

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
9:00 AM, Thursday, June 11, 2015
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: Big Park Community School, Firecliff, Oak Creek Country Club Estates I, Pine Valley, Pinon Woods East II, Sedona Village Lodging Association, Verde Valley School, Wild Horse Mesa.
- 2. Agenda from Executive Board meeting** – The Executive Board met at the Red Rock Ranger Station on June 8, 2015 at 9 a.m. to review the agenda for today's meeting.
- 3. President's Report** – Steve Nelson – The president welcomed and thanked those in attendance.
- 4. Secretary's Report** – Barb Gordon – The minutes from May 14, 2015 were approved.
- 5. Treasurer's Report** – In the absence of Harry Hirsch, Paul Jankovsky reported a change of about 50 cents from last month as a result of interest earned. Nelson reported the Joan McClelland memorial bench total cost at \$2359.62. \$2,000 has been remitted to VOCA. Motion approved to fund the balance from the memorial bench fund. The commemorative plaque for Joan will be covered until a presentation event.
- 6. Committee Reports** – Standing committees are: Recreation, P&Z and Transportation
 - (a) Recreation Committee** – No Report
 - (b) P&Z Committee** – Bill Kusner – Motion passed to recommend supporting the proposed changes to Commercial Landscaping Ordinance (county ordinance). Motion passed to recommend declining the requested use (county) permit by Global Community Alliance for rentals of less than 30-days. School of Remembering is reported to want a "flashing" billboard, county ordinance will not allow, stay tuned. P&Z needs a committee member, contact wjkusner@earthlink.net
 - (c) Transportation Committee** – Steve Fiedler – No Report
 - (d) SR179 Median Weed Abatement** – No Report
 - (e) Dark Sky Committee** – Joanne Kendrick – Dark Sky Designation Application progressing.
- 7. Other Reports**
 - (a) Sedona Fire District (Gary Johnson)** – Possibly no fire restrictions necessary this year. Reminder to update your car supplies in case of traffic delays. (FRESH water, blanket, hat, food, minimum half tank of gas, etc.) Also followed up on contact with ADEQ regarding open burning. BPRCC cannot restrict burning, can make recommendations. HOAs can restrict burning but fire department and county cannot enforce HOA restrictions that are in conflict with permitted actions. No further action taken.
 - (b) Yavapai County Sheriff's Office (Sergeant Dan Winslow)** – Be vigilant. Lots of people out and around. License plate readers are used for monitoring commercial vehicles and law violators, NOT speed cameras. Lots of construction. Pass with care when driving.
 - (c) Yavapai College Advisory Committee (Carolyn Fisher)** – No report
 - (d) All American Road Committee (Tom Graham)** – No report
 - (e) Community Issues Committee – Chamber of Commerce (Dave Norton)** – No report
 - (f) Forest Service (Paul Sullivan)** – Community meetings held to discuss recreational opportunities in Coconino. Flagstaff meeting was broad range of topics. Sedona meeting focus on trails and need for sustainable funding; push for business support.
 - (g) Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance District (Dave Norton)** – No report
 - (h) Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization (John Gillam)** – No report

(i) Village Library Center (Cheryl Yeatts) – See announcements. Additionally, Cheryl brought attention to the Library magazine; wants feedback an input. The magazine is an excellent resource for all things about, and available at, the Library.

(j) Verde Valley Regional Economic Organization (Glen Bartlett) – No report

(k) Sedona Village Vision Alliance (Paul Jankovsky) – Possible Northern Arizona Museum satellite museum in VOC. Outlet Mall plans to convert name to Village Shopping Center. Lynx may test bus use in Sedona; funding for Lynx is from county; Tony Pugliano coordinating endeavor. Tony also working with the Sedona Village Business Association to create a map to promote business in VOC and inform visitors.

(l) Other: Reminder to submit articles to The Villager. Most recent issue reflects changes discussed at last meeting.

8. Old Business

(a) Update on memorial bench for Joan McClelland – See Nelson’s comments under Treasurer’s report.

(b) Update on Dark-Sky Designation progress – See committee report.

(c) Discuss fire permits for burning yard waste – Sedona Fire District comments.

9. New Business

(a) National Monument Area presentation by Tom O’Halloran, KSB. (Presented before Committee reports). The past effort to urge Congress to establish a scenic area has been replaced with effort to create “The Sedona Verde Valley Red Rock National Monument.” Support requested to encourage President Obama to designate the area as a National Monument. Map of area for monument includes previous scenic area as well as wider areas along I-17 and the canyon bridge. Also included are V-V, Sacred Mountain and Red Tank Draw. Private property rights will not be affected. More consistent and higher level of management will result. Amended wording (shown in caps): “That the President of the United States is respectfully urged to consider formally designating THAT PART OF the greater Sedona area AS DEPICTED ON THE MAP ATTACHED TO THIS RESOLUTION as “The Sedona Verde Valley Red Rock National Monument” thereby recognizing it as one of the Country’s greatest natural treasures.” Kushner: Motion with amended wording. Beard: Second. Motion passed unanimously. Individuals may access a petition of support at redrocknationalmonument.org.

(b) Presentation by the Verde River Basin Partnership. Ed Wolfe, the Partnership Chair and retired geologist, presented a slide show. Some comments: Ground water and surface water are interconnected. Wells are increasing. Population is increasing. We must protect water from ever-continuing depletion. We cannot delay if we want future generations to have needed water. There may be a “tipping point” where it will be too late. <http://vrpb.org/>

10. Announcements

- Please send all announcements or corrections for our website to info@bigparkcouncil.org
- *Chip Davis, Yavapai County Supervisor will be our guest speaker at the July 9 meeting.*
- Sedona Public Library in the Village (SPL-V):

(a) Rotating Artist Program: “Infinite Possibilities,” an exhibit of digital art by Donna Klein, continues during June.

(b) Arizona Humanities Program: Join Carolyn O’Bagy Davis as she presents “Desert Trader: Goldie Tracy Richmond, Trader, Trapper and Quiltmaker,” on Wednesday, June 17, at 1:30 p.m. at Sedona Winds Retirement Community

(c) A Community Book Discussion: Participate in the community book discussion of “The Secret Life of Bees,” by Sue Monk Kidd, on Wednesday, June 24, at 1:30 p.m. at Sedona Winds Retirement Community.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m. Next meeting is July 9, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Gordon, BPRCC Secretary