

**BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1. Determine Quorum by Roll Call – a quorum was established with the following 16 members present:** Bell Rock Plaza, Cathedral Rock Ranch, Cathedral View II, Firecliff, Highland Estates, Las Piedras, Oak Creek CC Estates I, Pine Valley, Pinon Woods North III, Ridge at Sedona, Sedona Golf Resort, Sedona Village Business Assoc., Valley Vista Estates, Village Estates, VOCA, Village Park. **10 Members absent:** La Barranca II, Canyon Mesa La Barranca I, Oak Creek CC Estates III, Oak Creek Estados, 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 August 8, 2011 at the USFS Admin Building, Sedona, AZ.
- 3. President's Report – Mel Copen**
 - (a)** Mel reported a large volume of email traffic regarding redistricting and the appearance of a revised Map A. and stressed the importance of the August 22 meeting where the redistricting map will be selected by the Board of Supervisors.
 - (b)** Mel then discussed the need for the Council to be able to act in-between its monthly meetings. A recent request for a letter of support from the Council to Keep Sedona Beautiful & the City of Sedona regarding the Arizona We Want/Five Cities Grant most recently demonstrated that need. The Executive Board solved the immediate problem by conducting an email poll of the Council Representatives to approve such a letter. The Organizational Principles Task force will address this need.
 - (c)** Mel reported that Andy Tobin did cancel his Council appearance for this August meeting.
 - (d)** Mel indicated we do have a speaker this morning which is Robert Bruenig, Director of the Museum of Northern Arizona.
 - (e)** Mel also reported on David Gill's contact with Ferrell LP under which there were substantial discounts available for purchasing LP for the next 12 months.
- 4. New Members/Member Changes – Secretary Tom Graham None**
- 5. Secretary's report – Tom Graham**
 - (a) Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Carried to approve the June and July minutes as distributed.**
- 6. Treasurer's report – Mark Mumaw**
 - (a)** July, 2011 Treasurer's Report – No comments. Filed for audit and attached as Exhibit B
- 7. Corresponding Secretary's report – Tom Graham** – The Council letters to the Board of Supervisors regarding redistricting and regarding the RRREMD landscaping contract were sent to the Board of Supervisors. The letter authorized by the Council in support of the AZ We want/Five Communities Project was also sent.
- 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) Communications Committee – Carolyn Fisher** – Reps need to build email distribution lists and send material out in a way to guard the emails from being seen publicly.
 - (b) Vision & Enhancement Committee – Mel Copen** – Mel reported that the Committee met on August 9 to schedule the next steps consisting of three donuts & dialogue sessions (VOCA, Marketplace Cafe Sedona Golf Resort) starting in September followed by large community get-togethers (2 days?) at the Hilton in October. Mel urged each representative to attend one of the D&D sessions and bring someone with you.

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

Joanne Johnson reported a meeting with Vern Dumbeck of ADOT about ADOT considering (i) mowing the strip south of the RRREMD, (ii) approving a weed barrier for that area, and (iii) authorizing a permit for picking up signs in the 179 ROW.

- (d) Committee on Organizational Principles – Craig Dible** - Craig described the map showing the locations of the Council members and the changes that were made from last month when it was distributed. Also room on the map to include other general information about the Council. Next, Craig discussed the Membership Survey and what was to be included and excluded. The Summary Sheet was preferred by those at the meeting. Next was a discussion of the Council's proposed Conflict of Interest Policy – There was a discussion about adopting Policies vs amending the Bylaws. It was **Moved, Seconded and Carried with one nay vote to adopt the following Conflict of Interest Policy:**

RESOLVED THAT If any contract, decision or other action (“Issue”) taken by or on behalf of the Council of Representatives (“Board”) or any committee (“Committee”) of the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council, Inc. (“Council”) would directly cause a financial benefit to any member of the Board or any Committee, or to any parent, grandparent, spouse, child or sibling of a member of the Board or any Committee, that Board or Committee member shall declare a conflict of interest for that Issue. That Board or Committee member shall declare the conflict in an open meeting of the Board or Committee before the Board or Committee discusses or takes action on that Issue and that Board or Committee member may then participate in the discussion and vote on that Issue.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council directs that the foregoing Policy shall be considered for inclusion in the Council’s Bylaws at the next time the Council engages in the process to amend its Bylaws.

The next item for discussion was the proposed Policy Concerning Communications to Third Parties. It was **Moved and Seconded to adopt this Policy**. Discussion followed. The motion was tabled and the Committee was asked to meet and propose additional language to address this issue.

The next item for discussion was the Policy on Operating Standards for Committees. It was **Moved and Seconded to adopt this Policy**. Discussion followed. The motion was tabled and the Committee was asked to meet and amend this language to address the issues raised.

- (f) Redistricting Task Force – Dorothy O’Brien** – Dorothy O’Brien reported on the upcoming meeting on August 22 @9:00 AM in Prescott at which the Supervisors will select the map designating the five new Supervisor districts. The Task Force plan is the formulate a strategy and make sure our community is heard at the August 22 meeting. The email traffic regarding redistricting referred to in the President’s Report were read and discussed. **It was Moved, Seconded and Carried to authorize Dorothy O’Brien to speak on the Council’s position at the Camp Verde Town Council meeting, the August 22 Supervisors’ meeting and such other opportunities as may arise before the August 22 meeting.**

- 9. Visitor Presentation – Robert Bruenig, Director of the Museum of Northern Arizona.** Mel introduced Mr. Bruenig who gave a very informative presentation about the history and mission of the Museum. The Museum is 83 years old and is a placed-based institution that strives to interpret geographical, biological and cultural aspects of the Colorado Plateau. The Museum has a 26,000 SF Exhibit Building and a recently built 17,300 SF Collection Building (Easton Collections Center). Under Mr. Bruenig’s direction the endowment of the Museum has increased from \$4 million to \$7.5 million. There was a question & answer session following Mr. Bruenig’s presentation during which there was some discussion about the Museum’s potential interest in a satellite exhibit space in our community perhaps in conjunction with the Yavapai Apache Nation.

10. 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 a “thank you for your patience” from Heather Provencio concerning the prescribed burn smoke that has come into our community.
- (b) **Community Issues Committee – Chamber of Commerce (Dave Norton)** – Dave reported on the new restaurant being built at the airport on the mesa which is scheduled to open in September.
- (c) **RRREMD – (Tom Graham)** – Tom reported on two items that were addressed at the August 1 Board of Supervisors’ meeting: (i) The Supervisors awarded a new one-year maintenance contract to Green Earth, LLC from Cornville for trash, debris & litter pickup and for landscape maintenance using traditional weed control methods. There was no award of any contract for non-traditional weed control methods nor was any contract awarded for installation of a weed barrier. The total contract price was \$59,320; and (ii) The Supervisors approved a draft of legislation for creation of a citizens board for the RRREMD to be submitted in October to the County Supervisors Association for inclusion in their legislative package for 2012.
- (d) **Verde Valley Transportation Org (John Gillam)** – John reported on the Cornville road construction delays and also on the passing lane on I-17 coming out of Camp Verde is now designed but they do not have the funding to build it.
- (e) **Sedona Fire District – SFD** employee, at Gary Johnson’s request, reminded everybody about paying attention to the erosion issues during the monsoon season.

10. New Business – None

11. Old Business - None

12. Announcements – Voting in the Good Morning America “Most Beautiful Place in America” poll – link provided; Celtic Harvest Festival - September 24 at Tequa; .

13. Adjournment – Meeting was duly adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas H. Graham, Secretary

EXHIBITS

A – Roll Call

B – Treasurer’s Report