

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 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 9:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

1. **Determine Quorum by Roll Call – a quorum was established with the following 22 members present:** Cathedral Rock Ranch, Cathedral View II, Firecliff, Highland Estates, La Barranca I, La Barranca II, Las Piedras, Oak Creek CC Estates I, Oak Creek CC Estates III, Oak Creek Estados, Pine Valley, Pinon Woods I, Pinon Woods East II, Ridge at Sedona, Sedona Golf Resort, Sedona Village Business Assoc., Sundance, Valley Vista Estates, Verde Valley School, Village Estates, VOCA, & Village Park. **6 Members absent:** Bell Rock Plaza Association, Big Park Community School, Canyon Mesa, Pinon Woods North III, Sedona Village Lodging Assoc., Wild Horse Mesa.
2. **Agenda from Executive Board meeting**
The Executive Board met on May 6, 2013 at the USFS Admin Center, Sedona, AZ. Meeting time at 9:00 AM.
3. **President's Report – Ken Rouse –**
 - (a) Cheryl Yeatts from the Sedona Public Library will make a presentation today.
 - (b) Glen & Lorie Bartlett were introduced as guests.
4. **New Members/Member Changes –** Tom Graham reported the following changes: a. A letter was received from Village Park Condominiums indicating that Gail Schevey will be their main representative with Dave Norton as the Alternate.
5. **Secretary's report – Joan McClelland –** Tom, filling in for Joan McClelland, reported that the draft minutes for the May 9, 2013, regular meeting were distributed and there have been no suggested changes received. **Moved, Seconded and Carried without objection to approve the May 9, 2013, minutes as distributed.**
6. **Treasurer's report – Neil Pope**
 - (a) Neil reported one check this month for \$268 for the liability insurance – 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) **Recreation Committee – Dana Blavat, Chair.** Dana reported the members of her committee for approval by the Council: Carolyn Fisher, Charlotte Gorman, Kim Jackson, Jan Lisowski & Chrissy Walter. **Moved, Seconded and Carried without objection to approve the Recreation Committee members.** Dana also reported that one of the goals of the Committee was to create an effective communications network to make the community aware of local activities
 - (b) **P&Z Committee – Bill Kusner, Chair –**
 - (i) The first item brought before the meeting was the zoning change for a lot in Wild Horse Mesa that is separated by a road that the County built. The owner, Kate McGahan, is asking for each of these pieces of land be approved as two separate parcels as R1L-10 instead of the one parcel as R1L-35. The P&Z Committee recommends "No Comment" on this request. **Moved, Seconded and Carried without objection to approve the report of the P&Z Committee for "No Comment".**
 - (ii) The second item was the request for setback reduction for the Klein property on the corner of Verde Valley School Road and Skyline Circle. This issue has been thoroughly vetted by VOCA which approved the request. **Moved, Seconded and Carried without objection to approve the report of the P&Z Committee for "No Comment".**
 - (c) **Transportation Committee, Don Beard, Chair.** Don reported some informational items: The I-17 southbound past Camp Verde has some speed restrictions so be alert; and northbound I-17 around Munds Park there will be paving underway so watch for delays there; there will also be chip-sealing underway at East Bell Rock Blvd and Cochise so be aware of delays/congestion there. Don asked Dave Norton to give a report on his attendance at the ADOT public hearing regarding the new ADOT Five-Year Plan, particularly our issue about the failure of that new Five-Year Plan to include any work at the I-17/SR 179 interchange which had been on the previous Five-Year Plan. Dave reported another closure on I-17 at Cordes Junction with paving underway on both north and south lanes. Dave

also reported that David Gill and he attended the hearing in Flagstaff regarding the new Five-Year Plan on May 10. There was no discussion of our interchange issue.

(d) Vision & Enhancement Committee – Paul Jankovsky, Chair – Paul reported that now that the Vision Committee has adopted its Vision Statement, it is time to start moving to some specific vision goals. The Committee will be using what has been done with the Community Survey. The latest Village View Larson publication did an article about the Vision Statement.

