

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
9:00 AM, Thursday, May 12, 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

Quorum established. 22 members present. Six (6) members absent: Canyon Mesa Townhouse Association, Oak Creek Estados, Pinion Woods East II, Sedona Village Lodging Association, Verde Valley School, Sundance HOA.

2. Secretary's Report

Barb Gordon served as temporary recording secretary. Carolyn Fisher will serve in June. Amadeus has a potential volunteer starting in July. On motion duly made, seconded, the minutes from the April 14, 2016 meeting were approved.

3. President's Report – Amadeus Larew

Welcome
Guests/visitors included Cottonwood Mayor, Diane Joens; County supervisor candidate, Randy Garrison and his wife Debbie; Vision Alliance members, Don Groves and David Gill; Big Park School PTSA rep, Katie Chorlton; and RRREMD board member, Paul Gazda.

4. Executive Board Meeting – Amadeus Larew

The Executive Board met at the Red Rock Ranger Station on 5-9-16. The president sets the agenda. There was not a quorum at the executive meeting to approve the agenda.

1) Development of Operational Guidelines – Tabled by President.

2) Big Park School and School Board Relations Committee

Debbie Jones, new principal at Big Park School, spoke of increased community interest in the school in general and specific support of International Baccalaureate (IB). Amadeus nominated Jones to head Big Park School and School Board Relations Committee. Discussion followed about the need for a committee. Motion by Carolyn Fisher, second by Jan Montgomery: BPRCC appoint an individual or individuals to become a member of the Big Park School site council. Approved unanimously. Carolyn Fisher volunteered as the rep and Jan Montgomery volunteered as the alternate. The expectation is they will communicate to BPRCC regarding the site council and school board meetings.

3) Discussion and Action on membership of Vision Alliance under Article II Section 2.

This was discussed after agenda item 4. Discussion included whether the 501(c)3 group, Vision Alliance, met the bylaws requirement for membership and the possibility of Vision Alliance participating without membership such as groups listed under agenda

item 7, Other Reports. Amadeus stated BPRCC is the community interface with the county. Tom Graham shared some history about Vision Alliance. The effort began in BPRCC by Mel Copen and then became part of Sedona Mainstreet. Motion to table this item was approved.

4) Discussion and Action on recommending Vision Alliance to take lead on International Baccalaureate fund raising program

David Gill (Vision Alliance) presented information about this education program. Handouts and information were presented to explain IB. There are three steps for a school to become and sustain IB. First is teacher training. Cost is \$600 per teacher. Big Park School has 10 teachers to train. A promotion called, Adopt a Teacher, was successful in raising the needed funds/pledges for training. Teachers are in agreement with the plan. The second step is an application process and \$4000 fee. An anonymous donor has provided the funding for the application. Step three is the annual \$8500 fee. Vision Alliance will commit \$4250 toward payment of that \$8500 fee in 2018 if the Big Park community will raise the other \$4250 toward the fee. It is a "challenge grant" to the community through BPRCC. Gill believes increased enrollment will provide for funding annual fees after 2018. **Donations to IB can be made through Kids Tax Credit at Big Park School. Indicate on your donation that you want the donation to go toward International Baccalaureate.** Consult your tax advisor if you have questions about how donations affect your tax report. Discussion included Vision Alliance asking each BPRCC rep to ask the groups they represent to donate. Amadeus will prepare a sample letter for reps to model for requesting donations.

5. Treasurer's Report – Barb Gordon for Harry Hirsch
April balance \$6137.90. \$3031 expense balance. The budget committee set \$2500 of the "carry over" fund to be maintained. \$2500 is the insurance deductible. \$606.90 remains in "carry over" fund as not budgeted.

6. Committee Reports

1) P&Z Committee – Bill Kusner
Still arguing with Outlet Mall about 10 foot easement during art shows.

2) Discussion and Action on nomination of Marc Fuller as Transportation chairman – Motion by Dave Norton, second by Carolyn Fisher: Appoint Marc Fuller as BRRCC transportation committee chair. Approved unanimously.

