

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES OF COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012

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

Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance: President Carolyn Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Norton gave a short update on Past President Mel Copen's medical situation.

1. **Determine Quorum by Roll Call – a quorum was established with the following 18 members present:** Canyon Mesa, Cathedral Rock Ranch, Cathedral View II, Firecliff, Highland Estates, Las Piedras, Oak Creek CC Estates I, Pine Valley, Pinon Woods I, Ridge at Sedona, Sedona Golf Resort, Sedona Village Business Assoc., Sedona Village Lodging Assoc Sundance, Valley Vista Estates, Village Estates, VOCA, Village Park. **8 Members absent:** Bell Rock Plaza Association La Barranca I, La Barranca II, Oak Creek CC Estates III, Oak Creek Estados, Pinon Woods East II, Pinon Woods North III, . Wild Horse Mesa. Roll Call attached as Exhibit A.
2. **Agenda from Executive Board meeting**
The Executive Board met on January 9, 2012 at the USFS Admin Center, Sedona, AZ.
3. **President's Report – Carolyn Fisher, President –** Carolyn presented a Community Service Award , on behalf of the Council, to Secretary Tom Graham, and thanked Tom for his "invaluable work and devotion to duty", to the Council. There are other awards to be presented later to Dave Norton and Mark Mumaw. as President. Carolyn stated that the Council needs a replacement for Dave Norton who is "retiring" from his duties with the Council. Carolyn asked for volunteers to please come forward. Carolyn also asked for volunteers for the Audit Committee – Rick Baldauf, Margie Gershtenson & Paul Jankovsky volunteered are were appointed to the Audit Committee. Carolyn stated that it a goal for her in 2012 to broaden the participation in the Council
4. **New Members/Member Changes – Secretary Tom Graham** No member changes.
5. **Secretary's report – Tom Graham**
 - (a) **Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Carried to approve the December minutes as distributed with a minor correction regarding the spelling of La Barranca II.**
6. **Treasurer's report – Mark Mumaw**
 - (a) Kathy Huffstetler gave the December, 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) **P&Z Committee – Art Toensmeier –** Art reported that the P&Z Committee had met in response to the County sending to us five (5) separate amendments to County Ordinances concerning the following:
 - (i) Public Works Regulations by adding a new Section 568;
 - (ii) Flood Control District by adding a new Section 529;
 - (iii) Sales Tax Licenses by adding a new Section 572;
 - (iv) Charter Schools by amending Section 410 in R1L Districts and Section 411 in RMM Districts; and
 - (v) Non-Transferable Use Permits by amending Section 582 of Use Permits.Art reported that the P&Z Committee determined that items (i) through (iv) above were not applicable to the Big Park area so the recommendation was to send a "No Comment" on those four. With regard to item (v), the P&Z Committee thought that additional clarification was necessary and is recommending a Resolution containing further amendment of Section 582. It was **Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Carried to send a "No Comment" letter to the County on items (i) through (iv) above and send the following Resolution with regard to item (v) above:**

RESOLVED THAT the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council has the following comments on the proposed amendments to the Planning and Zoning Ordinance: We respectfully submit that Section 582(C)(8) be amended to read as follows: “If any holder of a Use permit issued on a non-transferable basis (Permittee) proposes to (i) change the address of the Permittee; (ii) change the use of the permitted property; or (iii) change the ownership or operator of the permitted use or property, said Permittee shall provide at least thirty (30) days notice to the Development Services Department prior to the effective date of any such change.”

