

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 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 Tim Westbay.

- 1. Determine Quorum by Roll Call – a quorum established with the following 22 members present:** Bell Rock Plaza, Canyon Mesa, Cathedral Rock Ranch, Cathedral View II, Firecliff, Highland Estates, La Barranca I, Las Piedras, Oak Creek CC Estates I, Pine Valley, Pinon Woods I, Pinon Woods East II, Pinon Woods North III, Ridge at Sedona, Sedona Golf Resort, Sedona Village Business Assoc., Sundance, Valley Vista Estates, Village Estates, VOCA, Village Park, Wild Horse Mesa. **4 Members absent:** La Barranca II, Oak Creek CC Estates III, Oak Creek Estados, Sedona Village Lodging Assoc. Roll Call attached as Exhibit A.
- 2. Agenda from Executive Board meeting**
The Executive Board met on July 11, 2011 at the USFS Admin Building, Sedona, AZ.
- 3. President's Report – Mel Copen**
 - (a)** Mel reported recent contact with AZ House Speaker Andy Tobin who tentatively agreed to make a presentation to the regular Council meeting on August 11, 2011. Mel indicated it would also be an opportunity to discuss with Speaker Tobin about the legislation necessary to convert the RRREMD to a citizen board.
 - (b)** Mel then reported on a very informal meeting with representatives of the Yavapai-Apache Nation including a tribal elder and their cultural group about a museum concept in our community. Museum of Northern Arizona and Heard have also expressed interest in such a project – this is all very preliminary.
 - (c)** Mel also reported a meeting with the current president, Craig Brown, and the immediate past president of the Williamson Valley Community Organization, Inc. Discussion was focused on the redistricting issue and maps and Craig Brown stated that they were in agreement with all the maps except Map D. That community is trying to retain its rural character and is resisting the County's apparent push to change the area to more urban/suburban by, among other issues, moving forward with a 5-lane road that their community does not want.
- 4. New Members/Member Changes – Secretary Tom Graham None**
- 5. Secretary's report – Tom Graham**
 - (a)** It was determined that the June meeting draft minutes had not been distributed to the Council reps so action on the June minutes was deferred to July.
- 6. Treasurer's report – Mark Mumaw**
 - (a)** June, 2011 Treasurer's Report – No comments. Filed for audit and attached as Exhibit B
- 7. Corresponding Secretary's report – Tom Graham** – The Council resolution of "No Comment" regarding the wind project requiring amendment of the County General Plan was sent to the Board of Supervisors. We also received a copy of the June 6, 2011 letter from KSB President, Tom O'Halleran, to Arizona Water Company (AZW) President Bill Garfield for AZW's failure to respond to a prior letter from Tom O'Halleran dated February 24, 2011 concerning the water tank proposal by AZW.
- 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) 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. Some discussion about possibly giving a scholarship next year for the entire summer to one child.

- (b) **Vision & Enhancement Committee – Mel Copen** – Mel reported that the Committee met on June 23 to determine the key factors from the Survey that the community should address and how to address them. The Committee determined that there were four items: **1. A set of community values** (the beauty that surrounds us, the climate, the friendly people, small town environment, outdoor activities and the importance of tourism); **2. Areas for change/improvement** (interaction with, and support to, the business community, community activities, specific additional businesses, marketing of tourism including the All-American Road, developing a them, tasteful signage program, better emergency & medical services, more musical programs, & greater access to adult education); **3. Areas needing further clarification** (desire for a community center/pool, walkable community, biking, better internet/broadband service & cell service, more police coverage, & public transportation); **4. The next steps** (three donuts & dialogue sessions starting sometime in September followed by a large community get-together in October or early November). Mel solicited comments on this report of the Committee.
- (c) **SR 179 Weed Abatement Task Force - Gail Shaw Simpson**
Gail indicated that there was not much to report since the meeting Bill Kusner and Joanne Johnson had with Vern Dumbeck of ADOT which was reported on at the June Council meeting. Joanne Johnson reported that the Task Force is waiting for decisions by ADOT before moving forward. One thing that has happened is some spraying by ADOT on the eastern side of the ROW but not on the western side.
- (d) **RRREMD Rebidding of the Maintenance Contract Rebid** – This matter came up late due to the short bid window on the rebidding of the maintenance contract. There was discussion about weed barriers and a resolution presented to the meeting regarding weed barriers failed to pass. After further discussion it was **Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Carried to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors making three main points: 1. Transparency & visibility of the contract process; 2. No support for a weed barrier, mainly due to the cost, but also concern about the long-term effectiveness if not done properly, and 3. Awarding the contract to a bidder who will use traditional herbicides by applying pre-emergents and spot spraying (the following letter was sent subsequent to the meeting);**

