

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC
AUGUST REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
9:00 A.M., Thursday, August 8, 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 20 members present-eight members absent-Bell Rock Plaza Association, Pine Valley, Pinon Woods II East, Pinion Woods I Sedona Golf Resort HOA ,Verde Valley School, Valley Vista Estates and Wild Horse Mesa.

2. Agenda from Executive Board meeting

The Executive Board met at the Red Rock Ranger Station, 8375 SR 179 on August 5 at 9 A.M.

3. President's Report – Ken Rouse-Ken welcomed those present He introduced Scott Schwisow who is representing the Fire District. After the agenda for this meeting was distributed, Ken received an e-mail from Laura Belmar concerning the proposed change in APS billing rates for homes using solar energy. A flyer was passed around at this meeting concerning this proposal.

4. Secretary's report – Joan McClelland- Corrections were made to Sections 8 and 9 in the draft minutes. The corrected minutes were approved by the Council.
A letter has been received from the President of Cathedral Rock II HOA appointing Stan Loft as alternate.

5. Treasurer's report - Neil Pope's August report will be filed for audit. The second half of the liability insurance has been paid.

6. Guest Speaker-Amy Aossey- She thanked the community for the \$6000 donation from the last Act Of Kindness event. There is a new pilot program starting to sign up people to be long term donors to the Food bank (Yavapai Food Neighbors Project). She showed a video about this effort. Green bags will be given to those participating in the project The bags of food will be collected every other month by volunteers in the community. The first collection of items will be brought to the Sedona YMCA on August 17 for weighing and sorting. Then the food will be donated to local food banks.. There will be an "Open House" for the greater Sedona community at the YMCA on this date from 11:15 to 12:30.

7. Committee Reports --.

(a) Recreation Committee – Dana Blavat –No report.

(b) P&Z Committee-Bill Kusner –We have been asked to comment on two items.

(a)Yavapai County Planning and Zoning Commission Wells Fargo is applying for an ATM machine on a portion of a parcel in Bell Rock Plaza. The Council voted unanimously to support the P&Z Committee recommendation to approve this

(b)Yavapai County Board of Adjustments and Appeals- Factory Outlets is requesting a variance to add footage to the existing free standing entrance sign and to allow both permitted center identification signs to advertise the types of business in the complex. Ken Rouse is agent for the owner and recused himself as Council President at this point. Carolyn Fisher became the acting president. The Planning and Zoning Committee had voted three to two to recommend approval of the variance but they added a request that the County attach a stipulation to any approval to ensure the signage code will be fully enforced including any recurring signage violations at the (Factory Outlet) site. The Council voted unanimously to approve the Committee recommendation.

(c) Transportation Committee-John Gillam - gave an update on highway improvements on 1-17 and SR169. The rest stop at McGuireville will be closed until September 3. There was discussion about the Stop signs at Bell Rock Blvd. and Verde Valley School Road. A letter will be sent from the Transportation Committee to the County expressing concerns about this signage.

d) Vision & Enhancement Committee-Paul Jankovsky-No report

(e) Median Weed Abatement Committee-Bill Kusner-There is a meeting on this scheduled for August 20 This committee needs more volunteers..

(f) Signage Committee-Tom Graham-The committee was working with Boyce McDonald on this and will continue when Boyce's replacement is made.

8. Other Reports

(a) All American Road Committee - Tom Graham –"Weekend Explorer"- PBS program, will be filming here about our Scenic Highway. A motion was approved to use the Big Park Council mailing list to distribute information about this event. Donations are needed to fund the filming expenses. There will be a crew of five people here for four days to make the film.

(b)Forest Service-Paul Sullivan-The Forest Service is holding a meeting on Thursday, August 29 at 6P.M. in the Tequa Ballroom to discuss community desires for trail improvements and possible additions to the present trail system. Paul said hikers want the existing trails maintained and some bikers want new trails. There is a shortfall in Forest Service funds for maintenance. The Forest service is requesting everyone to fill out their survey about the trail needs in the Sedona area An organization called the Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund has been formed to help raise funds for the Forest Service to supplement their maintenance funds Contact laurenbrownwithane@gmail.com for further information.

(c) Sedona Fire District – Scott Schwisow – gave an update on the construction of Station 6 in the Chapel Area. Scott told us about a Firewise community group in the Oak Creek Canyon area. More information about such groups will be passed out at future meetings.

(d) Sherrif's Office-Dan Winslow The telephone numbers where the sherrif's office can be contacted will be in the Villager. Send to him the letter of concerns about the Stop signs on Verde Valley School Road

and Bell Rock Blvd. They are recruiting for a new deputy to replace the one who was recently promoted and is no longer stationed in Big Park.

Verde Valley Master Regional Trails Plan Committee- Paul Sullivan volunteered to chair this committee.

9. Old Business

(a) Aria Sculpture

Tom Graham Gardens for Humanity suggested placing this on the first roundabout on Hwy.179 The All American Road committee investigated this offer. He introduced Paul Gazda with Gardens for Humanity who explained that they are looking for a public place for the sculpture. A picture of the sculpture with its dimensions will be sent out to Council members for their comments.

(b) Smart Meters Forum- Craig Dible reported that a public meeting about the installation of smart meters is scheduled for September 8 at VOCA. APS will be participating in the meeting.

10. Announcements

(a) Celtic Harvest Festival will be held at Poco Diablo Resort on September 21, 2013. Dorothy O'Brien requested help including golf cart type vehicles for the event. Business sponsors are still needed.

(b) Walk to End Alzheimers will take place on October 26, 2013. Dave Norton stated that everyone is welcome to attend including wheelchair participants. The VIP's will be there to handle traffic. Dave needs Council members to join him as a team for this event. More details and a signup sheet at the September meeting.

©"Acts of Kindness" event is scheduled for October 24-27.,2013. Big Brothers and Big Sisters as well as the national Alzheimers organization will be recipients of the funds raised.

Meeting adjourned 10:25 Respectfully submitted Joan McClelland, Secretary