

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
AUGUST REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
9:00 A.M., Thursday, August 14, 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 21 Members present. 7 Members were absent: Bell Rock Plaza Association, Big Park Community School, Canyon Mesa, Pinon Woods East II, Sedona Village Lodging Association, Verde Valley School and Wild Horse Mesa.
 - 2. Agenda from Executive Board meeting** -The Executive Board met this month at the Forest Service Ranger Station on August 11, 2014 at 9 A.M.
 - 3. President's Report – Steve Nelson** welcomed all those present and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
 - 4. Secretary's report – Deb Wilson** – The minutes from the July 10, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved. It was suggested that future minutes should reflect who makes a motion.
 - 5. Treasurer's report – Neil Pope** – Neil reported that we have now received \$1,202 for the Joan McClelland memorial tree and bench. Steve Nelson commented that there was a donation from Keep Sedona Beautiful (KSB) in the amount of \$500 as well as an additional \$500 from KSB's membership, bringing the total to \$2,202. Steve also suggested that the bench be large enough to include remembrances for other Village of Oak Creek supporters. A motion was raised by John Gillam to approve the suggestion, and Tom Graham provided the second. The motion was unanimously approved. Steve mentioned that a group will be put together to coordinate the project.
 - 6. Committee Reports** - Standing committees are: Recreation, P&Z, and Transportation.
 - (a) Recreation Committee – Dana Blavat** – No report for the month of August.
 - (b) P&Z Committee – Bill Kusner** – Bill reported that the Yavapai County Planning and Zoning Commission approved the new monument signs that were requested for Tequa. The Board of Supervisors meeting will be held next week.
 - Dave Norton noted that Tequa has new large spotlights on the existing monument signs that need to be brought to the County's attention to make them dark sky compliant. We need to make sure that the new signs do not have non-compliant lighting.
 - It was also noted that the lighting at Mongo's may need to be addressed.
 - It was noted that the Mongo's and Miley's have temporary signs on the existing monument sign. They will come down once the new Tequa signs are erected since they will be on the new monument signs.
- Steve Nelson reported that there has been no additional information from the County regarding the U-Haul trailer plans for the parking area off Jack's Canyon Road. Steve requested that Members survey their HOA constituents to determine perceived impacts and concerns. Steve wants to be sure that the County receives feedback on the impacts.
- There was discussion about potential new members for the P&Z committee. It was noted that it would be a welcome addition to have the business represented.
- There was also a motion from Dave Norton to approve Gary Lamb as a member of the committee; motion was seconded and unanimously approved. A point of order was raised that the approval of Gary Lamb was not on the agenda. It was determined that with 2/3 approval of the Council it could be added and voted on at this meeting. The motion to include approval on Gary Lamb's addition to the P&Z committee was raised by Steve Nelson, seconded and approved unanimously.
- (c) Transportation Committee – Steve Fiedler** – No report for the month of August.
 - (d) Vision & Enhancement Committee – Dana Blavat** – No report for the month of August.

(e) SR179 Median Weed Abatement – Bill Kusner – Bill reported that the Weed Abatement Committee has requested a meeting with District Ranger Nicole Branton. Bill is hoping the meeting can occur in the next 2-3 weeks.

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

(g) Dark Sky Committee – Lynda Exley – Lynda reported as follows, with comments received from various Council Members.

- The Committee has reviewed the Yavapai County lighting ordinances to ensure they are consistent with what is required for a dark sky designation.
- Next steps are to obtain letters from the community in support of pursuing an International Dark Sky (IDS) designation. The Committee is in the process of drafting letter templates that can be utilized by residents, businesses and HOAs. The letters will be sent to IDS.
- The Committee would love to have representation from the business community on the committee.
- There will be a need to raise funds to help businesses comply with the requirements for an IDS designation. Crowd funding is one option being considered. The Committee is looking for support with respect to writing a Grant to obtain funding to help non-compliant businesses, printing brochures, etc.
- Bill Kusner has volunteered to provide information on ways that Big Park has changed to support an IDS designation, and provide a report of which businesses are likely out of compliance for the designation.
- Bill Pumphrey commented that “OPEN” signs will no longer be able to be “flashing”. Lynda agreed, and commented that those businesses that have been “grandfathered” will need to agree to change to support the IDS application requirement that the community is willing to change.
- Carolyn Fisher commented that what is needed is education that is constant. Lynda confirmed that this is being addressed by the Committee. Caroline also moved that we provide the Committee with an initial \$500 budget; the motion was seconded by Tom Graham and unanimously approved.
- Tom Graham noted that the Committee needs to take time to familiarize themselves with what the ordinances and codes require currently as well as what will need to change for the IDS designation. Tony commented that we need to be sure of what is required before asking businesses to change in order to receive the IDS designation. Lynda agreed that the Committee is committed to becoming educated on the requirements.
- There was considerable discussion on an issue facing the Committee when completing the application. Should the application “name” be Big Park or Village of Oak Creek. It was suggested that in the past “Big Park/VOC” has been used as a compromise.
- There was discussion about the Committee partnering with one of the various Big Park 501(c)(3) organizations to make fund-raising tax deductible. One such organization might be the All American Road Committee.
- The next meeting of the Committee will occur on August 26th.

