

**BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

1. **Determine Quorum by Roll Call – a quorum was established with the following 17 members present:** Bell Rock Plaza Association, Cathedral View II, Firecliff, Highland Estates, Las Piedras, Oak Creek CC Estates I, Oak Creek CC Estates III, Pine Valley, Pinon Woods I, Pinon Woods North III, Ridge at Sedona, Sedona Golf Resort, Sedona Village Business Assoc., Sedona Village Lodging Assoc., Valley Vista Estates, VOCA, & Village Park. **9 Members absent:** Canyon Mesa, Cathedral Rock Ranch, La Barranca I, La Barranca II, Oak Creek Estados, Pinon Woods East II, Sundance, Village Estates, Wild Horse Mesa.
2. **Agenda from Executive Board meeting**  
The Executive Board met on October 8, 2012 at the USFS Admin Center, Sedona, AZ. Meeting time at 8:00 AM.
3. **President's Report – Carolyn Fisher commented on the following items:**
  - (a) Carolyn introduced the day's speaker, Laura Jones, from the Friends of the Verde River Greenway.
4. **New Members/Member Changes – Tom Graham reported the following changes:** a. Las Piedras added Bill Kusner as 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate and Dorothy O'Brien as 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate; Oak Creek Country Club Estates III added Tom graham as the Representative and each all others listed became Alternates in the order they appear on the Roster; and Sedona Golf Resort has a new Representative, Lillian Lombardo, with Sally Gardner as the Alternate. Tom G indicated he had not yet received "official" notice of this change in writing. There was a report that multiple letters had been sent and Tom G asked that he be provided with a copy for Council records.
5. **Secretary's report – Tom Graham – Tom reported that the draft minutes for the September 13, 2012, regular meeting were distributed and no comments had been received. Moved, Seconded and Carried without objection to approve the September 13, 2012, minutes as distributed.**
6. **Treasurer's report – Kathy Huffstetler**
  - (a) Kathy had distributed the September, 2012 Treasurer's Report – No comments. Filed for audit.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's report – Tom Graham – Tom read a letter from the Sedona Library Board thanking Carolyn Fisher for her "untiring energy" in heading up the fundraising efforts for the SPL-Village. The letter also indicated that the Board has declared a moratorium on book sales for lack of volunteers and a slow economy.**
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. **Website Committee –** President Carolyn asked all representatives and alternates to check the Council website for errors, omissions and needed updates and email them to Carolyn.
  - b. **Transportation Committee – John Gillam –** John reported that the bids on the Verde Valley School Road Project will be approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 15 with construction to begin during the first week of November, 2012, with completion scheduled for mid-January, 2013.
  - c. **Vision & Enhancement Committee –** President Carolyn announced that Council VP **Paul Jankovsky** has agreed to serve as Chair of the Vision & Enhancement Committee. Paul spoke about the fundraising events that have been held and the upcoming blimp event with the assistance from the George Brazil Company.
9. **Visitor Presentation. Laura Jones, Outreach Coordinator of the Verde Watershed Restoration Coalition.** Laura, who is part of the Friends of the Verde River Greenway, one of the Coalition members, reported that the Coalition is working on eradicating invasive plant species on public and private land in the watershed. The Coalition is focusing on four invasive species: Saltcedar (tamarix spp.), Russian Olive (elaagnus angutifolia), Tree Of Heaven or Paradise Tree (ailanthus altissima), and Giant Reed or Cane (arundo donax). The five-year plan is to physically remove these plants from the watershed. There is no cost to the landowner and removing these plants will promote habitat improvement and healthier communities. Laura can be contacted at 928.451.6860 or [laura@verdewrc.org](mailto:laura@verdewrc.org)
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) **Sedona Fire District. Fire Marshall Gary Johnson** – Gary reported that this is fire prevention month and urged all homeowners to have a pre-arranged meeting place outside their home where family members should go when they leave the house due to fire. Gary also indicated the SFD Board meeting is in the Village this month on October 24.
- (b) **Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District (RRREMD) – Tom Graham** – Tom reported that the RRREMD Application Review Committee met and has agreed upon its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. These will be made public in the near future.
- (c) **State Parks – Jan Lisowski** – Jan invited everybody, on behalf of the Benefactors of Red Rock State Park to attend a free-admission event on November 3 with numerous activities all day.
- (d) **Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization (VVTPO) – John Gillam** – John reported that the third-lane heading south out of Camp Verde will be out for bid this month.
- (e) **Village Library Center – Carolyn Fisher** – Carolyn asked for volunteers to move books from the Smiths' garage and for suggestions of other fundraising activities.
- (f) **Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization (VVREO) - Tom Graham** – Tom indicated that the president of Yavapai College sponsored an Economic Development Summit at the college on September 19. Tom and Paul Jankovsky attended to represent the Council. Paul gave a short report on the event.
- (g) **USFS – Paul Sullivan** – Paul reported that he had received a note from Heather that a grant had been rewarded for a proper trail system for our area. Also Paul reported that a lot of work was being done on the Dry Creek Trailhead.

#### 11. Old Business

- a. **Nominating Committee – Moved, Seconded and Carried to approve the Nominating Committee this year with Chair Joanne Johnson plus Mark Mumaw & Jane Petty.** Their report is due next month.
- b. **Bylaw Committee – No report.**

12. **New Business** - Carolyn reported she had received a call from John Cornelius about putting A.S. flags on certain holidays along both sides of SR 179 and Verde Valley School Road. Tom Graham reported that the AARC discussed this issue at its October meeting and soon realized that this project was going to take a lot of volunteers and a lot of money to build the infrastructure to accomplish putting 100+ flags up and taking them down several times/year. The AARC discussed another option of putting additional banners on the pedestrian light poles with a flag rendition and this would be there every day of the year.

#### 13. Announcements

- (a) Solar Viewing & Star Party with private party telescopes at the USFS Visitor Center, October 20 @3:00 – 10:00 PM
- (b) Mel Copen Vision Fund Blimp Rides – October 20 & 21, Sedona Golf Resort Driving Range
- (c) Walk to End Alzheimer's on Oct 27 starting at Tequa, Dave Norton to form a Big Park Council Team
- (d) Village Bike Event October 20 & 21
- (e) KUDOS Folk Music Showcase @ Canyon Moon, November 8 @ 7:00 PM
- (f) At the request of Dorothy O'Brien, Tom Graham thanked everybody for their assistance and participation in the Celtic Harvest Festival/

#### 14. Adjournment – Meeting was duly adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas H. Graham, Secretary