

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
JANUARY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
9:00 A.M., Thursday, January 9, 2014.

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 were absent: Bell Rock Plaza Association-BOA, Big Park Community School, Canyon Mesa Townhouse Association, Pinon Woods III North, and Sedona Village Lodging Association.
- 2. Agenda from Executive Board meeting** -The Executive Board met this month at the Forest Service Ranger Station on January 6, 2014 at 9 A.M.
- 3. President's Report – Steve Nelson** welcomed all those present and thanked them for attending the meeting. Steve also recognized and acknowledged the work performed by last year's officers and representatives. There were no guests/visitors at this meeting.
- 4. Secretary's report – Deb Wilson** – The Minutes from the December 12, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.
- 5. Treasurer's report – Neil Pope** – The Treasurer's December 2013 report will be filed for audit (see New Business). Copies were not available, but will be distributed to Members with the January 2014 Minutes. Neil advised that there is currently a discrepancy between the Bank Statement and the Report, in the sum of approximately \$220. It appears that sometime during April, May or June there was a deposit that was not recorded on the Report. The Audit Committee (see New Business) will address and resolve later this month.
- 6. Committee Reports** --- Steve Nelson reminded standing committee chairs that their report this month should include a list of committee members for Calendar Year 2014. Standing committees are: Recreation, P&Z, and Transportation.
 - (a) Recreation Committee – Dana Blavat** – The Committee will be meeting during the month of January 2014 to set their agenda for the year. The Recreation Committee comprised of: Dana Blavat, Chairperson, Steve Nelson, Carolyn Fisher, Charlotte Gorman, Chrissy Walter, Kim Jackson and Jan Lisowski, was ratified by a unanimous vote of the Council members.
 - (b) P&Z Committee – Bill Kusner** – The Committee will NOT be meeting during the month of January 2014. There are no action items on the Committee's agenda. The P&Z Committee comprised of: Bill Kusner, Chairperson, Tom Graham, Joanne Johnson, Joan McClelland, Steve Nelson and Henry Reiter, was ratified by a unanimous vote of the Council members.
 - (c) Transportation Committee – Don Beard** – Don Beard has been replaced by Steve Fiedler as Chairperson. The Transportation Committee comprised of: Steve Fiedler, Chairperson, John Gillam, Vice Chairperson, Joanne Johnson, Gail Shaw-Simpson, Sheri Walter, Hugh Coble, Alternate, Jim Gibson, Alternate and Cullen Hollister, Alternate, was ratified by a unanimous vote of the Council members.
 - (d) Vision & Enhancement Committee – Paul Jankovsky** – The Committee is planning a community meeting for March 11, 2014 (time and place "to be determined") to roll out the Vision. Action plans for the various points of the Vision Statement will be presented to the February 2014 meeting of the Council and will be sent to Council Members prior to the meeting for review. Anyone who has recommendations for an action plan that will help achieve the Vision can send their ideas to Paul.
 - (e) SR179 Median Weed Abatement – Bill Kusner** – Many Homeowner Associations (HOAs) have not submitted their votes for either the existing median or the crushed rock/weed abatement approach. There are currently 518 votes for the crushed rock/weed abatement and 17 for the existing "natural" median. There was discussion about whether an HOA

Board could vote on behalf of their members versus soliciting individual votes. It was suggested that the Board of HOAs vote on a position and then notify the homeowners that if they are in disagreement with the vote they must contact the Board to register a dissenting vote.

(f) Signage Committee – Tom Graham – There was no formal report, however, it was noted that David Williams appears to be willing to work closely with the Committee in the coming months in his role as Planning and Land Use Unit Manager for Yavapai County Development Services

7. Other Reports

(a) Sedona Fire District – Fire Marshal Gary Johnson – This is the time of year to begin thinking about vegetation clean-up. Residents need to be looking at their vegetation now before it explodes with growth in the spring and becomes a hazard.

A question was asked about the potential for Big Park to become a recognized “Fire Wise” community. While a community wide recognition would be a large undertaking, Gary reminded everyone that individual homeowners and HOAs/subdivisions can be evaluated. Following the evaluation, a report would be issued with recommendations. Several HOAs in the community have already been through the process.

