

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
9:00 AM, Thursday, August 13, 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 19 members present. 9 were absent: Cathedral View II, Oak Creek Estados, Pine Valley, Pinon Woods East II, Sedona Golf Resort, Sedona Village Lodging Association, Sundance, Verde Valley School, Wild Horse Mesa.
2. Agenda from Executive Board meeting – The Executive Board met this month at the Red Rock Ranger Station on August 10, 2015 at 9am.
3. President’s Report – Steve Nelson – The president welcomed and thanked those in attendance.
4. Secretary’s report – Barb Gordon – The minutes from July 9, 2015 were approved.
5. Treasurer’s report – Harry Hirsch – (1) Discussion about increasing Liability deductible and decreasing D&O deductible. Hirsch will seek bids. (2) Balance, \$4,071.
6. Committee Reports
 - (a) Recreation Committee – No Report
 - (b) BPRCC P&Z Committee – Bill Kusner – Working with county in regard to some non-compliant (Dark Sky) signs. Norton: Hilton has some non-compliant sign (Dark Sky) lighting. Suggests community members contact the county with concerns as reminder to take action. Nelson: Board of Supervisors will hear request regarding short term rental exception. Nelson will attend and welcomed others to join him to support the P&Z decision to not approve the exception.
 - (c) Transportation Committee – Steve Fiedler – No Report
 - (d) SR179 Median Weed Abatement – No Report –
 - (e) Dark Sky Committee – Joanne Kendrick – Joanne is working on the IDA application, Joanne met with Rebecca Borowski yesterday to discuss the outstanding items needed from the County for the IDA application.
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.
 - (e –f, h– k) – No report.
 - (a) Sedona Fire District – Gary Johnson – (1) Explained program sponsored by Realtors (Knoxbox Program for Seniors), lock boxes that the fire department can use to enter a home without breaking the door. For homeowners who might live alone and at risk of not being able to open their door. (2) Increase in reviewing construction plans. (3) Reminder to keep

weeds trimmed to prevent fire risk. (4) Gilliam: How to dispose of old fire extinguisher. Johnson: Discharge in sealed trash bag then put in trash or use options for reuse and recycling by taking to Fire Station #1 or Abreeze in Page Springs.

- (b) Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office – Sergeant Dan Winslow – (1) Currently reports dangerous spots (weeds blocking bike paths or traffic vision) that he identifies. Can assist in recommending county cut weeds if the weeds are dangerous. Take photos and contact sheriff department. (2) Will be working with Bike and Brew event in regard to traffic.
 - (c) Yavapai College Advisory Committee – Carolyn Fisher – Presentation regarding advisory committee recommendations to College Governing Board. 3 of 4 not approved. Tax dollars from Verde Valley do not stay in Verde Valley, not “fair.” Discussion about need for increased marketing to potential students and increased spending for classes and instructors rather than buildings. Bob Oliphant and Ruth Wicks spoke.
 - (d) All American Road Committee – Graham – Plans for creating marketing plan with new website.
 - (g) Red Rock Road Enhancement Maintenance – Norton – Discredited article in The Village View and a radio broadcast. A representative commented that The Village View retraced the photo ID that was incorrect and accompanied the article. Norton: No funding nor authorization for installing weed barrier. Gazda disputed that.
8. Old Business
 - (a) Update on memorial bench for Joan McClelland – 2pm August 15 will be dedication. Accepting donations for an tree to shade the bench.
 - (b) Update on Dark-Sky Designation progress – See Dark Sky Committee report.
 9. New Business
 - (a) Discussion on Yavapai College – See Advisory Report.
 - (b) Discussion on Council’s website – Norton will work with website volunteer to delete email addresses that are generating spam for some reps.
 - (c) Discussion on renewal of contract with Sedona Fire District – Rate increased from \$35 to \$45. Nelson will request fee to be waived. Was waived in the past.
 10. Announcements – Several notes about Sedona Library events in August. See agenda.
 11. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 10:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Gordon, BPRCC secretary