3) Dark Sky Committee – Joanne Kendrick – Dark Sky Committee Report – BP/VOC IDS Celebration June 8 at The Collective at 6pm.

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7. Other Reports

1) Sedona Fire District - Gary Johnson; Gary reported on the Rimrock Ride/Cortez home fire. Embers spread to debris on the flat roof. Reminder to keep debris off roofs. Reminder to prepare for a fire emergency (what to take and how to get away). Each situation is different. Preparation is key. He is willing to speak to any group about fire safety. **Firewise cleanup is May 20, 21 and 22. 8am to 5pm.** Fire station No. 4, 391 Forest Road, Uptown Sedona. No trash. Free disposal of flammable and combustible vegetation.

2) Yavapai County Sheriff's Office – Sergeant Winslow; Request to keep roads clear for emergency vehicles during fires. Bell Rock Blvd near the school has been paved. Speed bumps may or may not be replaced. Traffic study being conducted. Stop signs to be improved.

3) Yavapai College Advisory Committee – Carolyn Fisher; Please fill out and submit surveys. Input is needed. Either email answers to questions below to Carolyn or fill out the survey online:
<http://goo.gl/forms/ACf8a72dMi>
Verde Valley Board Advisory Committee, Next meeting: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 8:30 a.m., Sedona Center, Community Room, 4215 Arts Village Drive. July meeting will be in VOC.

Survey (email flyingcarolyn@gmail.com):

- What do you value about Yavapai College?
- How does Yavapai College meet the educational, economic, and cultural needs of our communities?
- What do you believe will be the most significant challenges facing Yavapai College (Higher Education) in the next 5 years?
- Are there particular needs/issues you would like Yavapai College to address?
- What specific recommendations to improve higher education in the Verde Valley would you like the VVBAC to make to the Governing Board?

4) Forest Service – No report.

5) All American Road – No report.

6) Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization – John Gillam – State Transportation meeting is in Flagstaff on Friday. These are important meetings.

7) RRREMD – No report.

8) Sedona Public Library – May 18, 1:30pm, Church of Nazarene, 55 Rojo Dr: Arizona's War Town: Flagstaff, Navajo Ordnance Depot, and WWI. June 8, 1:30pm, Church of Nazarene, 55 Rojo Dr: Pens and Paintbrushes: The Legacies of Early Arizona Women in the Arts.

8. Old Business – 501c6 filing. Waiting on IRS response.

9. New Business

10. Announcements

1) Supervisor Chip Davis December presentation

2) Paul Gazda request for information on non-toxic weed abatement materials

Paul Gazda (RRRMED board member – not speaking as a board member but as a Big Park resident of 27 years) asked for ideas from the community on how to move toward a more healthy and environmentally friendly maintenance program for the Hwy 179 landscaping. Email Gazda with ideas and suggestions. paul@paulgazda.com

3) Rimrock Ride fire and egress issues – Addressed under agenda item 7-1

4) Pending Arizona state legislation regarding National Monuments House Bill – Amadeus has received requests from pro-monument and anti-monument groups asking to address BPRCC. He stated he won't allow one without the other.

11. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m. Next meeting June 9, 2016 at 9am at fire station.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Gordon, BPRCC corresponding secretary

Note: At the June 9, 2016 BPRCC meeting, the above meeting minutes were approved with the following motion for correction:

Tom Graham noted that the Council voted to support the Vision Alliance's challenge to the community to raise \$4250 (item 4 - 4) in the draft minutes of the June 12 meeting). Moved, seconded and passed that the minutes be approved with that correction.

The recording secretary for May 12, 2016, Barb Gordon, was not in attendance at the June meeting to dispute the correction. I did not record any motion or vote at the May meeting in regard to the challenge grant. However, according to my notes, there was no objection raised during the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Gordon, BPRCC corresponding secretary