7. Other Reports -

(a) All American Road Committee – Tom Graham. Tony Pugliano, President of the Sedona Village Business Association (SVBA), announced that the SVBA, in partnership with the All American Road Committee, has been meeting with business members and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to arrange a holiday lights event along SR 179 in the Village during the December holidays. The light display will run from the Las Piedras round-about to the round-about at Circle K.

Holiday Decorators has been contacted regarding the event which will have a budget of \$25,000. For the next few months there will be various fundraising events. Tony asked that Members reach out their HOAs and neighbors to let them know that funding will be required and that donations will be welcomed! There were two approaches considered: buy the lighting and Holiday Decorators would install, or rent the lighting and Holiday Decorators supplies and installs the display and agrees to repair any outages within 24-48 hours. The drawings received to date have reflected a well put together design (all LED white light), with timers. The installation will take approximately 12 hours and is scheduled to begin around Thanksgiving and will be removed around January 1st.

The lighting will be a part of other Village of Oak Creek activities and events that include local businesses. Dorothy O'Brien suggested that music (such as quartets and children's choirs) be incorporated into the plans.

(b) Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District – Dave Norton – Dave reported that the pedestrian lighting north of the Chevron will be repaired. ADOT has hired contractors to remove and replace sidewalks in order to fix the wiring. Expect the sidewalks to be out of use for a couple of weeks.

(c) Sedona Fire District – Fire Marshal Gary Johnson – No report for the month of August.

(d) Yavapai County Sheriff's Office – Sergeant Dan Winslow – Sergeant Winslow provided the following report:

- The Sheriff has provided some flyers for distribution to the Council regarding the jail tax that will be appearing on the ballot.
- Fraud and scams continue to occur.
 - Calls, from individuals claiming to be with the court, about missing jury duty
 - Calls about arrest warrants that have been posted
 - Calls, from individuals claiming to be with the IRS, about audits.

These are all scams and attempts to obtain personal information and/or money. If in doubt, hang up and call the organization that was being represented. Any time a caller wants you to purchase a green dot, it should be a red flag.

(e) Village Library Center - Cheryl Yeatts – See announcements in Item 10(c) below.

(f) Member Reports – Carolyn Fisher – Carolyn reported that she had a conversation with Linda Rodriguez, the art teacher at Big Park School. Linda is looking for volunteers to help out in the classroom, particularly with her younger classes. Anyone interested should contact Big Park School, or Linda.

8. Old Business –

(a) Update on memorial tree/bench for Joan McClelland; creation of a Memorial Committee – See item 5 above.

(b) Update of Litter Lifters Project for SR 179 – Bill Pumphrey – Bill reported that things seem to be improving. Sergeant Winslow thanked Bill for the support the Sheriff's office has received with respect to this project.

9. New Business

(a) Special Guest: Alex Rovang from Sedona Recycling. Alex Rovang was unable to attend.

10. Announcements

(a) Please send all announcements or corrections for our website to info@bigparkcouncil.org

(b) Guests for August 14 BPRCC monthly meeting: Chip Davis, Yavapai County Supervisor speaking about the jail tax ballot measure.

(c) Library Events in the Village:

Survey for Sedona Public Library in the Village: SPL-V is conducting a brief and easy survey about library services in the Village. Contact the library for more information. Deadline to submit survey is August 30.

Fiber Arts Workshop with Debra Baker: Fiber arts workshop from 10:00-12:00 on Tuesday, August 12 at Sedona Winds. Registration is required, so please call the library at [928.284.1603](tel:928.284.1603) to reserve your space.

Community Book Discussion: Community book discussion of “The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald on Wednesday, August 27 at 1:30 p.m. at Sedona Winds.

- (d) **Celtic Harvest Festival** – September 20, 2014 at Verde Valley School. Still in need of volunteers. Reminder that there will be a “pre-festival” event from 6pm-9pm at the Marketplace Café on the 19th
- (e) **Annual International Archaeology Day Gala** – October 18 at Poco Diablo Resort commencing at 6 PM; Special guest speaker will be Marshall Trimble; For information, visit the website at www.VerdeValleyArchaeology.org or contact Ken Zoll at director@verdevalleyarchaeology.org or 928-593-0364.
- (f) **Advisory Board for Yavapai College** - Caroline Fisher has agreed to be on the advisory board.

11. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 10:27 AM

Respectfully submitted: Deborah Wilson, Secretary

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