

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
JANUARY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
9:00 A.M., Thursday, January 14, 2016
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 23 Members present. 5 Members were absent:
- 2. Agenda from Executive Board meeting** -The Executive Board met this month at the Red Rock Ranger Station on January 11, 2016 at 9 A.M.
- 3. President's Report** – VP Dave Norton – **Dave** welcomed all those present and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Randy Garrison, candidate for Chip Davis' BOS seat was introduced.
- 4. Secretary's report** – Acting Secretary Barb Gordon reported in the absence of a secretary yet elected by the Council. On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes from the December 10, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.
- 5. Treasurer's report – Harry Hirsch** – Harry presented the December 2015 Treasurer's report with the following comments: 1. The ending checkbook balance for 12/31/15 matches the bank statement; 2. The Budget Committee was formed with Harry, Neil Pope, Margie Gershtenson and Barb Gordon; 3. The Audit Committee is formed and will soon meet to perform the annual audit; 4. The Fire District has substantially raised our rent for the meeting space in 2016 – alternative venues will be explored; and 5. Member dues for the 2016 calendar year are due by February 1, 2016, and will be delinquent on March 1, 2016..
- 6. Committee Reports** - Standing committees are: Recreation, P&Z, and Transportation.

(a) P&Z Committee – Bill Kusner –

- A. Bill reported that the Outlet Mall has submitted an amendment to their Use Permit to increase the annual number of art shows from 10 to 15. On motion made seconded and passed with one objection, the following resolution was passed: Resolved, that the Big Park Council supports the amendment of the Use Permit renewed in 2015 to Doug Fielding at the Outlet Mall to change the number of tent art shows annually to 15 from 10 with the following stipulations:
1. All stipulations #1 through #8 placed on the renewal of this Use Permit by the Board of Supervisors in 2015 would continue as is except for the increase in the number of shows annually;
 2. Any monies owed by Doug Fielding/Outlet Mall to the Big Park Domestic Waste Water District are paid in full prior to the approval or issuance of said Use Permit; and
 3. The art shows vendors and placement of their wares must be at least a 10 foot setback from the ADOT Right-Of-Way.

- B. Bill also reported an application for a Use Permit to conduct short-term rentals at their residence on Sunridge Circle. On motion made seconded and passed 14-8 , the following resolution was passed:
Resolved, that the Big Park Council supports the application of Max & Pam Redmond for a Use Permit to conduct short term rentals at 80 Sunridge Circle with the following stipulations:
1. Initial term of the Use permit would be for five years;
 2. Applicants submit written documentation that the other four residential property owners on Sunridge Circle have no objection to the intended use of the Redmond property for short term rentals; and
 3. Applicants submit written documentation that Diamond Resorts has no objection to the intended use of the Redmond property for short term rentals;

- (b) SR179 Median Weed Abatement – Dave Norton – Dave** reported that the Weed Abatement Task Force will be transferred to be under the Transportation Committee.

7. Other Reports –

- (a) Yavapai County Sheriff's Office (Sergeant Dan Winslow) –** Sergeant Winslow indicated that the new office coordinator would be in place at the Village substation by February 1. He also reported that has been some hard drug trafficking in the Village and speeders have been clamped down on.

- (b) **Forest Service (Paul Sullivan)** – Paul reported that the Hilton is sponsoring an event named Trails & Ales to benefit the Red Rock Trails group – they hope to raise \$5,000 with this event. Paul also related a story about being prepared when you are hiking in the backcountry. Gail Simpson asked Paul to write something for The Villager on this topic.
- (c) **Village Library Center (Cheryl Yeatts)** – Cheryl announced that if you make a donation to the library you can designate it to be used in the SPL-Village. Check the library website for the schedule for the Arizona Humanities Programs and the library’s very informative workshops. www.sedonalibrary.org

8. Old Business – None.

9. New Business

- (a) **Election of Officers.** Bill Larew (“Amadeus”) was duly nominated and unanimously elected as the Council president for the year 2016. There was some interest for the final open officer position, secretary. We expect to hear next month. Tom Graham volunteered to do the minutes for the January 2016 meeting.
- (b) **Expansion of RRREMD.** The Council authorized the Transportation Committee to explore an amendment to the RRREMD boundaries to include the area south of its present boundary to the end of the existing median.
- (c) **Budget Committee** – The Budget Committee for 2016 is Harry Hirsch, Neil Pope, Margie Gershtenson, & Barb Gordon.

10. Announcements

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

(b) Library Events:

Sedona Public Library in the Village (SPL-V):

- **Arizona Humanities Program:** Wednesday, January 13 at 1:30 p.m. at Sedona Winds, 405 Jacks Canyon Road. Hugh Grinnell presented “The Explorations and Discoveries of George Bird Grinnell, The Father of Glacier National Park”.
- **E-reader Workshop:** Stop by SPL-V on Friday, January 22, between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Library volunteers will be on hand to provide assistance with your e-reader. Registration is not required, but you will need to bring your e-reader, cables, library card, and Amazon user account and password, or Apple ID.
- **Book Share: Tuesday,** January 19 at 1:30 p.m. at Sedona Winds, 405 Jacks Canyon Road. Join Cheryl Yeatts,

- (c) Randy Garrison announced the “Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities in the Verde Valley” Forum fro April 3-6 at Cliff Castle Casino Conference Center. Information available at www.vvforum.org

11. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Graham, former Secretary