

**BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MAY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
9:00 A.M., Thursday, May 8, 2014.**

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

Call to order – Moment of Silence to Remember Joan McClelland - 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, Big Park Community School, La Barranta II, Oak Creek Country Club Estates I, Oak Creek Country Club Estates III, Pinon Woods East II, Sedona Village Lodging Association and Wild Horse Mesa.
- 2. Agenda from Executive Board meeting** -The Executive Board met this month at the Forest Service Ranger Station on May 5, 2014 at 9 A.M.
- 3. President’s Report – Steve Nelson** welcomed all those present, including special guest Tom O’Halloran, and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- 4. Secretary’s report – Deb Wilson** – The Minutes from the April 10, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.
- 5. Treasurer’s report – Steve Nelson** – There are no expenditures in April. All Member dues have now been received.
- 6. Committee Reports** - Standing committees are: Recreation, P&Z, and Transportation.
 - (a) Recreation Committee – Dana Blavat** – No report for the month of May.
 - (b) P&Z Committee – Bill Kusner** – No report for the month of May.
 - (c) Transportation Committee – Steve Fiedler** – No report on the month of May.
 - (d) Vision & Enhancement Committee – Paul Jankovsky** – Paul thanked those who covered for him while he was away. Paul also acknowledged Claudine Pinto for the articles she writes for the Villager. Paul also mentioned that during a recent vacation he was able to find the time to read a book about our community by Hoyt Johnson called “The Sedona Story-From Settlement to Centennial”. Highly recommends. Paul ended by thanking the members of the Vision Committee for all their hard work and efforts.
 - (e) SR179 Median Weed Abatement – Bill Kusner** – Bell reported that the committee met after the Council meeting in April and determined that there are now a significant number of resident “votes” to submit a presentation to District Ranger Nicole Branton requesting reconsideration on the weed abatement issue.
 - (f) Signage Committee – Tom Graham** – No report for the month of April.

7. Other Reports -

- (a) Forest Service – Paul Sullivan** – Paul reported on 4 communications recently received from the Forest Service.
 1. Sterling Pass Trail has been closed for public safety until trail has been cleared of fallen trees and debris.
 2. A bear has been spotted in Boynton Canyon. It appears that the bear is being fed by some individuals in the area. The Forest Service is requesting that the trail not be used to allow the bear time to hopefully return to the upper canyon once the food source disappears.
 3. A summary of a year of trail planning meetings has been published. Trail activity will be limited to essential maintenance for safety and projects funded by outside sources. Document will be sent to Members.
 4. Nichole has issued a letter to the community asking for comments on non-motorized trail proposals. Comments are due by June 15th. Document will be sent to Members.

Paul also reported that the 501(c)(3) designation is close to completion for the Sedona Red Rock Trails Fund.

There was a comment about recent activity at Cathedral Rock Ranch that led to cooperation between the HOA and the Forest Service.

(b) Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District – Dave Norton – The Board met on April 15th and discussed pedestrian lighting along SR179 that has been disrupted due to a construction mishap at the Chevron Station. An electrical line was cut when the steel protection posts were installed for the propane filling station. ADOT is working on a plan to resolve the situation to restore the electrical line to the lights.

(c) Yavapai County Sheriff's Office – Sergeant Dan Winslow – Sergeant Winslow reported on the following:

1. If there are individuals in the roundabouts, a call should be placed to the Sheriff's office.
2. The rumor about Verde Valley School Road has not been validated.
3. Be aware that there have been several trailhead car break-ins. Typically involves smashed window to retrieve objects that may be of value left in plain sight.
4. Code RED system to automatically send messages to residents in the event of emergency is now in place. Enrollment is through the ycso.az.gov web site.
5. Expects to start receiving calls when litter lifters are authorized to pick-up signs in the roundabouts.

Sergeant Winslow also introduced Giovanni, the new administrative assistant in place at the Sheriff's office in the Village.

(d) Member Reports – Dave Norton – Dave suggested that we acknowledge Ruth Kane who was not present at the April meeting where she was recognized by Chip Davis for her accomplishments.

8. Old Business –

(a) BPRCC Scholarship Update – Bob Kraft – Bob reported that a student has been selected for this year's scholarship award: Josie Kohlan. Josie is a senior at Red Rock High School with a 3.95 GPA, works at the Fire Creek Coffee House and volunteers throughout the community. She plans to attend Northern Arizona University to study art and design. Josie received very strong recommendations and demonstrated an ability to be an independent thinker and persuasive.

9. New Business

(a) Special Guests: Tom O'Halleran - Tom presented information to the Council of the projected impact to our community and state if water conservation efforts are not implemented. We are facing a potential "shortage" in 2016-2017 with ultimately not having a sustainable water supply by 2030 (Yavapai County) and 2050 (Arizona). Tom stated that we are in danger of "losing" the long term competition for water that includes Phoenix, Tucson, Los Angeles and San Diego. At the conclusion of the presentation, various Council Members had comments:

- The Council needs have a representative at the Verde River Basin Partnership who will attend meetings and report back to the Council.
- The Council needs to start funding a communication program to educate the community on water issues.
- Council Members need to notify their homeowner constituents of the Verde River Basin Partnership website (<http://www.vrbp.org>).

Steve Nelson commented that he would like to see the Council establish an official Water Conservation Committee.

(b) Memorial Tree for Joan McClelland – Steve Nelson – Steve suggested that a motion be raised for the Council to send a letter to VOCA to request space to plant a tree on the property as a memorial to Joan McClelland. A motion was raised and unanimously approved. Donations are being requested and, if sufficient will also be used to purchase a bench to be placed by the tree.

10. Announcements

- (a) **Please send all announcements or corrections for our website to info@bigparkcouncil.org**
- (b) **Guests for June 12 BPRCC monthly meeting:** Chip Davis, Yavapai County Supervisor and Verl Cook, Verde Area Road Supervisor, discussing local county roads.
- (c) **Celtic Harvest Festival** – September 20, 2014 at Verde Valley School. Still in need of volunteers.
- (d) **Upcoming Library Events in the Village** - Programs are free and open to the public:
 - a. Artists' reception Wednesday, May 28, 2014 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Village library for Bill and Elaine Belvin "Natural Wonders of the Southwest" landscape photography
- (e) **British Soccer Camp June 9 to 13 at Verde Valley School**
- (f) **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. Deliver donations for auction to Paw Prints Thrift Shop in the Village.
- (g) **5 Year Plan** – There is a meeting scheduled for May 9th in Flagstaff in the city council chambers. Would like to resend all of the past letters written by the BPRCC before the meeting on the 20th. Need to engage David Gill.

11. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 10.46 AM

Respectfully submitted: Deborah Wilson, Secretary