- (b) **Communications Abatement Committee – Carolyn Fisher** – Carolyn indicated that if this ad hoc committee is going to continue we will need a new chair.
- (c) **SR 179 Weed Abate Task Force – Gail Shaw Simpson** - Bill Kusner reported that a recent meeting with the USFS and ADOT resulted in a pulling back from what was reported from their prior meeting with these entities. The following represents what was agreed to with ADOT: 1. ADOT will weed-whack, mow, trim or spot-treat with herbicide the ROW, as needed, around the guard rails and other shoulder areas to address noxious, invasive weeds and other weeds that may actually protrude into the roadway itself; 2. ADOT will remove weeds in the curb cracks; 3. ADOT will clear debris off the ROW resulting from its weed abatement cutting and spraying; 4. Subject to ADOT reviewing and granting a permit; the community may, at its own expense: (i) contract services to mow or otherwise cut the tops off tall stems in the median. Such mowing or cutting will not occur less than 12-inches above the top of the curb and will take place only after the growing season; and (ii) supplement existing wildflowers with new seedings. New seedings must be accomplished without disrupting the existing soil, have a lab analysis of seed content, and be specifically approved by ADOT; 5. LeRoy Brady will provide the Task Force with information concerning which wildflower seeds were originally sown in that ROW median and shoulders as part of Project One.; and 6. The ADOT contact for the community to obtain any mowing and seeding permit is Audra Merrick.
- (d) **Redistricting Task Force – Dorothy O’Brien** - Dorothy reported that the final maps for the state legislature have been submitted to the US Department of Justice. The Verde Valley stays together on the revised maps and is focused toward Flagstaff. On the congressional level, part of the Verde Valley is in District 4 focused toward Flagstaff and the rest is in District 1 focused toward Prescott. Stay tuned for further developments.

9. Visitor Presentation – None.

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) **All-American Road Committee – AARC Chair Tom Graham** – Tom reported that the first test banner has been received and will be temporarily installed to ensure a proper fit. If it fits, the remainder of the banners will be ordered and installed.
- (b) **Forest Service – Paul Sullivan** – Carolyn reported that Paul had sent a written report stating that Heather Provencio (or someone else from USFS) will be appearing at the next Council meeting to speak about off-road travel rules in the National Forest. There was also a reminder about submitting comments concerning the Tobias/Flynn Environmental Site Assessment
- (c) **Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District – Tom Graham**- Tom reported that he had received an email from Chip Davis indicating that the legislation to convert the RRREMD to a citizen-run board had been accepted by the County Supervisors Association and that have an author for the bill and do not anticipate any opposition.
- (d) **SFD – Gary Johnson** – Gary talked about the proliferation of weeds due to the heavier than usual summer rains. Gary also thanked all the volunteers who give their time to make our community better.
- (e) **Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization (VVREO) – Tom Graham** – Tom reported on the Verde Valley Agricultural Coalition (VVAgC) that will be partnering with VVREO to promote a birth of agricultural sustainability in the Verde Valley. Tom also reminded everybody about the community dialogue being sponsored by VVREO on January 19 at Yavapai Community College to brainstorm ideas about the Verde River & its tributaries as a basis for economic growth in the region.

11. Old Business

a. Alternate Location for Council Meetings – Carolyn has a call in to Interim Fire Chief Terry Keller but has not heard back from him. There was some discussion about the offer from VOCA compared

to the facility at Station #3. The Executive Board will resolve this issue and report at the next meeting.

12. New Business

(a) Approval of 2012 Budget – Kathy Huffstetler reported a carryover from 2011 of \$3400, plus dues of \$3290, less expenses of \$3510 for a remaining balance of \$3180. The 2012 budget was presented to the Council. There was some discussion about adding an item to the budget for scholarships. There was a motion for two \$500 scholarships to be awarded. There was then a motion to table the Scholarship Motion to February. Motion to Table was approved with one nay vote. **Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Carried to approve the 2012 Budget as presented.**

(b) Standing Committee Member Appointments

1. Planning & Zoning: Art Toensmeier, Henry Reiter, Tom Graham, Steve Nelson, Bill Kusner and Dan Holcomb were **approved for the P&Z Committee by Motion duly Made, Seconded and Unanimously Carried..**

2. Transportation Committee – The list presented by Committee Chair John Gillam was **approved for the Transportation Committee by Motion duly Made, Seconded and Unanimously Carried.**

3. Recreation Committee – no word was received from Jay Markle, the current chair.

13. Announcements

(a) KSB Annual Awards Dinner – February 19 at Las Abrigados.

(b) Upcoming library sale announced

(c) Village Library will celebrate its 1-year anniversary with Lisa Heidinger Schnebley will speak.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas H. Graham, Secretary

EXHIBITS

A – Roll Call

B – Treasurer's Report