

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES OF COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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.

1. **Determine Quorum by Roll Call – a quorum was established with the following 18 members present:** Canyon Mesa, Cathedral Rock Ranch, Cathedral View II, 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. **8 Members absent:** Bell Rock Plaza Association Firecliff, Highland Estates, La Barranca II, Oak Creek CC Estates III, Oak Creek Estados, Sedona Village Lodging Assoc Wild Horse Mesa. Roll Call attached as Exhibit A.
2. **Agenda from Executive Board meeting**
The Executive Board met on February 6, 2012 at the USFS Admin Center, Sedona, AZ. New meeting time at 8:00 AM.
3. **President's Report – Carolyn Fisher, President** – Carolyn indicated that Mel Copen would be attending today's meeting for his first outing since being released from the hospital. Carolyn announced that we have reached an accommodation with SFD to pay the same rate the BPDWID pays and for the sake of continuity the Executive Board has decided to remain at SFD Station #3. Carolyn also reported on a meeting she and VP Paul Jankovsky had with Supervisor Chip Davis which she characterized as a good meeting with Chip continuing his interest and assistance to our community. Carolyn reported 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 reported that \$40 had been authorized by the Executive Board to purchase software to make it easier to distribute the agendas, minutes, etc. Finally, Carolyn announced the pending sale of Tequa to Baseline Investments from Denver.
4. **Presentation by Past President Mel Copen.** Mel was warmly welcomed to the meeting and Carolyn turned the meeting over to him for his presentation. Mel thanked the Council and many other members of the community for their support during his recent medical issues. Mel praised the medical facilities we have available in Cottonwood & Flagstaff. Mel indicated that he had written an article regarding how generous and giving a community we live in. Mel continued with challenges that lie ahead including a urgent care facility in our community. Mel recounted the chain of events that led to being admitted to the hospital for surgery at the Flagstaff Medical Center after a medivac helicopter ride from Cottonwood to Flagstaff. Mel then re-capped the current status of the Vision Effort and what remains to be done. Mel indicated he will arrange some assistance from the stalwarts of the Vision Effort to help us get to the final product. Finally, Mel made a presentation to Dave Norton of an award from the Council as VP and the "Supreme Computer Guru". Dave thanked Mel and the Council for the award and the teamwork that has worked on Council business. Dave then presented an award to Mel from the Council for his inspiration, motivation and dedication to the Council and the community for the past two years as president of the Council.
5. **New Members/Member Changes – Secretary Tom Graham** Hillie Triebess replaces Don Brush as an Alternate for Las Piedras.
6. **Secretary's report – Tom Graham**
(a) **Moved, Seconded and Unanimously Carried to approve the January minutes as distributed.**
7. **Treasurer's report – Mark Mumaw**
(a) Kathy Huffstetler gave the January, 2012 Treasurer's Report – No comments. Filed for audit and attached as Exhibit B.
(b) Consideration of Student Scholarship – Kathy reported on what had been done in 2009 including the criteria used to make the award. **Moved, Seconded and Carried to annually review each year to approve up to a \$1,000 scholarship to a local student to attend college. A Scholarship Committee was established this year consisting of Dorothy O'Brien, Don Beard and Dave Norton.**
8. **Corresponding Secretary's report – Tom Graham** – Correspondence from the Council went out to (i) John Harper at ADOT regarding support for the Weed Abatement Task Force; (ii) Yavapai county Development Services regarding the five proposed amendments to the County ordinances, four of which were "No Comment" and one of which

suggested a redraft of the amendment; and (iii) VOCA regarding the decision to remain at Station #3 and thanking VOCA for their generous offer.

- 9. 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) **Website Committee** – Carolyn indicated a change of focus of this Committee regarding internet communications using the website.
 - (b) **Communications Committee – Carolyn Fisher** – Carolyn indicated that this will tie-in with the re-focus of the Website Committee.
 - (c) **Transportation Committee – John Gillam** – Joanne Johnson reported in John's absence regarding the upcoming re-design of Verde Valley School Road to be re-done late this summer with shoulders on both sides.
 - (d) **SR 179 Weed Abatement Task Force – Gail Shaw Simpson** – Gail explained the history of the agreement with ADOT regarding over-seeding of wildflowers and mowing at the community's expense.
- 10. Visitor Presentation – Mike Dechter, USFS New Travel Management Rule (TMR)** – The new TMR affects all motor vehicle use in the Coconino NF. There has been a huge increase in motorized use and a required change was adopted in 2005 which has resulted in this TMR being implemented this April, 2012. Basically the TMR states that all roads and areas not designated for motorized use are closed to motorized use. New Motorized Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) will be re-published each year and will be available at no charge. There are some exemptions for fuel wood gathering, big game retrieval, snowmobiles, and certain camping corridors located within 300' of a road.
- 11. Other Reports (see reminder about display material under #9 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 all 15 banners have been installed to ensure a proper fit.
 - (b) **SFD – Gary Johnson** – Gary talked about the need to call 911 first to get the response time rolling.
 - (c) **Verde Valley Master Trails Plan – Dave Norton** – Dave spoke about the new Highline Trail and the process about getting a new trail approved.
 - (d) **Village Library Center** – Carolyn Fisher – Carolyn reported on another successful sale (\$3400+) and the speech by Lisa Schnebly Heidinger on her official AZ Centennial Book.
 - (e) **Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization (VVREO) – Tom Graham** – Tom reported on the community dialogue event attended by 100+ people 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.
- 12. Old Business**
- a. **Audit Committee Report** - Rick Baldauf, Margie Gershtenson & Paul Jankovsky reported that the Audit Committee had met and stated that the Council books were balanced as of 12/31/2011 and no issues to report.
 - b. **Joanne Johnson** reported that Beaverhead Flat Road would be milled and filled this summer and traffic flow may be affected.
- 13. New Business - None.**
- 14. Announcements**
- (a) KSB Annual Awards Luncheon – February 19 at Las Abrigados.
 - (b) Electronics Recycling Event – Sat, Feb 11 at Cottonwood Public Works yard.
- 15. Adjournment – Meeting was duly adjourned at 10:50 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas H. Graham, Secretary