

**BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.**  
**MARCH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 10, 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 21 members present. Seven (7) members were absent: Firecliff Community Association, Highland Estates, Oak Creek Estados, Ridge at Sedona, Sedona Village Lodging Association, Verde Valley School, Wild Horse Mesa.

**2. Secretary's Report**

On motion duly made, seconded, the minutes from the February 11, 2016 meeting were approved.

**3. President's Report - Amadeus Larew**

(a) **Welcome** - Amadeus welcomed all those present and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

(b) **Introduction of guests/visitors** - Amadeus introduced:

- Debbie Jones, Mat Force program, who provided information about substance abuse amongst the youth in Sedona.
- Thomas McPherson, The Collective Sedona, who provided an update on new businesses in the Collective.
- Katie Chorlton, President of BPPTSA, encouraged attendees to attend a community meeting today (March 10) at 5:30 p.m. at the Sedona Performing Arts Center regarding the closing of Big Park Community School.

**4. Executive Board Meeting - Amadeus Larew**

The Executive Board met at the Forest Service Ranger Station on March 7, 2016 at 9 a.m.

(a) **Development of Operational Guidelines:** Guidelines are still being developed.

(b) **Federal Tax Status and standing**

- On motion made by Dave Norton, seconded by Tom Graham, the following was approved with one abstention: \$650.00 total which includes a \$400.00 IRS filing fee and \$250.00 to Sandy Barrett for preparation of an Application for a Determination Letter from the IRS for 501(c)(6) status for BPRCC.
- On motion made by Dave Norton, seconded by Tom Graham, the following was unanimously approved: Not to spend \$50 for Sandy Barrett for filing the IRS Form 990N form on condition that the 990N will be filed by a BPRCC representative or alternate without charge.

**5. Treasurer's Report - Amadeus Larew**

(a) **February checkbook balance** - \$6,676.29.

(b) **Budget Committee report** - The Budget Committee is preparing a balanced budget with an operational reserve fund (need guidelines as to how this money will be used).

**6. Committee Reports**

(a) **P & Z Committee - Bill Kusner:** The County P&Z Commission approved increasing events at Outlet Mall from 10 to 15 with a 10-foot setback stipulation from the ADOT right-of way. The next step in the approval process is the vote of the Board of Supervisors. BPRCC needs to be aware that the All American Road does not become 'tent city'.

(b) **Transportation Committee:** Please talk to Amadeus Larew if you are interested in chairing this committee as this position is open.

(c) **Dark Sky Committee:** The county ordinance will be posted to the BPRCC website as a venue to educate residents in an effort to reduce light pollution.

**7. Other Reports**

- (a) **Sedona Fire District - Gary Johnson:** Gary reported that the Sedona Fire District provides input for local activities. In addition, a replica of the Vietnam War Memorial wall will be on display at the Posse Grounds Park in Sedona beginning March 30 for 4 days.
- (b) **Yavapai County Sheriff's Office:** Amadeus informed attendees, if they want to receive alerts and messages from the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, they need to sign up for 'Emergency Notification for Community Alerts' at [www.ycsoaz.gov](http://www.ycsoaz.gov).
- (c) **Yavapai College Advisory Committee - Carolyn Fisher:** The Yavapai College District Governing Board voted against hiring an independent consultant to explore the option of a separate administrative college. Carolyn provided a 5 question survey and encouraged attendees to distribute to their HOAs so they can provide input.
- (d) **Forest Service - Paul Sullivan:** Last year, BPRCC made a \$500 donation to the Forest Service for trail maintenance. Paul inquired if BPRCC would be interested in doing that again and will send an email to [info@bigparkcouncil.org](mailto:info@bigparkcouncil.org) to inform the Budget Committee of this request who will then bring this topic back to the Council for discussion.
- (e) **All-American Road Committee – Tom Graham:** Tom reported that the AARC website has created the Red Rock Scenic byway as the #1 Sedona attraction according to TripAdvisor. This was accomplished over the past several years through the efforts of Nancy Brown, the webmaster. Per Nancy's request, AARC has selected a new webmaster, Marc Fuller, the new SVBA representative for the BPRCC. Tom also reported that the Outlet Mall is under a letter of intent to be sold.
- (f) **Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization:** No report.
- (g) **RRREMD - Dave Norton:** Weeds are back and being sprayed and pulled now that Spring is upon us.

**8. Old Business:** No old business.**9. New Business:** Amadeus introduced 3 additional speakers:

- (a) **Omar Kenney:** Omar, a parent of children that attend Big Park Community School, stressed to attendees the importance that people contact the Sedona-Oak Creek School District and voice their concerns about the possibility of the Big Park Community School being closed. He reminded attendees of the community meeting this evening (March 10) at 5:30 p.m. at the Sedona Performing Arts Center.
- (b) **Randy Garrison:** Randy is running for the office of Yavapai County Supervisor and reiterated that it is critical we reach out to the school board and that we can 'make a difference' by influencing the board members.
- (c) **Diane Joens:** Diane expressed her concerns about the potential closing of Big Park Community School. She is also having a 'Meet and Greet' March 16th from 4:30 to 6:30 at the Canyon Trees Patio and Grill at the Oak Creek Country Club.

**Note:** An email was sent to Barb Gordon, Corresponding Secretary, after the meeting requesting she send an email to the BPRCC Master Roster List stressing the importance that people provide input to the Sedona-Oak Creek School District. Email addresses were provided of the 5 school board members.

**10. Announcements - Joanne Johnson:** It will cost about \$400 for an 8 - 10 foot tree to be planted next to the bench at the VOCA Kiwanis park in honor of Joan McClelland. Joanne asked for donations as there is only \$170 left in the budget. Donations were received in the amount of \$125 at the meeting. Contact Joanne for information on how additional donations can be made.**12. Adjournment -** Meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: PJ Kehoe, recording secretary