

**BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MARCH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
9:00 A.M., Thursday, March 13, 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 20 Members present. 8 Members were absent: Bell Rock Plaza Association-BOA, Big Park Community School, Cathedral View II, La Barranta I, Oak Creek Country Club Estates III, Pinon Woods II East, Sedona Golf Resort HOA, and Sedona Village Lodging Association.
- 2. Agenda from Executive Board meeting** -The Executive Board met this month at the Forest Service Ranger Station on March 10, 2014 at 9 A.M.
- 3. President's Report** – **Dana Blavat** welcomed all those present and thanked them for attending the meeting.
- 4. Secretary's report** – **Deb Wilson** – The Minutes from the February 13, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved. An announcement was made that the q.com email provider seems to misidentify the info@bigparkcouncil.org messages as spam and is automatically rejecting them. If you use q.com for your email and have not been receiving agendas and other mail from us, you may want to check your setting and identify info@bigparkcouncil.org as “always allow”.
- 5. Treasurer's report** – **Neil Pope** – Received 2 checks from HOA for membership dues in February, leaving 2 Member organizations who have not submitted their annual dues. One was delivered just prior to the meeting. The other may be in the mail. Neil will confirm at the April meeting.

There was an expense this month of \$12 for the renewal of the P. O. Box. That has been paid.

The 990T Department of Revenue form that appears to be required will be filed by the deadline of March 14, 2014 along with the \$50 filing fee. Neil commented that the \$50 was not included in the budget. Neil will research further to determine appropriate action. Another reminder was issued that each individual HOA must also file a tax return.

6. Committee Reports --- Standing committees are: Recreation, P&Z, and Transportation.

(a) Recreation Committee – **Dana Blavat** – No report for the month of March.

(b) P&Z Committee – **Bill Kusner** – There was no formal meeting of the P&Z Committee this month as there have been no requests from the county for opinion.

Bill did note that the Wells Fargo ATM Kiosk is now under construction and Dave Norton confirmed it is expected to be operational on Friday, March 21st.

Bill also noted that the U-Haul Dealership reportedly did not receive the special permit required for the storage of their vehicles and trailers in the lot behind the Outlet Mall. It is unknown at this time whether the permit will be requested and approved.

(c) Transportation Committee – **Steve Fiedler** – No report for the month of March.

(d) Vision & Enhancement Committee – **Paul Jankovsky** – Paul reviewed and presented the documents and format for the Community Meeting, plan for March 18 at Hilton Sedona Resort and Spa, Tequa Ballroom. Motion was made to authorize up to \$300 to this year's budget to reimburse for expenses incurred for this meeting. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously, with one abstention by Neil Pope.

(e) SR179 Median Weed Abatement – **Bill Kusner** – There continues to be Council Members who have not responded with the aggregate results of the polling of their constituents on this issue. Bill requested attention to this matter by those Members who have not responded in order for this matter to be finalized. Bill reminded the Council that there is not anticipated to be any cost to the taxpayers for remediation of the issue.

(f) Signage Committee – **Tom Graham** – No report for the month of March.

7. Other Reports

(a) Forest Service – Paul Sullivan –

Coconino National Forest Plan - All comments to the proposed Coconino National Forest Plan Revision are due on March 20, 2014. All those interested in commenting on the 4 proposed alternatives should go to <http://go.usa.gov/jHnY> to make their comments. The H and Y for the web page must be capitalized. The Forest Service can select one of these alternatives or a combination of parts of a few of the alternatives based on the public comments. Alternative C was recommended by Paul due to the addition of 13 wilderness areas, 1 geological area, 1 botanical area and 8 wildlife habitat management areas. Any comments in addition to comments about the 4 alternatives will also be considered. When submitting comments Paul has received a recommendation that strong wording like “The Plan should...” be used rather than soft wording such as “I would like...”. Keep Sedona Beautiful (KSB) has prepared a 25 page response that will be submitted prior to the March 20, 2014 deadline.

There was also a motion for the Council to recommend a change some of the wording in the draft Environmental Impact Statement associated with the Plan Revision. DEIS - Volume 1, page 12, currently reads:

4. Recommendation of a national scenic area designation for the Sedona-Oak Creek area (the area covered by Amendment 12 of the 1987 plan): This alternative was eliminated from detailed consideration because the land adjustment plan direction central to the national scenic area proposal has been carried into the proposed action and alternatives, and the values sought through such a designation have been incorporated.

