

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, September 12 ,2013

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

Call to order - Pledge of Allegiance: President Rouse called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM..

1. **Determine Quorum by Roll Call** – a quorum established with 23 members present 5 members absent- Bell Rock Plaza, La Barranca I,Oak Creek Country Club Estates I, Pinon Woods II East, and Wild Horse Mesa.

2. **Agenda from Executive Board meeting**

The Executive Board met on September 9 at 9a.m. at the Red Rock Ranger Station

3. **President's Report – Ken Rouse**

(a) Ken welcomed those attending the meeting. Warren Woodward and the Smart Meter Awareness group will be making a presentation.

4. **Secretary's Report -Joan McClelland-** Punctuation errors and a spelling error were corrected. The minutes were approved as presented.

5. **Treasurer's Report-Neil Pope-**The August report was accepted for audit.

6. **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-**Jennifer Warren was approved unanimously to be a new member of this committee. Dana reported that they had explored the possible use by the public of one of the pool at local hotels. No interest to date on this. They are looking into an Arts and Crafts festival for Big Park community members.

(b) **P&Z Committee – Bill Kusner** – No action items for this month. New signage for Tequa Plaza will be coming up at a future meeting.

(c) **Transportation Committee-Don Beard-**New signs are being installed by ADOT on Hwy 179 between Camp Verde and Flagstaff. The question was asked about possible improvements to the interchange at I-17 and Hwy.179. Don said this is not in the present five year plan for ADOT.

(d) **Vision Committee-Paul Jankovsky-**David Gill has been approached by a local realtor to help in writing a series of articles for the Villager and possibly Kudos that would highlight the amenities offered throughout the Big Park area. He would like to have Council approval before doing this. Following discussion at the September meeting, it was decided to delay action on this until our October meeting with the understanding that David would provide a copy of the monthly article to the Executive Board before submitting it to the newspaper, should he wish to be endorsed by the Council

There are many illegal signs placed in the roundabouts. Paul will inquire if the local Sheriff's Office can help with their removal.

(e)**SR 179 Weed Abatement Task Force-Bill Kusner-**Bill showed two slides of the median on Hwy.179 from the Ranger Station to the beginning of the Special Improvement District boundary- one slide with the weeds at present there and one without weeds. The weed free median will have a dual weed barrier and a mixture of small stones as groundcover. and will not be any additional cost to the taxpayer. Bill is asking Council members to poll their members to see which of the two proposals they would prefer. The committee would like to have a substantial number of the HOA's vote and say yes to the weed free proposal. The consensus would be given to the new District Ranger or go up the chain of command if necessary.

7. Other Committee reports

(a) All American Road Committee-Tom Graham- "Weekend Explorer" will be doing a photo shoot here in November. Efforts are underway to raise the twenty to thirty thousand dollars needed to make this possible. This will be the first program highlighting a scenic road in Arizona.

(b) Sedona Fire District-Gary Johnson-He spoke about a fire in West Sedona caused by placing a mattress right next to a wall outlet.

Gary said in light of the recent heavy rains in our area we should watch where the water goes. If you get flooding you may call the Fire Department and they may be able to help

All crews have gotten training about problems that can happen with solar collectors.

(c) Yavapai County Sheriff's Office-Dan Winslow-There have been some burglaries in the Pine Valley area. He asked that we keep an eye out for suspicious persons in our area.

Judy Valentine is leaving our local office. There will be a replacement for her in one month. In the meantime there will be someone in the local office only one or two days a week.

He alerted us to frauds being directed to the elderly. Do not give your social security number to phone requests.

(D) Village Library-Cheryl Yeatts- Library hours are 1-5 Tuesday through Friday and 9-1 on Saturday.

There are computers there for public use. Books may be requested from any library in the County She noted that all the funding for our library comes from Yavapai County.

8 Old Busines -Tom Graham-Our members have been asked for their comments on the possible placement of the "Aria" sculpture in public areas on the highway. There is no support for putting the sculpture in the roundabouts or ADOT right of way.

9 New Busines.

(a) Nancy Zielinski-Reminded us that the Override Vote for our Public Schools will be a mail in vote. Ballots will go out in mid October. She passed out flyers that describe the need for the override and encouraged all to vote YES for our schools. On Wednesday, September 25, there will be a public forum about the override at Los Abrigados.

(b) Graham Frey-head of the Verde Valley School announced there will be a fund raising event at the School On October 12 at 6:00p.m. Monies raise will go to scholarships for Sedona area students to attend the school. There will be entertainment by a Bluegrass Family Band. A buffet dinner with beer and wine will be followed by a silent auction Western wear is encouraged. Cost is \$50 per person. To purchase tickets call 284-2272 or RSVP @www.vvsaz.org/bluegrass

10. Announcements

(a) Celtic Harvest Festival Dorothy O'Brien- There is still a need for volunteers for this event. Next year- 2014- the Festival will be held at the Verde Valley School Grounds.

(b) Walk to end Alzheimers-October 26 beginning at Tequa Center. Registration starts at 8 .am.

© "Acts of Kindness Upcoming event, October 26-27

(d) Artist's reception for "Spiritwood Carvings" by Husain Abdul-Alim, September 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.. at the Village Library.

(e) "Japanese Interment in Arizona" presented by Dr.Karen Leong a,September 23 at 1:30p.m. at Sedona Winds.

(f) 2013 State of the City Address, September 26 at Sedona City Council Chambers, 102 Roadrunner Drive beginning at 5;00 p.m. All are invited. RSVP 928-204-7127.

(g) Healthy Communities: Focus on Mental Health,September25, 6:00 to 900 p.m. at Sedona Center for Arts and Technology, 4215 Arts Village Drive, Room 34.

(h) Bluegrass Fund raising event October 12 , 6:00 p.m.at Verde Valley School.

11. Special presentation by the Sedona Smart Meter Awareness Group- Joan McClelland introduced Warren Woodward, Nancy Baer and Monnie Ramsell. APS refused an invitation to be part of a forum to discuss smart meters at the VOCA community center.. The Big Park Council Executive committee invited the Smart Meter Awareness group to make a presentation at today's meeting. APS was also invited to participate. They refused the invitation.

A twenty minute video outlining concerns with the installation of smart meters was shown This video will be available on our website.

At the end of the video a motion was made to bring up the smart meter question for a possible vote at our regular October meeting Motion passed unanimously.

14. Adjournment – Adjourn at 11:00 a.m. A question and answer session about smart meters followed.
Respectfully Submitted,

Joan McClelland, Secretary