

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

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

Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance: President Mel Copen called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Mel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Determine Quorum by Roll Call – a quorum was established with the following 15 members present:** Canyon Mesa, Cathedral Rock Ranch, Cathedral View II, Highland Estates, La Barranca I, Las Piedras, Oak Creek CC Estates I, Pine Valley, Sedona Golf Resort, Sedona Village Business Assoc., Sundance, Valley Vista Estates, Village Estates, VOCA, Village Park. **11 Members absent:** Bell Rock Plaza Association, Firecliff, La Barranca II, Oak Creek CC Estates III, Oak Creek Estados, Pinon Woods I, Pinon Woods East II, Pinon Woods North III, 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 November 7, 2011 at the USFS Visitor Center, Sedona, AZ.
3. **President’s Report – Mel Copen, President –** No report.
4. **New Members/Member Changes – Secretary Tom Graham** No new members but changes for existing members: Oak Creek Estados - Ine Mason moves from Representative to Alternate; add Raena Avalon as Representative and Theresa Weber as Alternate. Ridge at Sedona – Paul Jankovsky is Representative and Jeff Dunn is alternate #1.
5. **Secretary’s report – Tom Graham**
 - (a) **Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Carried to approve the October minutes as distributed.**
6. **Treasurer’s report – Mark Mumaw**
 - (a) October, 2011 Treasurer’s Report – No comments. Filed for audit and attached as Exhibit B
7. **Corresponding Secretary’s report – Tom Graham –** No report.
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 –** Mel reported on the upcoming community meeting on Monday, November 14 at the Hilton Tequa Ballroom where attendees will be asked to join one of the following groups to brainstorm ideas to achieve the goals for that Workgroup.

WORKGROUP	SURVEY TOPIC	GOAL	Team Leader
1	Attracting new & different businesses/Interaction with and support to businesses/Marketing & Tourism	To expand and strengthen the business community in ways that better serve the needs of both local residents & visitors	Edgar Lozoya
2	Developing a theme & appropriate signage for Village	To develop a coherent theme and related signage program that distinguishes our community in a manner that will resonate with residents, businesses and visitors	Mel Copen –
3	Community Center Programs – education, musical, cultural, social Community Involvement/communications	To build a sense of community spirit and citizen involvement through better information dissemination concerning civic issues, educational/cultural/social	Dorothy O’Brien

		events and, eventually a community center.	
4	Increased law enforcement coverage Emergency Medical Facilities	To enhance personal security for residents and visitors by increasing access to emergency health facilities and police protection	Don Beard
5	Bike- & Walk- "ability" / safety Public Transportation Internet/Broadband	To build a more comprehensive transportation and communications infrastructure, with particular emphasis on enhancing and promoting safe travel within our community by foot and bicycle traffic.	David Gill

The task will be to identify desired outcomes, without evaluating obstacles at this stage – a type of brainstorming process. An open invitation has been sent to the entire community to participate with the group(s) of most interest to them. The output from this MCPE will be shared, later, at a final community-wide convocation to be held sometime in February.

- (b) **SR 179 Median Weed Abatement Committee – Gail Shaw Simpson** – Gail reported that a meeting was scheduled for November 15 with ADOT. There appears to be a jurisdictional dispute between ADOT and USFS. The Committee is expected, after this meeting, to recommend short-term and long-term solutions and also to consider the north end of the Village which has the same issues outside the RRREMD.
- (c) **Committee of Organizational Principles – Mel Copen** – Mel reported that this Committee had finished its assignment and, after thanking Chair Craig Dible and the Committee members, declared that this ad hoc Committee is now terminated.
- (d) **Redistricting Task Force – In the absence of Task Force Chair, Dorothy O'Brien, Mel Copen gave the report** – Mel reported on the Cottonwood meeting with one of the members of the Independent Redistricting Commission. This Commission is drawing the federal Congressional Districts and the State legislative districts. Mel reported that about 150 people attended this meeting and most spoke on the following issues: 1. Keep Yavapai County together; 2. Use community of interests to draw district boundaries. There was some confusion about the various maps. No action taken.
- (e) **Nominating Committee – Don Beard** – Don reported on the nominations for 2012:
 - President** – Carolyn Fisher
 - Vice President** – Paul Jankovsky
 - Treasurer** – Kathy Huffstetler
 - Secretary** – Tom Graham

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) **SFD – Gary Johnson** – Gary notified the meeting that at noon on November 9, 2011 there will be a 3-minute warning test of the federal emergency warning system.
- (b) **Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization (VVREO) – Tom Graham** – Tom attended the November Board meeting of VVREO and reported the many issues and projects in which VVREO is involved: (i) The activities of the AZ Commerce Authority (ACA) which is a public/private partnership that has replaced the AZ Department of Commerce. The ACA has been funded by the legislature and is being headed up by Don Cardon as CEO under the Co-Chairs, Governor Brewer & Jerry Coangelo. Tom Doyle handles Northern AZ. There are numerous grant funds available statewide for economic development activity; (ii) VVREO is moving forward to create an Intermediary Relending program and is actively seeking participation by regional banks; (iii) The VVREO Speaker Series will present a symposium in Feb/March, 2012 called "The Verde Valley – Poised for Success". This will be a breakfast event from 7:00 – 10:00 AM probably at the Hilton Sedona. Speakers will be Don Cardon from ACA, Sherry Henry, Executive Director of the AZ Office of Tourism and Mike Manson who is well-known in economic development circles.

(c) Member Reports – Bill Kusner Bill reported that on behalf of the AARC he had finally accomplished assisting the County & Green Earth to reset the timers for the pedestrian lights along SR 179 that were off schedule as a result of APS turning off the power in the Village for two days this past month.

10. Old Business – None

11. New Business - None

12. Announcements

- (a) Canyon Singers, Saturday 11/19, 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM St. Andrews Church
- (b) Festival of the Wreaths, Sunday 11/13 at the Main Library
- (c) Pilgrimage to Bethlehem, 12/16 – 12/18 Tequa.

13. Adjournment – Meeting was duly adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas H. Graham, Secretary

EXHIBITS

A – Roll Call

B – Treasurer's Report