

Draft June 9, 2016 Minutes

Big Park Regional Coordinating Council

1. The meeting was called to order by President Amadeus Larew at 9 AM. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jenny and Alexia, students at Verde Valley School. A quorum was established with 21 representatives. Absent were Bell Rock Plaza Assn., Cathedral Rock Ranch, Firecliff, Pinon Woods East, Sedona Village Lodging Assn, Sundance HOA, and Valley Vista Estates.
2. President Larew reported that there was no quorum at the Executive Board meeting on June 6th. Draft minutes were previously distributed via email on May 13th. 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.
3. President Larew introduced Sean Fagan, Director of Admissions at Verde Valley School. Mr Fagan introduced Jenny (a day student who attended Big Park Community School) and Alexia (a day student who attended West Sedona School) and spoke of the school's long history (founded in 1948) and reputation as an 11th and 12th grade International Baccalaureate institution. Both girls spoke of their positive experiences at the school and shared their five guiding principles: academic excellence, service to others, environmental stewardship, the value of world citizenship and the value of physical labor. The school is a member of BPRCC.
4. The Executive Board meeting did not have a quorum at its June 6th meeting.
5. The Treasurer reported a May 31, 2016, balance of \$5049.17. President Larew reported that he wanted the Board to consider some operational guidelines over authorization of expenditures versus what is in the bylaws.
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 - 1) Bill Kusner reported no new P&Z issues, but they are keeping a close eye on the encroachment of the art shows on the right of way.
 - 2) Marc Fuller reported that he and Amadeus attend the ADOT Transportation Board's Open House to remind them that the current 5 year plan had dropped the improvements to the exit at SR 179 and they needed to be rescheduled. A discussion then followed about the concerns and challenges of backed up traffic on SR179 going into Sedona (Tom Graham said ADOT had labeled it a failing road).
 - 3) Joanne Kendrick reported that the Dark Skies Celebration at the Collective on June 8th drew a good crowd who were able to view many things including Jupiter and a couple of its rings. She also reported that several National Parks in AZ received Dark Skies designation recently, including the Grand Canyon.
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 - 1) There was no report from the Sedona Fire District.
 - 2) Sgt Dan Winslow reported that there was Air Force helicopter activity expected later this month in the area. Sgt Winslow noted that he would be retiring at the end of the month – his replacement has not yet been named. He thanked the community for their support – the Council thanked him for his service.

- 3) Carolyn Fisher reported that she has received very few responses to the survey about Yavapai College. She said the Verde Valley Board Advisory Committee will meet somewhere in the Big Park/Village of Oak Creek on July 13th – all are invited to attend.
- 4) There was no report on the Forest Service.
- 5) There was no report from the All American Road committee.
- 6) John Gilliam reported construction on SR260 to finish making it four lanes will start by the end of this summer, also there will be some work this summer on 89A near the viewpoint at the top of the switchbacks in Oak Creek Canyon.
- 7) Mark Mumaw presented the RRREMD Board's evaluation of the cost/benefit of installing a double weed barrier vs spot spraying of RoundUp. Their analysis led to a conclusion that it would double the current cost without a significant or proven benefit in exposure to those chemicals. RRREMD Board member, Paul Gadza disputed their conclusion. President Larew reminded the audience that the Council meeting was not the correct venue for that debate.
- 8) Cheryl Yates informed attendees about upcoming library events and programs. For more information, visit the library in Bell Rock Plaza.
8. 1) The Treasurer reported that the paperwork been filed with the IRS for our 501c6, received and acknowledged by them. We can expect a decision with 90 days.
- 2) The Pinon Woods I representative reported that their HOA was pledging \$200 for the matching challenge from the Vision Alliance for the third year IB funding for Big Park Community School.
9. A motion was made by Carolyn Fisher (and seconded by Carol Sheets) to work with the League of Women Voters to hold a candidate forum for the District 3 Supervisor upcoming election.
10. Announcements:
 - 1) Supervisor Davis will make a presentation for the December meeting, his last month in that office.
 - 2) BPRCC President Larew thanked individuals throughout the community who have made contributions toward BPCS's IB costs and encouraged others to do so.
 - 3) President Larew is seeking better communications with other entities, such as the wastewater board, that serve the Big Park area, as well as tapping into the area's resources and talents.
 - 4) Carolyn Fisher announced that the annual Walk to End Alzheimers would take place in the Village on Saturday, Nov 5th. As part of the fundraising to support this cause, Sedona Winds Independent Living will hold a "Forget Me Not" Evening (Drinks, Dinner, Fun) on August 18th from 5 to 8. Tickets are \$50, with all proceeds going to support the Alzheimer's Association.
 - 5) The next meeting will be July 14th at 9am at the fire station.

Submitted, Carolyn Fisher