

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013

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

Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance: President Ken Rouse called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

1. **Determine Quorum by Roll Call – a quorum was established with 21 members present. 5 Members absent:** Highland Estates, La Barranca II, Oak Creek Estados, Wild Horse Mesa and Village Park

2. **Agenda from Executive Board meeting**

The Executive Board met on February 11 at the USFS Admin Center, 9:00 A.M.

3. **President's Report – Ken Rouse**-Ken reported that the Acts of Kindness event resulted in \$3000 in raffle ticket sales plus a donation of \$2600 from the Max James Family Foundation and \$400 in other contributions. These contributions included 10% of food sales from the Marketplace Cafe. The total to date that has been given to Steve Gardner, Principal of the Big Park Community School, is about \$6000 and additional funds are still coming in.

Ken introduced two guest speakers; Rob Adams, Mayor of Sedona and Amy Aossey, Executive Director of the Verde Food Council.

4. **New Members/Member Changes –Paul Jankovsky**-Deb Wilson, representative from Pinon Woods 1 will be the new Communications expert. Joe Gorka will be the representative from La Barranca 1..

5. **Secretary's report – Joan McClelland** – Joan reported that the draft minutes for the January 10, 2013, annual meeting were distributed. The spelling errors have been corrected. Two substantive corrections were made in Section 8b. Las Posadas proposed signage will be approximately 60 square feet. Also they have received a letter of support from their neighbor Brentwood Equities **Moved, Seconded and Carried without objection to approve the January 10, 2013, minutes as corrected.**

6. **Treasurer's report –Carolyn Fisher**-The January report was distributed to all the members. It will be filed for audit.

7. **Corresponding Secretary's report – No Report.**

8. **VISITOR PRESENTATIONS:**

(a)-**Rob Adams**- Mayor Adams noted that the Big park Council is the voice of the community. He asked for Council support of the Greater Sedona Substance Abuse Committee (GSSAC) in its efforts to obtain cooperation for its programs and efforts regarding alcohol and drug accountability.

The following resolution was Moved, Seconded and Passed without objection:

The Big Park Regional Coordinating Council, Inc. supports the efforts of GSSAC to promote the enhancement of health and safety of the greater Sedona Community by:

1. Providing public awareness of substance abuse issues and resources to motivate individuals and organizations toward healthier choices;
2. Advocating education, prevention intervention and treatment resources for persons at risk of or already engaged in substance abuse; and
3. Striving to eliminate substance abuse within all age groups in our community.

(b)-**Amy Aossey**-Amy spoke about the very real problem of hunger in our Sedona area. The

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Verde Food Council raises funds for food purchases by the Food Banks. She particularly spoke about children from families that qualify for free or reduced school lunches. Some of these children are given a backpack of food on Friday for the weekend. The packs contain five meals and snacks for the child. The program is completely anonymous. Actually, in the Big Park student population twenty four students now receive the backpacks. Many more could qualify for the program. Volunteers and funding are needed to expand the effort. She referred us to the website "verdefood.org" for further information.

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.

Recreation committee-Ken Rouse-This committee is important and needs members. Anyone interested in serving contact Ken.

P&Z Committee-Tom Graham-The committee has considered a request for a variance in setbacks for a parcel in Pine Valley. This variance will come up before the Yavapai County Board of Adjustment and Appeals. The committee would like to request his issue be postponed for a later meeting of the Board. **Moved seconded and passed with one abstention that the following statement be sent to the Board:** "Mark Mumaw abstained because he is going to be appointed to this Board"

" Even though an initial overview of the application by the Council's P&Z Committee may indicate the application has merit and could receive Council endorsement, these observations need to be confirmed by a meeting with the applicant or his agent, as well as hearing from Pine Valley neighbors.

Accordingly the Council recommends that the hearing on the application be deferred until after the February 21,2013 hearing of the Board of Adjustment and Appeals."

Transportation Committee – John Gillam -John presented the names of the members of the committee. Sheri Walters, Joanne Johnson and John Gillam, Temporary Chairperson. Alternate members are Jim Gibson, Hugh Coble and Cullen Hollister. The committee was approved.

Vision & Enhancement Committee – Paul Jankovsky – A Vision Committee meeting will take place immediately after the Council meeting at 11 o'clock.

SR179 Weed Abatement-Gail Simpson –A letter was received from Heather Provencio, district Ranger, which in essence says they will do nothing-native plants will suffice. The committee has not had time to meet since they received this letter. The Council voted unanimously that the committee move forward to work to find a solution and come back to the Council with their recommendations.

10. Other Reports (see reminder about display material under #8 above)

(a) **Sedona Fire District- Fire Chief- Kris Kazian**- The chief reminded those present that all Fire Board meetings are open to the public. The next two meetings will be preceded by a workshop on the budget. Assessed property valuations are down double digits. The dates for the meetings are February 27 in Sedona and March 27 here in Big Park. The times for the meetings will be available on the Fire Department website.

(b) **Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District "RRREMD"-Tom Graham**-The committee elected Dave Norton as Chair and Mark Mumaw as Vice Chair. They had a very productive hard working session with the persons retained by the County who work with citizen groups such as RRREMD. The meetings are open to the public. They meet on the third Tuesday at 2 P.M. at VOCA.

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(c) **Yavapai County Sheriff Office-Sgt. Dan Wilson-** They have worked with the schools on the lock down plans now in effect. There is a lot of police presence at the school.

11. **Old Business-**

(a) **Bylaw changes -Steve Fiedler-**The suggested changes to the Bylaws were passed out at the January meeting to be voted on in February. President Rouse called for the vote. **Moved seconded and passed without objection to approve the Bylaw changes as presented.**

(b) **Village View Distribution-Mark Mumaw-** he has spoken with Kyle Larson about the issue. Kyle has received much more positive reports about the news than negative.

Council members have received a proposed letter to the News written by Bill Pumphrey. The Council made some changes to the letter and will send it out to the Red Rock News as edited. **Moved seconded and passed without objection to send the attached letter .**

12. **New Business-**

(a) **Audit committee needed-**We need an audit committee for the 2012 Treasurer's Records. Ken asked those willing to serve to contact him after the meeting.

(b) **Scholarship Committee-The Council moved ,seconded and passed a motion to give a one thousand dollar scholarship to a Big Park Red Rock High School graduating senior this year .** Bob Croft volunteered to be the Chair of the committee.

(c) **Sign Committee-**President Ken Rouse asked Tom Graham to call a meeting of this committee to select a chairperson. Committee members are Mark Mumaw, Joan McClelland, Bill Kusner, Joanne Johnson and Tom Graham.

13. **Announcements**

(a)-**Verde River Basin annual meeting-**The Council is a member of this organization. The annual meeting will be at the Cliff Castle Casino on Tuesday February 19 from 2: 30 p.m. to 4:30p.m. Ann Kirkpatrick, our Congressional Representative will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

(b)-**Dave Norton will give Microsoft Word lessons.** Contact him if you are interested.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58.

Respectfully submitted

Joan McClelland, Secretary

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