July 14, 2011

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Re: Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District (RRREMD)

Dear Supervisors Springer, Thurman and Davis:

At its regular monthly meeting today, the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council (Council), with 22 of its 26 members present, unanimously authorized me, as president of the Council, to send this letter concerning re-bidding of the maintenance contract for the RRREMD.

When this issue was discussed today at the meeting, the Council Representatives had three main concerns they wanted communicated to you as follows:

1. The Council understands that this re-bidding process needs to be completed as quickly as possible. Such quick action will ensure that the winning bidder is on the job without any unnecessary delay. In going forward in such a manner, the Council urges you not to short-change the visibility and transparency of the evaluation and decision process. Particularly in Big Park, the community wants the ability to provide input in the evaluation of bidders and the final decision awarding the contract. Such input can only come if we have adequate notice of RRREMD meetings at which decisions about this are made.

2. While it was clear from the Council meeting today that there was no support for utilizing a weed barrier as part of the mix in controlling the weeds, mostly from a cost standpoint of retro-fitting such a barrier, but also the uncertainty of their long-term effectiveness. In the event that you intend to award the contract to a bidder utilizing this method, the Council believes that, due to the wide-ranging types of materials utilized in these barriers, a very high standard of material should be specified in the contract.
3. Finally, the Council unanimously endorsed awarding the contract to a bidder who relies on the proven method of weed control in these situations which emphasizes the use of traditional herbicides in using pre-emergents and spot spraying.

The members of the Council want to thank you for the "emergency" weed control that has recently been in place by you. The results are obvious to all as the weeds are quickly disappearing.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue which is so important to this community.

Sincerely,

Mel Copen

Mel Copen, President"

(e) Committee on Organizational Principles – Craig Dible

Chair Craig Dible distributed the following documents drafted by the Committee: Conflict of Interest Policy, Communications Policy, Committee Operating Standards Policy, Membership Information Form and a Map showing the Council members. Craig reported that these documents will be presented at the August Council meeting for consideration and action.

- (f) Redistricting Task Force – Dorothy O'Brien** – In Dorothy's absence Mel was asked to give the Task Force Report. Mel started the report by specifically indicating that the recommendation of the Task Force was not necessarily his personal position but, as chair of the meeting, he would express his opinion at the time of the vote. Mel indicated that if the Council was going to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on this issue, it should be passed by at least a two-thirds vote or better. However, due to parliamentary restrictions concerning not being able to do what our Bylaws do not authorize, if the vote was less than two-thirds, there would be another vote to rescind the prior vote. Council **A Resolution was then Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Carried to adopt the recommendation of the Task Force to urge adoption by the Board of Supervisors of Map C as the basis for the redistricting from three to five supervisors.**

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 (Paul Sullivan)** – Paul reported that the Regional Advisory Committee conducted public process in the community on June 29, 2011 regarding USFS Proposals A & B pertaining to the Red Rock Pass Program. No recommendation from that Committee as yet.
- (b) Village Library Center (Carolyn Fisher)** – Carolyn reported that a successful book sale was held at Fire Station #3 on June 24 – June 26. Proceeds exceeded \$3,000. Carolyn thanked all who participated and also the work of the volunteers.

10. New Business – Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Carried to approve Mel's candidates for this year's Nominating Committee: Chair Don Beard, Margie Gershtenson, & Rick Baldauf. The nominating Committee

11. Old Business - None

12. Announcements - None

13. Adjournment – Meeting was duly adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas H. Graham, Secretary

EXHIBITS

A – Roll Call

B – Treasurer's Report