for input and looked to have a new chief in place by the first of next year. In the meantime Assistant Chief Keller and Business Director Karen Daines would assume/share the duties of the chief.
4. **New Members/Member Changes – Secretary Tom Graham** reported that Oak Creek Estados regretfully accepted the resignation its Representative, Denise Tax, and its Alternate, Stan Tax. The new Representative is Ine Mason who was welcomed to the Council. No alternate was designated. Tom also indicated that Sundance had reported their Representative as Katherine Young, Alternate #1 as Dwight VanEvera, and Alternate #2 as Diane Miller.
5. **Secretary's report – Tom Graham**
 - (a) Consideration and approval of minutes from the May 12, 2011 regular meeting. In Tom's absence at that meeting Fran McWherter prepared the draft minutes of the meeting. The suggested changes to the draft minutes were described and shown on the screen. **Moved, Seconded & Carried to adopt the minutes as amended.**
6. **Treasurer's report – Mark Mumaw**
 - (a) May, 2011 Treasurer's Report – No comments. Filed for audit and attached as Exhibit B
7. **Corresponding Secretary's report – Tom Graham** – No correspondence sent or received by the Council during the past month. There had been a letter approved to be sent to USFS regarding the Red Rock Pass but intervening events have made that letter moot. The Red Rock Pass was discussed at a different item on the Agenda.
8. **Presentation by Sedona Fire District Board Chair Dave Blauert** - Mel then introduced SFD Board Chair Dave Blauert who stepped to the podium and gave an update on the April 27, 2011 resignation of Fire Chief Nazih Hazime. Negotiations have been concluded with Nazih on the terms and conditions of the resignation which have been remain confidential. A public letter will be posted to the SFD website regarding this matter. Dave Blauert fielded questions on this issue and the process for replacement. He indicated the public would have the opportunity for input and looked to have a new chief in place by the first of next year. In the meantime Assistant Chief Keller and Business Director Karen Daines would assume/share the duties of the chief. Dave also gave an update on the operations audit to be done.

9. Presentation by County Supervisor Chip Davis and County Administrator Julie Ayers

(a) Weeds and Other Problems - Before getting to the discussion of redistricting Chip reported that the contract between the Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District (RRREMD) and Vincente Landscaping has been terminated effective for "non-performance". The RRREMD, effective June 6, 2011, has retained Green Earth Landscape, a landscaping company in Cornville, on an emergency basis to clean up the current situation including pulling and spraying weeds. This contract, Chip indicated, would again be put out to bid and encouraged local landscapers to bid on the contract. Chip also stated that part of this problem was a lack of oversight on Vincente but that even when problems were pointed out, they were not corrected.

(b) Redistricting – County Administrator Julie Ayers started off the redistricting discussion with a PowerPoint presentation regarding an overview of the redistricting process. There were four redistricting option maps on display and each of those maps had in inset map with more detail. Julie indicated that public comment on these maps would be received through July 31, 2011, with a view to a final vote by the three present supervisors on August 15, 2011. The County population of 211,033 placed Yavapai County with the third largest growth rate (26%) in AZ over the 2000 census figure and currently it is the fourth largest county in AZ by population. The maps on display were the result of federal requirements, public input and priorities of the county supervisors. Julie went through the four maps projected on the screen and presented highlights of the differences of each option. Julie emphasized that the supervisors were not limited to these four maps and could fashion their own or change any part of any map. It was announced that these maps will be on display at the VOCA community room.

The meeting was temporarily recessed to allow those present to review the maps and ask questions of Julie and Chip.

The meeting was reconvened and a Q&A/Comment period followed. In response to a question Julie reported that the population numbers by precinct are available on the County website. Mel closed the discussion by asking the Council Redistricting Task Force to report to the Council for the July meeting and distribute their report prior to that meeting so that Representatives would be prepared to vote on a Council recommendation at that meeting.

10. 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) Recreation & Youth Services Committee – Jay Markle – Mel gave Jay's report on this Committee. Mel indicated that we have had no takers on the \$35 scholarships for the summer recreation program at the Boys & Girls Club. The Boys & Girls Club has reported increased participation from the Village.

(b) P & Z Committee – Art Toensmeier – Mark Mumaw gave the report for Art who was absent. Mark reported that the P&Z Committee had met to consider a minor amendment to the County's General Plan regarding a large-scale solar and wind electricity generating project. If the County's General Plan is amended the next step would be the issuance of a special use permit. There has been no opposition to this. The P&Z Committee saw no impact on Big Park and recommends a "no comment".
Moved, Seconded and Adopted to communicate a "no comment" response to the County.

(c) Vision & Enhancement Committee – Mel Copen

Mel reported that putting the survey data on the website has turned into a gargantuan task. Mel indicated that it should all be posted to the Council website sometime next week. The next step is to have the Committee decide on the ten key things for consideration by the general public.

