

Minutes of BPRCC September 10, 2015 Meeting

1. President Steve Nelson called the meeting to order at 9 AM. Guest Suzie Dunn led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call determined that 19 members were represented with 9 absent. Absent were Big Park Community School, Oak Creek Country Club Estates Unit III, Oak Creek Estados, Pinon Woods II East, Sedona Village Business Assn, Sedona Village Lodging Assn, Sundance, Valley Vista Estates, Verde Valley School, and Wild Horse Mesa.
3. In the absence of Secretary Barbara Gordon, Carolyn Fisher moved that the minutes of the August 13, 2015, meeting be approved, Harry Hirsch seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor.
4. Treasurer Harry Hirsch reported that his research revealed that for an increase of \$75/year to our D & O insurance with our current insurer, we could drop our deductible from \$5000 to \$2500. It was determined that this could be decided by the Executive Committee without a council vote.
5. Committee Reports:
 - (a) Recreation – no report
 - (b) P&Z – Chair Bill Kusner reported that the application for short term rental was withdrawn.
 - (c) Transportation – no report
 - (d) SR179 Median Weed Abatement – no report
 - (e) Dark Sky Committee – Joanne Kendrick reported that Yavapai County has made the changes to county ordinances that meet the Dark Skies requirements.
6. Other reports:
 - (a) Sedona Fire District - no report
 - (b) Yavapai County Sheriff's Office – Sergeant Dan Winslow reported that YCSO now has body cameras and that they were involved with the rescue of a hiker who could not get down from Bell Rock. Also that their office in the Village of Oak Creek is currently closed as they are in the process of hiring a new office person.
 - (c) Yavapai College Advisory Committee – Carolyn Fisher reported that the committee had briefed the Board of Supervisors on August 17th. She also reported that the District Governing Board's meeting on Sept 1st on the Verde Campus drew a packed audience and 28 speakers who all requested that the Advisory Committee be allowed to continue their work.
 - (d) Forest Service – Paul Sullivan reported that some social trails have been made official and requested that local hikers/bikers watch for signs of illegal trails being marked. Take pictures and mark the GPS coordinates, but don't take down markers – just report them to the Forest Service.
 - (e) Village Library Center – Cheryl Yeatts reported that SPL in the Village would be closed the following week (Sept 15-19) for a move to Bell Rock Plaza. It will reopen in its new location on Sept 22nd.
7. Old Business – Update on Sedona Verde Valley Red Rock National Monument. Craig Dible made the following motion: I move that the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council rescind its resolution of support for the Sedona Verde Valley Red Rock National Monument until it has had

the opportunity to hear both sides of this controversial proposal. After that, it may reconsider whether to support, oppose or take no position on this matter. Gary Lamb seconded the motion. Following a lively discussion, the question was called. The motion did not pass on a vote of 4 “ayes” and 13 “noes”. Carolyn Fisher made a motion that the BPRCC revisit this vote after representatives have an opportunity to hear both sides of the issue, not later than the October BPRCC meeting. Harry Hirsch seconded and the motion passed. It will be an agenda item and President Steve Nelson encouraged all representatives to query their HOAs/neighborhoods and encourage everyone to attend the meetings on Sept 15th at VOCA (KSB) and on Sept 17th (one of the opposition groups).

8. Presentation on Yavapai Food Neighbor Project – Suzie Dunn made a presentation on this project. The Village of Oak Creek has been the leading participant in this endeavor in the county.
9. Announcements:
 - (a) Bob Kraft reminded members that the Big Park Academy would be holding its first event on September 24th. Interest in this project has been good.
 - (b) Members were reminded of the SPL in the Village Arizona Humanities Program on Sept 9th and the Community Book Discussion on Sept 30th.
10. The meeting was adjourned about 11 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Fisher, Secretarial Stand-in