Construction of the new Chapel area fire station is on schedule and should be completed in the “May-ish” time frame.

(b) Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office – Deputy Kevin Harper – Kevin reported on behalf of Sergeant Winslow who was unable to attend. A new full time (Monday-Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.) secretary has been hired for the VOC Sheriff’s office location. She will be starting in mid-January but will be in training until approximately February 1. The plan is for the office to be manned full time beginning on February 1st. In the interim, and during periods when the office is not manned (weekends, holidays), residents can call the non-emergency Administration line (928-649-6408) or the non-emergency Dispatch line (928-771-3260) and request a time to meet the on-duty officer at the office location.

(c) Village Library Center - Cheryl Yeatts – Cheryl reported on the library’s two announcements (see 10(c) below).

8. Old Business – There was no old business.

9. New Business

(a) Ratification of Standing Committee Members – Standing committee members (see 6(a), 6(b) and 6(c)) were ratified by unanimous vote of the Council Members.

(b) Selection of Audit team – An audit team comprised of Deb Wilson, Officer, Paul Jankovsky and Bill Pumphrey was selected and approved by unanimous vote of the Council Members. The team will be meeting with Neil Pope on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 2 P.M. to audit the 2013 accounting and reconcile the +/- \$220 discrepancy.

(c) Request update of Representative's names in writing – Steve Nelson reminded Council Members that changes in representation (lead or alternate) must be submitted, in writing on HOA letterhead, to the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council.

(d) Future speakers/programs – Steve Nelson announced plans to have a number of speakers/programs on the agenda for future meetings. Topics/Speakers that may be included are Dark Sky Community (what does it mean, why do we want it), Chip Davis (District 3 Board of Supervisors), Dave Williams (Manager of Yavapai County Land Use and Planning Division), Jeanne Grossmayer (County Compliance Officer), Northern Arizona Health Care (future growth and expansion opportunities, impacts of the Affordable Care Act), ADOT (signage and interchange update). Steve also asked if there were suggestions from the Council for future visitors and discussions. Suggestions from the floor included: Tom O’Halloran (environmentalist); Sheriff’s office regarding neighborhood watch programs.

10. Announcements - Please send all announcements or corrections for our website to info@bigparkcouncil.org

(a) Coconino National Forest's Red Rock Ranger District Open House – The community is invited to an Open House event on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at the Visitor Center. The open house will showcase the interactive displays and highlight the partnerships between the Forest Service, Federal Highway's Scenic Byway program, Sedona's Friend of the Forest, Arizona Natural History Association and the Sedona Community Foundation.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. with the all-day open house to follow. The visitor center invites the public and media to explore the exhibits and discuss the project with Forest Service staff and partners.

The Red Rock District Visitor Center is located at 8375 State Route 179, one mile south of the Village of Oak Creek and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, please call 928-203-2900.

(b) Coconino National Forest Public Meetings and Workshops – Coconino National Forest (CNF) is revising its 1987 forest plan, and the public comment period is now open through March 20. CNF will host public meetings and workshops in January and February to explain the revision. There will be two public meetings in Sedona to review the draft plan and draft environmental impact statements. Meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2014 and Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at the Sedona Airport Conference Room (235 Air Terminal Drive). The meeting time for both days is 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.

(c) Library Events:

Friday, January 17 - e-Reader workshop from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Village Library

Monday, January 27 - Speaker Brad Dimock will present "Lost in Grand Canyon: The Tragic Disappearance of Glen & Bessie Hyde" at 1:30 p.m. at Sedona Winds, 405 Jacks Canyon Road. Program is free and open to the public. The same program will occur that evening at the main library in Sedona at 6 P.M

(d) February 14 Valentine's Day Dinner Dance – VOCA Community Center; Buffet Dinner; Leman Jazz Ensemble; Reservations Required; Call 284-1820

11. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 10:08 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: Deborah Wilson, Secretary

Approved 2/13/2014