

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
APRIL REGULAR MEETING
9:00 A.M., Thursday, April 11, 2013
Sedona Fire District Station #3, 125 Slide Rock Road, Sedona, AZ 86351

Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance

1. Determine Quorum by Roll Call – a quorum was established with 22 members present. Four members absent: Bell Rock Plaza, La Barranca II, Pinon Woods East and Wild Horse Mesa.

2. Agenda from Executive Board meeting

The Executive Board met this month at the Red Rock Ranger Station, 8375 SR 179 – April 8, at 9 A.M.

3. President's Report – Ken Rouse

(a) Ken introduced Steve Gardner, Principal of the Big Park Community School and Harvey Grady, President of the Verde Food Council. There will be an acts of kindness event for the Food Council at the Marketplace Café this month. \$26 admission at the door per person will go directly to the Food Council.

The Canyon Moon Theater is closing due to lack of support.

4. New Members/Member Changes-Big Park Community School and Verde Valley School were unanimously accepted as new Council Members. The Big Park School representative is Steve Gardner with Matt Schumacher and Michelle Johnson as alternates. Verde Valley School Representative is Graham Frey with Dana Blavat and John Kelley as alternates.

5. Secretary's report – Joan McClelland

(a) The Transportation section of the March draft minutes will be corrected to show the members of the Committee and the fact that they were approved by the Council. Also the Sedona Fire District speaker's title is corrected to Chief of Operations.

The corrected minutes were accepted by the Council.

6. Treasurer's report – Carolyn Fisher

(a) March Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

7. Corresponding Secretary's report – Tom Graham- No report

8. Committee Reports --- A reminder for Committee Chairs that display material for the screen must be submitted one week in advance.

(a) **Recreation Committee – Ken Rouse**-The committee members are Dana Blavat ,Chair and Jan Lisowski and Kim Jackson. Council approved the committee members.

(b) P&Z Committee – Bill Kusner

(1)Villas at Las Piedras, Phase 2. –The P&Z Committee recommends approval of the preliminary Plat application and commends the developer for preserving the mature trees. The application to the County made minor changes to unit placement to preserve the existing trees. Road way widths will be 30 feet and double chip seal. The Council unanimously supported the P&Z recommendation. Henry Reiter abstained from the vote because of his involvement with the project.

(2)Worley Property-It appears that there are errors in the request. No comments will be made by the P&Z Committee.

(3)Tequa Signs-Owner wants to add two monument signs at the two entries to the property. Before any recommendation can be made the Tequa PAD provisions must be amended to support this signage addition. No action will be taken at this time.

(4)Encore Sign-This is a variance request to exceed the 32 sq.ft. commercial office complex center sign with addition of a 24 sq.ft. specific business sign for the Encore Theater on the existing sign. The P&Z committee recommends approval of the sign with the following stipulations: 1.Change from red background to a more neutral color. 2. Remove the telephone number and e mail address as it provides too much clutter that close to the roundabout. 3.. Design sign to be dark sky compliant. The Council voted unanimously to support the P&Z recommendations

(C) Transportation Committee-Don Beard- ADOT will have a meeting in Flagstaff May 10 for public input on their five year plan. This is the time to voice thoughts about the inclusion of the Hwy 179 and I-17 interchange construction.

The Verde Valley rip rap issues presented at our March meeting have been resolved.

(D)Vision Committee- Paul Jankovsky- The committee presents for Council approval the following Vision Statement. (This will be on the agenda for our May meeting.)

Our vision is to inspire stewardship of our natural environment, the Big Park/Village of Oak Creek (Community) and the amenities that enhance the lives of our residents and visitors by:

. **Protecting and preserving the pristine natural beauty of the Red Rock Country surrounding our Community**

. **Nurturing a sense of community spirit and citizen involvement in the Community by maintaining our small town atmosphere and values;**

. **Creating a”Sense of Place” through the amenities and businesses that enhance the lives of residents and visitors along the Red Rock Scenic Byway, Arizona’s first All American Road;**

. **Building bridges of communication and cooperation within the greater Sedona Area and other Verde Valley communities, recognizing that our decisions and actions have an impact throughout the area.**

(E) SR 179 Median Weed Abatement – Gail Shaw Simpson –The committee has written a letter to the Coconino Forest district Ranger, Heather Provincio, in reply to her letter to them in which she stated the requests of the committee are denied. The Council voted unanimously to approve sending the letter.

(F)Signage committee-Tom Graham- The committee met with Yavapai County Development Services staff . The staff had suggested that some amendments may be pursued to modify the County Sign ordinance to better fit our unincorporated community.

9. Visitor Presentations

(A) Harvey Grady- Chair of the Verde Food Council- He said that one third of the children in Yavapai County are in need of supplementary food. The Big Park School provides to the children in need a backpack of food each weekend consisting of 4 meals and 2 snacks. The cost to buy this food is \$6. Ken Rouse said the monies collected at the Acts of Kindness event will go to fund these backpacks.

(B) Steve Gardner, Principal – Big Park Community School –The money from the previous Acts of Kindness event-(in excess of six thousand dollars) was used to update the computer equipment to enable the school to have a robotic program for the fourth grade. Slides were shown of the children using these tools.

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

BPRCC seeks to have attendees at meetings of the following organizations. In the interest of shortening our meetings, these reports will be made on a rotating schedule of 2-3 per month:

(f) Sedona Fire District (Kris Kazian)- The Fire Board budget will be up for approval in May. There was a meeting two months ago of all Verde Valley interested Fire Board members and staffs and the general public to discuss possible consolidations and or mergers. The Sedona Fire Board sees no financial advantages to our district to pursue this. We do have some services we already share with other districts such as dispatch services.

(k) Village Library Center (Carolyn Fisher) – Our library in the Village has a \$16,000 shortfall. Yavapai County is the only funding source for this library. The book sales held for the library helped but could not cover such a large deficit. Carolyn needs funding ideas. **Please contact her if you can help.** Carolyn said a sign on Hwy 179 indicating the library location is needed.

(m) Yavapai County Sheriff's Office (Dan Winslow) –The radar trailers continue to count traffic even when they appear to be off. He reiterated that dogs must be on a lease particularly in the play ground area near VOCA.

11. Old Business - I-17 / SR 179 Interchange –ADOT meeting on their five year plan will be in Flagstaff on May 10. Ken Rouse reported that David Gill has letters of support from the other Sedona entities to ask ADOT to put this interchange construction back into their plan

12. New Business- Two community members voiced their concerns about possible health and safety issues in connection with the APS proposal to install smart meters on all the homes and businesses in our area.

13. Announcements

(a) Verde River Basin Partnership Meeting Today (April 11) from 4 to 6 pm at Camp Verde Multi-Use Complex --- Camp Verde Unified School, 280 Camp Lincoln Rd., Camp Verde. Phone: 928-567-1946

(b) Public Hearing for ADOT's Tentative Five-Year Program, 9:00 am on April 12 in Tucson.

(c) ADOT Public Hearing Again on May 10 in Flagstaff --- 9:00 am at Flagstaff Council Chambers, 211 West Aspen Avenue.

(d) Saturday, April 13th, Star Party at Red Rock Ranger Station --- 3 PM to 10 PM for Solar Viewing

(e) Alzheimer's Walk - Saturday, Oct. 26. Need Volunteers

(f) Microsoft Word Class- Dave Norton will be giving this class free of charge here in the Fire Station. Date to be announced. Sign up sheets for the class were passed around.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:19

Respectfully submitted
Joan McClelland, Secretary