

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 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 21 members present:** Bell Rock Plaza Association, Cathedral Rock Ranch, Cathedral View II, Firecliff, Highland Estates, La Barranca I, Las Piedras, Oak Creek CC Estates I, Oak Creek CC Estates III, Pine Valley, Pinon Woods East II, Pinon Woods North III, Ridge at Sedona, Sedona Golf Resort, Sedona Village Business Assoc., Sedona Village Lodging Assoc., Sundance, Valley Vista Estates, Village Estates, VOCA, & Village Park. **5 Members absent:** Canyon Mesa, La Barranca II, Oak Creek Estados, Pinon Woods I, Wild Horse Mesa.
2. **Agenda from Executive Board meeting**
The Executive Board met on December 10, 2012 at the USFS Admin Center, Sedona, AZ. Meeting time at 8:00 AM.
3. **President's Report – Carolyn Fisher – No report.**
4. **New Members/Member Changes** – Tom Graham reported the following changes: a. A letter was received from VOCA indicating that Duane DePaepe will remain as senior voting member with Glenn Brown as Alternate #1, Joanne Johnson as Alternate #2, and Joan McClelland as Alternate #3.
5. **Secretary's report – Tom Graham** – Tom reported that the draft minutes for the November 8, 2012, regular meeting were distributed. A few suggested corrections were received: 1. Section 3(a) to be deleted in its entirety; 2. Section 8(a) to include the term "cellular antennas" in the equipment description; 3. Section 8(b) to change the word "land" to "lane"; 4. Section 8(d) to add Heather's last name and title; and 5. Section 10(a) to change from "Marshall" to "Marshal". **Moved, Seconded and Carried without objection to approve the November 8, 2012, minutes as amended above.**
6. **Treasurer's report – Kathy Huffstetler**
(a) Kathy had distributed the November, 2012 Treasurer's Report – No comments. Filed for audit.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's report – 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 – Bill Kusner** – The cellular antennas at Bell Rock Plaza have been installed and the scaffolding has been taken down. Mark Mumaw reported on behalf of Bell Rock Plaza Association. Mark indicated that AT&T have been very responsive in replacing this equipment and have kept it well under what they are entitled to construct. With regard to the effects of this equipment, Mark indicated that a 3rd party study was done in 2001 which concluded that there were minimal effects on people and a new study is being done to update the one from 2001. Bill Kusner also reported that holding a cell phone up to your ear exposes you to significantly more radio frequency waves than the equipment of Bell Rock Tower.
 - b. **Transportation Committee – John Gillam – No report.**
 - c. **Vision & Enhancement Committee – Paul Jankovsky** – A Vision Committee meeting will take place immediately after the Council meeting.
 - d. **SR 179 Weed Abatement Committee – Gail Shaw Simpson** – Gail indicated that no decision has been made by the Forest Service.
 - e. **Bylaws Committee – Steve Fiedler** – The Bylaws Committee will meet and have a report at the January meeting.
9. **Visitor Presentation. County Supervisor Chip Davis.** Supervisor Davis stated how honored he was to be at the Council meeting this month to swear in the new citizen board members of the Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District (RRREMD) because he is so proud of the Big Park Community. Chip indicated that the Big Park Community is a role model for other communities in AZ to work together to solve issues than arise from time to time. The RRREMD was the first of its kind in the State of AZ. Supervisor Davis then had the new board members recite the Oath of Office for all public officials in AZ (Richard Sidy was not present at the Council meeting but would be sworn in later in the day by the Clerk of the County Board).

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 Marshal Gary Johnson** – Gary reported that there is an effort to promote better communication on the scheduling and notice on prescribed burns.
- (b) **Community Issues Committee – Paul Jankovsky** – Paul, reporting in Dave Norton's absence, indicated that reports had been given at this meeting by: Tim Ernster, Sedona City Mgr, who indicated that Sedona is doing well economically despite the downturn in the economy and that, compared to other comparable cities, violent crimes are decreasing and overall crime also compares favorably to other cities; James Perry from Yavapai College who indicated that curriculum at the college was aiding in economic development of the Verde Valley; Jennifer Wesselhoff, Chamber of Commerce President, who stated that Sedona compares favorably to Santa Fe and is listed as one of the top 20 tourist destinations in the U.S and the Sedona Chamber is hosting this year's Sedona Marathon.
- (c) **USFS – Paul Sullivan** – Paul reported that numerous people attended the trails system at SFD Station #3 on November 29. This endeavor is moving forward with meetings taking place monthly over the next several months. Next meeting was scheduled for December 20 at the Hilton. Dorothy O'Brien also reported that a group of NAU graduate students is doing a study on prescribed burns by the Forest Service.
- (d) **Yavapai County Sheriff** – Deputy Kevin Harper reported that a series of auto burglaries were experienced recently and all vehicles were unlocked at the time of the burglary.

11. Old Business

- (a) **Election of Officers**– The following persons were duly nominated and elected to Council officer positions for 2013: President - Ken Rouse; Vice President - Paul Jankovsky; Secretary – Joan McClelland; Treasurer – Carolyn Fisher (interim). The vote for these persons was unopposed.

12. New Business

- (a) **Appointment of the Council Budget Committee** – The following persons were duly appointed: Carolyn Fisher, acting Treasurer, Margie Gershtenson, Guillermo Lupe, & Paul Sullivan.

13. Announcements

- (a) Paul Jankovsky announced the sale of 2013 calendars featuring the photography of Bev & Mel Copen. Proceeds will go to the Mel Copen Vision Fund.
- (b) Carolyn announced that the Council will have a table at the Sedona 30-sponsored concert at the Performing Arts Center to be held Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 6:00 PM.
- (c) Jeff Dunn announced the Model Railroaders Show at the Outlet Mall from 12/15 – 12/29 from 11 – 4 each day except Christmas

14. Adjournment – Meeting was duly adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas H. Graham, Secretary