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

Gail indicated that there was a meeting with ADOT and Bill Kusner will give a report on that meeting which was also attended by Joanne Johnson. Task Force member Bill Kusner reported that the Task Force was charged with the issues applicable to the SR 179 medians, road sides, and the pathway to the USFS Visitor Center. Contact was made to John Harper of ADOT who suggested a meeting with Vern Dembeck, an ADOT employee who lives in Big Park. The weed issue with the median is the main concern at this time. The suggestion was to get some organization like Adopt-A-Highway to take care of this. Bill indicated that Keep Sedona Beautiful already has permits for its litter lifters and the Committee was going to explore whether something could be worked out with KSB. Long-range solution is to dig out the soil, lay down a dual weed barrier material, and then fill it with crushed granite – no funding for this at this time. Bill also commented on the fact that putting any kind of signs on the ADOT right-of-way is illegal.

(e) Committee on Organizational Principles – Craig Dible

Chair Craig Dible reported that the Committee has met three times and another meeting is scheduled for June 24. The work of the Committee has been broken down into six areas: Code of Ethics, Operating Standards, Authority to Represent the Council, Guiding Principles, Conflict of Interest and Membership Survey. Craig reported that the Committee's goal is to submit a final report for Council action at the July, 2011 meeting.

11. Other Reports (see reminder about display material under #10 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 (Paul Sullivan)** – Paul reported that the former Proposal #5 has morphed into Proposal A and proposal #5 was the one the Council had decided to recommend to the Forest Service. Paul indicated the Proposal A was the least confusing of the two remaining proposals and that every individual should make a comment as the comment from the council counts the same as one individual's comment.
- (b) Sedona Fire District (Gary Johnson)** – Gary thanked everybody who participated in the annual cleanup and reported that 60 tons of material were disposed of. He urged people to clear the weeds in at least the first 20 feet around your home.
- (c) Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization (John Gillam)** – Cornville Road re-construction has begun so be prepared for delays.
- (d) Village Library Center (Carolyn Fisher)** – Carolyn reported that a book sale will be held at Fire Station #3 on June 24 – June 26. Volunteers are needed – contact Cheryl @ 284-1603. Setup will be on June 22 & 23. A preview sale for volunteers will be held before the sale is opened to the public.
- (e) Member Reports**
 - (i) Sedona Village Business Association (Kathy Nelms)** – Mel reported that SVBA is in the process of doing a business inventory of the Village/Big Park area. The numbers indicate that the total will be 160 – 175 businesses in the area.
 - (ii) VOCA (Steve Nelson)** – Steve announced a Fourth of July parade and celebration

12. Old Business – Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Carried to adopt the following resolution with regard to the Red Rock Pass Program:

RESOLVED, that the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council supports PROPOSAL A of the USFS to replace the current Red Rock Pass Program for the following reasons:

1. Ease of use for visitors
2. Generates more fees
3. Protects more areas

The Council further urges the Representatives to request their constituents to comment individually on these proposals before June 27, 2011, hopefully for Proposal A as an individual's comment counts the same as the Council comment. Comments can be made to the Forest Service as follows:

By Email: comments-southwestern-coconino-redrock@fs.fed.us

By regular mail: Red Rock Ranger District, 8375 SR 179, Sedona, AZ 86351

13. New Business

- (a) Jazz On The Rocks** – Jeremy Hayman, GM of the Sedona Golf Resort reported on the upcoming Jazz On The Rocks Festival to be held at the Sedona Golf Resort. New proceeds are going to four local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations (Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Club, Make-A-Wish and Camp Soaring Eagle) to be used to promote youth getting involved with music.

Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Carried to adopt the following resolution with regard to the Jazz On The Rocks event:

WHEREAS the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council (Big Park Council) recognizes the durable and compelling positive impact of the Jazz on the Rocks festival to the economy and worldwide reputation of the Greater Sedona area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Park Council highly recommends that Yavapai County issue a temporary event permit to enable the Jazz on the Rocks Festival to be held October 7 & 8, 2011 at the Sedona Golf Resort.

(b) Verde River Basin Partnership (VRBP) – A letter from Tom O'Halleran was received requesting member organizations, of which the Council is one, to help fund promotion of the meeting at which the USGS Northern AZ Groundwater Flow Model will be presented. **Moved, Seconded and Carried to provide \$100 to VRBP to help promote the June 16 meeting at which that Groundwater Flow Model will be presented and discussed.**

(c) Mel announced the need to find a candidate for the presidency and other officer positions of the Council. He also asked for volunteers on the Nominating Committee which will be appointed in the near future.

14. Announcements

(a) City of State of the City address on June 29, 2011 – Council will be represented by Dorothy O'Brien

(b) Flag Day celebration at the USFS south of the Village/Big park @ 9:00 AM

15. Adjournment – Meeting was duly adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas H. Graham, Secretary

EXHIBITS

A – Roll Call

B – Treasurer's Report