

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

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

Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance: Vice President Dave Norton called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Ron Gibbs, Deputy Yavapai County Assessor led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Norton then showed a short video in honor of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

- 1. Determine Quorum by Roll Call – a quorum was established with the following 19 members present:** Canyon Mesa, Cathedral Rock Ranch, Cathedral View II, Firecliff, Highland Estates, La Barranca I, La Barranca II, Las Piedras, Oak Creek CC Estates I, Pine Valley, Pinon Woods East II, Pinon Woods North III, Sedona Golf Resort, Sedona Village Business Assoc., Sundance, Valley Vista Estates, Village Estates, VOCA, Village Park. **9 Members absent:** Bell Rock Plaza Association, Oak Creek CC Estates III, Oak Creek Estados, Pinon Woods I, Ridge at Sedona, Sedona Village Lodging Assoc. Wild Horse Mesa Roll Call attached as Exhibit A.
- 2. Agenda from Executive Board meeting**
The Executive Board met on September 1, 2011 at the USFS Admin Building, Sedona, AZ.
- 3. President's Report – Dave Norton, Vice President –** No report. Dave proceeded directly into the Agenda
- 4. New Members/Member Changes – Secretary Tom Graham** New alternate from Village Estates is Mike Keider whose contact info will be placed on the Roster.
- 5. Secretary's report – Tom Graham**
 - (a) Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Carried to approve the August minutes with a change in wording to section 3(b) of the draft minutes.**
- 6. Treasurer's report – Mark Mumaw**
 - (a) August, 2011 Treasurer's Report –** No comments. Filed for audit and attached as Exhibit B
- 7. Corresponding Secretary's report – Tom Graham –** None
- 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) Vision & Enhancement Committee – Mel Copen –** Dave Norton reported that the three donuts & dialogue sessions (VOCA, Marketplace Cafe Sedona Golf Resort) are scheduled for September 20th, (Sedona Golf Resort) & 27th (VOCA) and October 1st (Marketplace Café). Dave urged each representative to attend one of the D&D sessions and bring someone with you.
 - (b) Redistricting Task Force – Dorothy O'Brien –** Dorothy O'Brien reported on the results of the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 22 @9:00 AM in Prescott and the events leading up to that meeting at which a new Alternate Map A was created by Supervisor Thurman and then adopted by a 2-1 vote. Various options were discussed (letters to the editor, letters to the US Department of Justice, and working for good candidates). No action taken. Congressional redistricting was also discussed and the Task Force will keep the Council informed as these issues progress.
 - (c) Committee on Organizational Principles – Craig Dible -** Craig distributed his revised materials from last month's meeting. These policies will be considered at next month's meeting.
- 9. Visitor Presentation – Ron Gibbs, Deputy Yavapai County Assessor.** Dave introduced Mr. Gibbs who gave a very informative presentation about the property tax system in Arizona which he classified as one of the most complicated property tax systems in the United States. The 2012 Value Notices, which calculate each 2012 tax bill, were mailed in January, 2012. Those Value Notices reflect market values calculated as of January 1, 2011, but based on sales dates from January, 2009 to June, 2010 so the system is designed from the beginning to be eighteen months behind the year in which the taxes are actually paid. There is

now new legislation that requires a different classification of properties. Properties that are rentals will no longer get the credit for state aid to education. You will be entitled to only one residence in AZ and anything else will be "residential other". Be sure you check your property classification on your 2013 Value Notice. Class Three is for primary residence and Class Four if "Residential Other". There are now substantial fines for failure to notify the assessor of a wrong classification in your favor. Property values have continued to drop in Yavapai County due in large part to the lag between the data the tax bills are based on the year in which taxes are paid. Mr. Gibbs also showed that there is very little correlation between actual property taxes and the valuations of your property. Taxing authorities listed on your tax bill have a budget and they will tax enough to meet that budget whether your property value is high or low. A question & answer period followed Mr. Gibbs' presentation.

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 that USFS gave their full presentation to the RAC (Recreational Regional Advisory Committee) on the Red Rock Pass Program and came up with a modified proposal. Final decision in this matter will be made in January, 2012.
- (b) **RRREMD – (Tom Graham)** – Tom reported that he had written a letter to the Villager in response to an article appearing there on the August 1, 2011 Supervisors meeting at which the RRREMD landscaping contract was awarded. Copies of the letter were sent to the Council, KSB and the AARC. The letter stated that it was Tom's opinion that the article was biased, misleading and did not get the story right as to what happened. Response from the editor and the publisher of the Villager was disappointing and basically disagreed with Tom's letter.
- (c) **SFD – Gary Johnson** – simple ceremony for 9/11.

11. New Business – None

12. Old Business - None

13. Announcements

- (a) SSR Rally – 9/8/2011 at Bell Rock Plaza
- (b) ADOT Hearings on 9/7 & 9/8 on I-17 design review
- (c) Celtic Harvest Festival on 9/24 at Tequa
- (d) Sedona Jazz on the Rocks on 10/7 & 8 at Sedona Golf Resort
- (e) Walk to End Alzheimers on 10/29 at Tequa

14. Adjournment – Meeting was duly adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas H. Graham, Secretary

EXHIBITS

A – Roll Call

B – Treasurer's Report