

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC
OCTOBER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
9:00 A.M., Thursday, October 10, 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 23 members present-5 members absent- Canyon Mesa Townhouse Association, Oak Creek Country Club Estates III, Pinon Woods II East, Sedona Village Lodging Association and Wild Horse Mesa.

2. Agenda from Executive Board meeting

The Executive Board met in the Board Room of the Oakcreek Country Club-October 7 at 9a.m.

3. President's Report Ken Rouse-Ken welcomed those present He changed the order of the agenda items to allow the "smart" meter presentation to be first on the agenda due to the number of persons present who came for this item. Craig Dible made the following motion which was passed unanimously by the Council members present.

RESEOLVED, that the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council, on behalf of its 28 residential, business and educational organizations (representing 6000 residents) in the unincorporated part of Yavapai County known as the Big Park Planning Area (Area) hereby requests the Arizona Corporation Commission require APS to allow its customers in this 52 square mile Area, without additional fees or penalties, to refuse the installation of "smart" meters and retain their analog meters until such time that truly independent testing and auditing has proven that "smart" meters are as safe as the current analog meters and fiscally prudent for our local customers..

Ken introduced Tony Pugliano who is reorganizing the Sedona Village Business Association. Officers will be, Tony as President, Michele Puchi as Vice president, Tom Graham as Secretary and Mark Mumaw as Treasurer. They will be working closely with the Sedona Chamber of Commerce to promote business interests in the greater Sedona area.

4. Secretary's report –Joan McClelland-Corrections were made to the Vision Committee Report. The corrected minutes were approved by the Council.

5. Treasurer's report - Neil Pope's September report will be filed for audit.

6. Committee Reports

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

(b) Transportation Committee. –Don Beard-The repavement construction is continuing on interstate I-17. The McGuireville rest area is now open.

©. **Vision and Enhancement Committee-Paul Jankovsky-** There are presently 12 persons on this committee. Paul will write an article for the "Villager" for the November issue to explain further the Committee's plans. He noted that a "Sense of Place" is a goal of the community and efforts such as the bi-monthly Yavapai Food Collections help in this regard.

(d). **Median Weed Abatement-Bill Kusner-** Bill requests each Homeowner Association to send out to its members the two pictures showing the weeds on the highway at present and how it would look if they were removed. Residents are asked to contact their representative to say which situation they prefer. Bill needs this community help to move forward.

(e). **P&Z Committee-Bill Kusner** –The ATM machine at Bell Rock Plaza has been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

8. Other Reports

(a). **All American Road Committee-**Motion made and passed unanimously to make a \$1000 donation from Council funds to help defray the costs associated with the planned filming for the scenic highway by "Weekend Explorer".

(b)-**Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District- Dave Norton** -Realtors have been notified that it is not legal to put their signs in the roundabouts.

(c)**Forest Service-Paul Sullivan-**The Forest Service has compiled the results of their year long planning process for trails. They will continue to maintain the present trail system but are in need of additional funding in the form of grants, etc. for help in this maintenance.

(d) **Sedona Fire District** –The Sedona Fire Board will meet on October 23 at 4:30 p.m.

(e) **Sheriff's Office-Dan Winslow-**The Yavapai County Sherriff's Office has posted on their website the job opening for the office coordinator for the office in the Village.

(f). **Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization-John Gillam-** The resurfacing of Jack's canyon Road from Lee Mountain Road to Pine Valley is scheduled for spring of 2014.

(g).**Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization- Glenn Bartlett-** As our representative to this organization he will attend the open meetings of the Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization(VVREO). He explained the function of the VVREO and reported on a recent speakers breakfast featuring Jack Schultz, author of "Boom Town USA" (Keys to Big Success in Small Towns) which he and Ken Rouse attended.

9. New Business

(a). The following committee members were approved by the Council as the nominating committee- Craig Dible, Chair (284-200), Robert Kraft.(284 2885) and Margie Gershtenson.(284-4355).

(b).The budget committee for the 2014 calendar year will be Neil Pope, Chair, Dorothy O'Brien, Guillermo Lupi and Jan Lisowski.

©. A motion was made and approved to send a letter to Keep Sedona Beautiful to support their application to the International Darksky Association to designate Sedona as a Darksky Community.

10. Announcements

(a) Walk to End Alzheimers will take place on October 26, 2013. Dave Norton stated that everyone is welcome to attend. Dave needs Council members to join him as a team for this event. Donations to the Fund to End Alzheimers will be accepted.at the event.

(b) The final "Acts of Kindness" event on October 26-27, begins with support for the Alzheimer's walk at 9a.m. on Saturday. From 12 noon to 5p.m. there will be music by the Verde Valley School Bands (Jazz and Rock) and by "Diversity; "Toby the Cowboy with rope tricks; face painting etc. Dinner with raffle drawings at 5:30 and 8p.m. On Sunday at 6p.m. there will be a Wine Dinner and silent auction with music by Meadowlark". Fund raising event for Big Brothers-Big Sisters.

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(d). Bluegrass fund raising event for scholarships for local students to attend the Verde Valley School will be held at the school on October12. Buffet dinner and silent auction-\$50 per peron. Call 284-2272.

(e). Sedona library coming events:

- 1.Community book discussion at Sedona Winds on Monday October 28 @1:30p.m
- 2.Hopi Quilting by Carolyn O'Bagy Davis @Sedona Winds on Wednesday. November 6 @1:30p.m.
- 3.Celebration of Native American Arts and Culture A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Sedona Library in the Village.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted Joan McClelland, Secretary