(e) SR 179 Weed Abatement Committee – Gail Shaw Simpson, Chair – Gail has resigned as chair of this committee and provided an update as to where things stand. Gail read the final response from former District Ranger Heather Provencio declining to approve the committee's proposal. Bill Kusner volunteered to act as Interim Chair until the committee finds a permanent replacement.

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

BPRCC seeks to have attendees at meetings of many organizations.

(a) All-American Road Committee – Tom Graham – Tom reported that 1. The AARC took action on the Aria sculpture that is being offered to the community by Gardens for Humanity. In response to an inquiry from the AARC about whether Gardens for Humanity would consider an alternate site for the sculpture, the Gardens for Humanity Board responded in the affirmative so long as the site provided the public with a view of the sculpture and the red-rock mountains provided a backdrop for the placement site. There are definite drawbacks for a placement in the first, or any other, roundabout on SR 179 due to large size and lack of an optimal 360-degree view of the sculpture. This is an ongoing issue and the AARC will be soliciting opinions from other community organizations including the Big Park Council; and 2. The AARC hosted a presentation from Jeffrey Lehmann who is the creator and host of the award-winning "Weekend Explorer" series on PBS TV. Jeff is a huge fan and booster of America's national parks and he discussed with the AARC the possibility of developing a series on America's Scenic Byways and All-American Roads. Edgar Lozoya at the Hilton, who is a member of the AARC, has offered Jeff and his crew to come here this summer and stay for no charge at the Hilton to do filming for 4-5 days and try to get the Red Rock Scenic Byway as the first episode of the new Scenic Byway Series on PBS TV. Jeff uses the concept of "Crowd Funding" to raise money for filming and productions costs. Tom passed around the new Rack Card of the AARC which appears to qualify for distribution at the Forest Service Visitor Center.

(b) Sedona Fire District. Fire Marshal Gary Johnson – Gary reported that this is fire season. Gary also asked residents to think about where the water is going to go during the monsoons.

(c) U.S. Forest Service – Dorothy O'Brien – Dorothy reported on the latest series of meetings on trails planning led by the Forest System. This endeavor is moving forward with meetings taking place monthly over the next several months. Next meeting is scheduled for June 13 at the Hilton.

(d) Yavapai County Sheriff – Sergeant Dan Winslow reported that the series of recent auto arsons has been solved and a suspect is in custody. Sgt. Winslow also talked about an updated notification system you can sign up for to receive notifications about emergencies in process.

(e) Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District (RRREMD) – Tom Graham – Tom reported that the new citizen board of the RRREMD is voting on next year's budget at their upcoming meeting at VOCA on June 20, 2013 @ 2:00 PM.

11. Old Business

(a) Update on O'Connor House "Speak Out AZ" – Dorothy O'Brien urged people to go to the www.icivics.org website for all the programs that are promoting civil discourse in our schools and country.

12. New Business

(a) Special Guest Cheryl Yeatts, Manager – Sedona Public Library in the Village – Cheryl made a spirited and informative presentation concerning the myriad services being provided by the Library to this community. Cheryl has been at her position for about three years. Original Village Library opened in 2005. Located now in Tequa. All usage of the Village Library has increased each year based on statistics presented by Cheryl. Lots of outreach programs are being provided and are well-attended. There is an ongoing rotating artist program displayed at the Library. Cheryl is the only paid staff and there are many volunteers without whom the Village Library could not operate. The limited budget is always a challenge and they need better signage. Book sales have been stopped as they were becoming unmanageable.

13. Announcements

(a) Forest Service Trails Meeting, Thursday, June 13th, 6 – 8 PM at Hilton.

(b) Encore Theater Free Show thru this Saturday, June 15 for residents.

(c) WORD Class by Dave Norton, Wednesday, June 19th 9AM – 5PM at SFD Station #3.

(d) Celtic Festival at Poco Diablo Resort, September 21, 2013.

(e) Acts of Kindness event planned October 24-27, 2013, in conjunction with the Alzheimers Walk and probably Big Brothers /Big Sisters.

14. Adjournment – Meeting was duly adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas H. Graham, Secretary

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