

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES OF COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 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 Sheriff Scott Mascher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Determine Quorum by Roll Call – a quorum was established with the following 16 members present:** Bell Rock Plaza Association, Cathedral Rock Ranch, Cathedral View II, Firecliff, Highland Estates, Las Piedras, Oak Creek CC Estates I, Pine Valley, Pinon Woods I, Pinon Woods North III, Ridge at Sedona, Sedona Village Business Assoc., Sundance, Valley Vista Estates, Village Estates, & VOCA. **10 Members absent:** Canyon Mesa, La Barranca I, La Barranca II, Oak Creek CC Estates III, Oak Creek Estados, Pinon Woods East II, Sedona Golf Resort, Sedona Village Lodging Assoc, Village Park, & Wild Horse Mesa. Roll Call attached as Exhibit A.
2. **Agenda from Executive Board meeting**
The Executive Board met on March 5, 2012 at the USFS Admin Center, Sedona, AZ. New meeting time at 8:00 AM.
3. **President's Report – Carolyn Fisher, President**
 - (a) Carolyn indicated that our Roster needed some maintenance so check your information to see that it is correct and contact Paul Jankovsky or Tom Graham with any updates.
 - (b) Carolyn reported on a meeting attended by Carolyn, Joanne Johnson, Bill Kusner and Tom Graham with Supervisor Davis, Boise McDonald, and Tammy DeWitt. The subject matter of the meeting was a suggestion by the county that an innovative new signage ordinance needed to be worked on for the Big Park Community. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed to work with the County on this. Committee members are Tom Graham, Joanne Johnson, Bill Kusner, Mark Mumaw and Joan McClelland.
 - (c) Possible SFD candidate forum for the upcoming
4. **Presentation by Yavapai County Sheriff Scott Mascher.** Sheriff Mascher introduced the following personnel from the Sheriff's office that were present at the meeting: Dwight Develyn – Media & Community Relations Coordinator; Steve Skurja – Yavapai Silent Witness Director; Kori Skurja – Community Outreach Intern; Captain David Rhodes – Patrol Commander; Lt. Marc Schmidt – Eastern Area Patrol Commander; Sgt. Frank Barbaro – Detective Supervisor Eastern Area Investigations; and Detective Victor Dartt – Detective Eastern Area Investigations. The main subject matter of the Sheriff's presentation concerned the recent burglaries that have been occurring in our community. The Sheriff described how personnel resources have been pulled from other areas to saturate our community in an effort to catch the persons responsible. The Sheriff did indicate that an arrest has been made in the violent home invasion that occurred about six months ago. One of the victims in that incident was present at the meeting and commended the Sheriff's Department for their work. The Sheriff also emphasized that neighbors need to look out for neighbors and report anything suspicious. He encouraged us to be active with Neighborhood Watch and Silent Witness Programs. Currently the Sheriff has one deputy for every 2,700 residents. An extensive Q&A followed.
5. **New Members/Member Changes – Secretary Tom Graham** Tom reported that Village Park had designated Richard Shypertt as its representative replacing Bud Heiberger.
6. **Secretary's report – Tom Graham** – Tom reported that he sent the draft minutes for February, 2012, to the designated person for distribution but for some reason they were not distributed. This matter was tabled to the April meeting.
7. **Treasurer's report – Kathy Huffstetler**
 - (a) Kathy Huffstetler gave the February, 2012 Treasurer's Report – Present balance is \$5,432.44. No comments. Filed for audit and attached as Exhibit B.
8. **Corresponding Secretary's report – Tom Graham** – None.
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 that with the addition of the List Messenger software our website will be used for distribution of items to the community and the Council.
 - (b) **Recreation & Communications Committees** – New Chairs needed for these Committees.
 - (c) **Transportation Committee – John Gillam** – John reported the upcoming mill & fill of Verde Valley School Road from Bell Rock Blvd 1.4 miles. Also Beaverhead Flat Road will have the same "mill & fill" work done in late April.

- (d) **SR 179 Weed Abatement Task Force – Gail Shaw Simpson** – Gail reported that ADOT had agreed to the seed mixture proposed by Green Earth so that project can go forward.
- (e) **Scholarship Committee** – Has not yet met.
- (f) **Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee** – Work of this Committee has been completed so the Committee will be disbanded with thanks for a good job done.

10. 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 the AARC has agreed to pay for the SR 179 seeding & two mowing and also indicated that it could not continue to fund this in the future.
- (b) **SFD – Gary Johnson** – Gary talked about the upcoming fire season. New SFD chief will be present at the next Council meeting. Burn permits will start to be issued on March 12.
- (c) **Forest Service – Paul Sullivan** – Paul reported that the Yavapai Vista trailhead will be completed by the end of March. Heather also indicated during their conversation that this will not be a good wildflower season due to the lack of moisture.
- (d) **Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District – Tom Graham** – Tom reported that the legislation to convert the RRREMD to a citizen board unanimously passed the AZ on March 6 and there was a first reading the AZ Senate on March 7.

11. Old Business - None

- 12. New Business** – Carolyn asked the Council to consider a candidate forum for the upcoming SFD board election. After considerable discussion pro and con on specific issues involved, it was **Moved, Seconded and Carried with 1 nay vote that the Council sponsor a SFD candidate forum in our community with an independent moderator to be held at the VOCA clubhouse.**

13. Announcements

- (a) Free dump of yard waste at County from March 1 to June 1.
- (b) Free Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event 8-noon, 4/14/12 at Yavapai Public Works on Cherry Road
- (c) Imagination Library Launch, 3/9/12 from 2:45 - 6

14. Adjournment – Meeting was duly adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas H. Graham, Secretary