The proposed wording would read:

4. The Forest Service in testimony before Congress in 2012 supported the establishment of the National Scenic Area for the Forest Lands in the Sedona Area. While this designation cannot be accomplished by the revised Plan, the Plan does incorporate the restrictive land exchange provision critical to the NSA designation. The Forest Service continues to support the NSA designation for this area in the future.

The motion was seconded and approved by the Council with an abstention by Tony Pugliano.

Comments can also be mailed to: Coconino National Forest, Attention: Plan Revision, 1824 South Thompson Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Trails Fund Project – There is still progress being made on the Sedona Red Rocks trails fund. They are close to getting brochures completed.

Pine Valley Trees - Gary Lamb commented that Pine Valley has, for the last 18 months-2 years, been trying to work with the Forest Service to take down some dead trees and would like to pursue the creation of a group to address with the Forest Service. It is both an issue of being an eyesore as well as a fire hazard. Paul agreed to bring up the topic with Jennifer Burns to determine the current status. It was also suggested that Gary engage the fire department based on the hazard created by the trees.

8. Old Business –

(a) **BPRCC Community Vision Meeting – Paul Jankovsky** – See Item 6(d) above.

(b) **BPRCC Scholarship Update – Bob Kraft** – Bob has been in touch with Red Rock High School and Verde Valley School and the process is moving forward.

(c) **Coconino National Forest Plan Revision Update – Paul Sullivan** - See 7(a) above.

(d) **Smart Meter Update – Paul Jankovsky** – Smart Meter installation is moving forward as planned by APS for the month of March. Dave Norton commented that there is an e-mail from City Manager, Tim Ernster to the Sedona City Council that summarizes a meeting that occurred with Mayor Adams, Mike Goimarac, Tim Ernster and representatives

from Arizona Public Service (APS). [Following the BPRCC meeting, Tim gave permission for that e-mail to be shared. A copy was forwarded to Gail Shaw-Simpson for inclusion in the Villager.]

9. New Business

(a) None

10. Announcements

(a) **BPRCC Community Vision Meeting** – March 18, 2014 @ 7pm, Hilton Sedona Resort and Spa, Tequa Ballroom. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

(b) **Challenger Sports Group Soccer Camp** – Camp will be held at the Verde Valley School June 9-13. Registration will begin on April 25th. Registration fees will range from \$85 for the little 3 year olds to \$185 for a teenager taking a full day of training. Check out brochures located at Webers.

(b) **Coconino National Forest Public Meetings and Workshops** – Coconino National Forest (CNF) will host a public meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 from 3pm-7pm at the Sedona Airport Conference Room (235 Air Terminal Drive).

(c) **April 10, 2014 BPRCC Monthly Meeting** - Chip Davis and Developmental Services Staff will be the special guests.

(d) **Celtic Harvest Festival** – September 20, 2014 at Verde Valley School. They are still in need of volunteers for the event.

(e) **V Bar V Archaeology Days** – March 22 to march 23, 2014 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM at V Bar V Heritage Site. The event is sponsored by The Coconino National Forest, Red Rock Ranger District. Learn about the ancient technologies that have helped native people survive and thrive in the Southwest for centuries. Learn about how YOU can help protect the artifacts essential to understanding the past.

(f) **“Constraints on the County’s Involvement in Water Issues”** – March 19, 2014 9:30 AM at the Verde Room at the Yavapai County Administration Building, 10 S. Sixth Street, in Cottonwood. The Verde River Basic Partnership (partnership) is sponsoring the presentation focusing on Yavapai County’s level of involvement with land use and water planning.

(g) **Library Events** – There is a reception planned on March 26, 2014 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the library for artist Sally Striker. “Found Art: Assemblage and Collage”

(h) **Humane Society** – There is an auction planned on May 10, 2014 11:30 AM (preview) with 1:00 PM start time at the Elks Club. Donations for auction can be delivered to Paw Prints Thrift Shop in the Village.

(i) **Fire District Board Budget Meeting** – There will be a budget meeting, open to the public, at Sedona Fire District Station #3 (Slide Rock Road location) on March 19, 2014 at 3:30 PM.

11. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM

Respectfully submitted: **Deborah Wilson, Secretary**