

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
9:00 AM, Thursday, April 14, 2016
Sedona Fire District Station #3, 125 Slide Rock Road, Sedona, AZ 86351

1. Call to order – Pledge of Allegiance
Determine Quorum by Roll Call
Quorum established. 21 members present. Seven (7) members absent: Canyon Mesa Townhouse Association, La Barranca II, Oak Creek Country Club Estates I, Oak Creek Country Club Estates II, Pinion Woods II East, Sedona Village Lodging Association, Wild Horse Mesa.

Have the Big Park Community School representative provide a report at the monthly BPRCC meeting (Debbie will be the Big Park Community School representative)

The school board has asked that there be a representative from the Big Park Site Council on the District Advisory Committee that reports to the school board because the board counts on the Site Council to bring information to the board. The comment was made that, in addition to a conduit to the school board, there needs to be a conduit to the public. Towards that effort of improving communications with the public, it was suggested that the Big Park Site Council provide information to be published in the Villager.

Further discussion on this topic was tabled to the next BPRCC Executive Meeting. Also, it was suggested that a BPRCC representative attend the Big Park School Site Council meetings. Amadeus will attend the next meeting on 4/21 at 3:30.

Heather Herman; Heather, currently on the Big Park Site Council and PTSA, is running for the school board. She said there has been a collaborative effort in the changes made.

2. Secretary's Report
On motion duly made, seconded, the minutes from the March 10, 2016 meeting were approved with one objection.
3. President's Report – Amadeus Larew
Welcome – Amadeus welcomed all those present and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Guests/visitors

Jay Kriske, Hilton General Manager: Jay emphasized three priorities in his new role:

1. Make The Hilton a premier employer in Verde Valley area.
2. Provide wonderful experience for guests.
3. Develop/grow business in the Village.

Mark Elder and Chris Locher: Mark indicated over 800 signatures were obtained for a dog park in the Village of Oak Creek. Mark indicated that the Dog Park committee is a permanent entity and will solicit donations and operate the facility. Locations being researched including land owned by VOCA.

5. Treasurer's Report – Harry Hirsch
February checkbook balance – \$6,682.74
Budget Committee report – The Budget Committee finalized the 2016 budget which reflects a deficit of \$90. They made the following recommendations:
 1. Minimum balance be \$2500 in the carryover account (this is the insurance deductible amount)
 2. No non-budgeted expenses be voted into action without Executive Committee review.
 3. Regarding the Committee Contribution budget item of \$250, on motion duly made and seconded, this money will be allocated to the Sedona Red Rock Trails.
 4. Joanne Johnson reported that a tree in honor of Joan McClellan was bought and planted as a result of the donations at the last meeting in combination with the \$172 in the budget.

4. Executive Board Meeting - Amadeus Larew
The Executive Board met at the Forest Service Ranger Station on April 11, 2016 at 9 a.m.

Development of Operational Guidelines; Work in progress, goal: Guidelines to be ready in June.

Big Park School and School Board Relations Committee

Amadeus presented the idea of forming a committee to build relations with Big Park School that would serve as a conduit to disseminate objective information and to broadcast school activities.

Debbie Jones, Counselor at Big Park School, will be the principal at Big Park School next year and said the school staff is enthusiastic and focused on rebuilding. In discussing a Big Park School and a School Board Relations committee, a couple of options were discussed in lieu of forming a separate Big Park School community:

6. Committee Reports

P & Z Committee – Bill Kusner; Further discussion on a variance request is needed by the P & Z Committee before this can be presented at a BPRCC meeting for discussion. On motion duly made and seconded, topic was tabled. Also, Bill will be measuring that the tents at the Outlet Mall are in accordance with the 10-foot setback stipulation from the ADOT right-of-way. This is for safety precautions.

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Transportation Committee – Please talk to Amadeus Larew if you are interested in chairing this committee. This is a critical role as this committee makes recommendations to the county.

Dark Sky Committee – Joanne Kendrick mentioned there will be an International Dark Sky celebration on June 8 at The Collective which will include an astronomy presentation and telescopes. In addition, participants at the Camera Class in Sedona will attend this celebration to take pictures. Further details will be provided as this event approaches. Joanne also said that Northern Arizona has the largest concentration of dark sky communities.

7. Other Reports

Sedona Fire District - Gary Johnson; Gary reported that there has been an inquiry as to the capacity of the room above the Schoolhouse restaurant. He also reminded attendees it is important that we encourage hikers to wear proper footwear, carry a cell phone, and take plenty of water. In addition, we are coming up on fire season so it is important that people keep 10 feet clearance around their residences.

Yavapai County Sheriff's Office – No report. (Sergeant Winslow attended the meeting, but had to leave for duty before his report.)

Yavapai College Advisory Committee – No report.

Forest Service – No report.

All American Road – No report.

Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization – John Gillam – Work has started on Bell Rock road to Verde Valley School road. John also mentioned that the 5 year transportation plan will be discussed in Flagstaff on May 20. Dave Norton emphasized this is a critical meeting as cleanup of the interchange at I-17 has been removed from this committee's budget the past two years. There is also a survey on the ADOT website as a venue to provide input.
<https://www.azdot.gov/planning/national-household-travel-survey>

RRREMD – Dave Norton; The next quarterly meeting is on Tuesday April 19, 2:00 pm, at VOCA.

Sedona Public Library – No report.

8. Old Business; Sandy Barrett will begin working on the 501c6 filing after 4/15/16.

9. New Business – Two **volunteers are needed** for the following roles:

Operate display equipment at the BPRCC meetings. (Note: Marc Fuller volunteered after the meeting.)

Recording Secretary (Note this person will work closely with Barb Gordon, the corresponding secretary.)

10. Announcements

Supervisor Chip Davis will attend the BRPCC October meeting and have a presentation on how our taxes are spent.

Sedona Village Welcome Center – Amadeus encouraged attendees to drop by the Welcome Center and share their ideas and thoughts. Amadeus was acknowledged for his time and efforts in getting the Welcome Center up and running.

Awards

Steve Nelson (not in attendance) was acknowledged for his years of service to BPRCC including serving as president.

Joanne Kendrick was acknowledged for her efforts in getting the Dark Sky designation for the Village of Oak Creek.

Guest speakers:

1. Mayor Diane Joens informed attendees that the Cottonwood Transit was honored as a small urban transit system in Arizona. Mayor Joens is working on expanding the Cottonwood Transit to include the Village of Oak Creek which is dependent on funding.

2. Randy Garrison applauded BPRCC for speaking up for the community. He also reminded attendees to provide input to the Yavapai College Advisory Committee.

12. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
PJ Kehoe, recording secretary

with edits and completion by
Barb Gordon, BPRCC corresponding secretary