

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
9:00 AM, Thursday, July 9, 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 15 members present. 13 were absent: Big Park Community School, Cathedral Rock Ranch, Firecliff, La Barranca I, La Barranca II, Oak Creek Country Club Estates I, Pinion Woods I, Pinon Woods East II, Sedona Village Lodging Association, Sundance, Verde Valley School, Village Park, Wild Horse Mesa.
 2. Agenda from Executive Board meeting – The Executive Board met this month at the Red Rock Ranger Station on July 6, 2015 at 9am.
 3. President’s Report – Steve Nelson – The president welcomed and thanked those in attendance. Guests introduced included Supervisor Chip Davis.
 4. Secretary’s report – Barb Gordon – The minutes from June 11, 2015 were approved.
 5. Treasurer’s report – Harry Hirsch – (1) \$392.62 expensed for Joan McClelland Memorial Bench installation. Nelson noted the bench will be dedicated when the family is available. (2) \$1,000 scholarship expense is \$500 over budget. Motion made and approved to amend the budget to reflect such. (3) Liability insurance, \$344 per year and D&O insurance with \$5,000 deductible \$987 will be reflected on the July report. (4) Balance, \$5331.33.
 6. Committee Reports
 - (a) Recreation Committee – No Report
 - (b) BPRCC P&Z Committee – Bill Kusner – (1) Request approval by the Council to add Mark Moorehead to the BPRCC P&Z Committee was approved. (2) Request approval by the Council of the proposed amendments to the current dark sky ordinance was approved by vote later in the meeting after Chip Davis and staff presented information. Mark Mumaw (county P&Z) abstained. (3) No comment by P&Z committee regarding the proposed amendments to the Enforcement Section of the Planning & Zoning Ordinance regarding Zoning Clearance. The changes make the ordinance in compliance with the Arizona Revised Statute. “No comment” was approved with Mumaw abstaining. (4) Request to recommend approval of variance to reduce the setbacks on 135 Catclaw Lane which has the Jacks Canyon Wash running through the property. This request had been previously reviewed and approved by VOCA. Discussion regarding BPRCC authority (Schaefer, VOCA). BPRCC only makes recommendations; The county solicits comments from the public in various ways including through BPRCC (Mumaw, Nelson, Graham). Recommendation approved. Mumaw and Graham abstained. Schaefer, No.
 - (c) Transportation Committee – Steve Fiedler – No Report
 - (d) SR179 Median Weed Abatement – No Report – Nelson commented near end of meeting that attempts are ongoing to schedule a meeting with ADOT.
 - (e) Dark Sky Committee – Joanne Kendrick – Joanne complimented Chip Davis and the county staff for the cooperation and efforts regarding the Dark Sky Designation. Goal to submit application continues to be November.
 7. Other Reports – BPRCC seeks to have attendees at meetings of many organizations. In the interest of shortening our meetings, these reports are made on a rotating schedule.
 - (a-e; g, h; j, k) – No report.
 - (f) Forest Service (Paul Sullivan) – Red Rock Trail Fund submitted an application for a grant from Sedona. Has been recommended and vote will be July 28.
 - (i) Village Library (Cheryl Yeatts) – Cheryl shared information about upcoming events. Refer to the agenda for details.
 8. Old Business
 - (a) Update on memorial bench for Joan McClelland – See treasurer report.
 - (b) Update on Dark-Sky Designation progress – See Dark Sky Committee report and notes from Chip Davis presentation.
 - (c) Update of National Monument proposal – No report.
 9. New Business
 - (a) Chip Davis, our Yavapai County Supervisor. Chip introduced Steve Mauk, Yavapai county Developmental Services, Dave Williams and Rebecca Borowski. They shared the latest information about the proposed Dark Sky Designation for Big Park and the proposed amendments to county ordinances to comply with Dark Sky Designation. P&Z hearings will be in Cottonwood on July 22 and Prescott on August 5. The issue will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 8 in Prescott and simulcast in Cottonwood. Some info: LED amber lighting should be used outdoors. Shielded light bulbs can make a fixture Dark Sky compliant. LED lighting is economical and creates less heat. Additionally, Chip asked for members to consider who might replace him as supervisor in about a year.
 10. Announcements – None
 11. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 10:15am.
- Respectfully submitted,
Barb Gordon, BPRCC secretary