

BIG PARK REGIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL, INC.
JULY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 14, 2017
Sedona Fire District Station #3, 125 Slide Rock Road, Sedona, AZ 86351

1. Call to order-Pledge of Allegiance

Determine Quorum by Roll Call

A quorum was established with 19 members present. Nine (9) members were absent: Canyon Mesa, Firecliff Community Association, Highland Estates, Pinon Woods East II, Sedona Village Lodging Association, Sundance HOA, Valley Vista Estates, Verde Valley School, Wild Horse Mesa.

2. Secretary's Report

Corresponding Secretary Barb Gordon- Not in Attendance

- a) The Executive Board met at the Red Rock Ranger Station on 7/11/16, Quorum was not met.
- b) **Minutes** - On motion duly made, seconded, the minutes from the June 16, 2016 meeting were approved.

3. President's Report

President Amadeus welcomed all those present and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

- a) **Harry Hirsch resignation letter** as Council Treasurer was presented and a prayer for his recovery was performed by Pastor Jim.
- b) **Nomination of Stephanie "Song Bird" Garcia as Secretary.** On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved appointing Stephanie "Song Bird" Garcia as the Secretary
- c) **Nomination of Sue Dennis as Treasurer.** On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved appointing Sue Dennis as the Treasure.

4. Guest Speakers

- a) **Phil Roark with Verde River Basin Partnership** discussed their organization's new plans to change by-laws from "member" to "council" organization. Currently there are 14 members on their council. They plan to keep their tax status as "non-profit and will continue to be an "educational organization." They are asking for BPRCC to approve their "change of governance" and become part of their advisory committee. Changing their structure will allow them to become more proactive to change laws and procedures to protect the river. There was much discussion on their current and future finances, the status of 501c3, and if current status would prohibit them to lobby in the future. "Motion to Table" by Carolyn Fisher, Seconded by Don Beard and approved.

President Amadeus Larew asked to “suspend this discussion” and bring it to next Executive Session.

b) **In preparation for next meeting**, Phil Roark will send a copy of by-laws to disseminate to BPRCC. Their web-site is: <http://vrbp.org/>

c) **Meg S. Fenzi** announced the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" that take place November 5, 2016 at “The Collective of Sedona” and everyone is invited to participate.

d) **Terry Williams “Sedona Winds Director”** announced the “Forget Me Not” (fundraiser dinner, fashion show, and auction) for the “Walk to End Alzheimer’s” event. This fundraiser will be August 18, 2016 from 5-8 pm and is \$50 per person. This is tax-deductible and all proceeds go to the “Alzheimer’s Association.” President Amadeus Larew will send e-mail to members announcing this event.

5. Executive Board Meeting

a) The Executive Board Meeting will continue to work on development of Organization Guidelines.

6. Treasurer's Report- June Balance

a) \$5,596.90 Current Flow

b) \$849.00 Checks not gone through

c) \$10 Surplus for Annual Budget

d) As of June 2016 BPRCC is now officially a 501c6 organization.

e) Due to “Alliance Bank” closing their Sedona Branch, BPRCC will transfer bank account from “Alliance Bank” to “AmTrust” bank. “AmTrust” Bank is offering a “no monthly fee” to BPRCC. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously approved to change bank accounts.

7. Committee Reports

a) P&Z Committee-(Bill Kusner) had nothing to report.

b) Transportation Committee (Marc Fuller) is looking for committee. The person does not have to be in “Big Park” to be on the Committee. Marc Fuller requests the corresponding secretary to send an announcement to email list.

8. Other Reports

a) **Sedona Fire District-** Marshal Gary will be remaining on staff until January 6, 2017. Monsoon season is coming up, reminder to clean rain gutters. Crews are out assisting with fires in the area for the federal government.

b) **Yavapai County Sheriff Office-**Sergeant Rumpf was not in attendance.

c) **Yavapai County College Advisory Committee-** Carolyn Fisher reported on lack of visibility, participation, and presence in the community for the college. There was much discussion on lack of accessibility to the surrounding campuses, and the need for a facility in “Big Park” for the

community. Carolyn Fisher asks for more local involvement. President Amadeus moved to leave this discussion for a later date.

d) **Forest Service (Paul Sullivan)**-Byer's Fire burning 6.2 acres started June 28, 2016. Website to locate local wild fires: <https://wildfiresnearthme.wfmrda.com/>

e) **All American Road Update**- Tom Graham-Next month will report.

f) **Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization**-John Gillam-
No Report

g) **RRREMD**-Mark Mumaw- Next Quarterly Meeting: September 21, 2016, 2 PM-3 board positions are expiring and are up for election on November 8, 2016.

h) **Sedona Public Library**-Cheryl Yeats- Library is now located in the Bell Rock Plaza. Use and Support the local library. There is a current break from programs until September 2016. September/October field trip to the Navajo Ordinance Depot in Flagstaff, AZ., will be announced. Library received a "Technology grant" that will include a document station, fax, scan, mobile printing within 2 hours. Thank you note from library for \$100 dollar donation from BPRCC was acknowledged.

i) **Big Park Community School**-Debbie Jones

1. August 2, 2016 Open House there will be a volunteer table.
2. Tax credit for IB program is available, cannot directly contribute, but can request tax dollars get used for extracurricular activities.
3. Taxpayers can donate \$200 per individual, \$400 per couple.

j) **Dark Skies**-Joanne Kendrick- Not in attendance

9. Old business

a) **Status of BPRCC members' support of Vision Alliance challenge funding IB program**

1. President Amadeus Larew spoke to VOCA about IB program, they are not allowed to fund through by-laws, but are looking at ways to fund personally.

2. President Amadeus Larew is available to speak on IB anytime.

b) **Q&A "Candidate Forum"** August 8, 2016 from 6-8 pm at the events center at "The Collective of Sedona." Diane Jones and Randy Garrison will appear to discuss: Transportation, Water Sustainability, Taxes, Planning and Zoning, Education, and General questions. Information will be sent out in announcement after meeting. Community is encouraged to submit questions. **Candidate Forum will be "live streamed"** via Facebook page and will be recorded.

c) **Project Available Resources**- President Amadeus Larew is continuing to work with Big Park infrastructure groups to make better decisions moving forward.

10. New business

- a) SB 1350- presently monitoring and will bring more information as provide.

11. Announcements

- a) Alzheimer's Walk November 5, 2016
- b) Heather Klomparens from Big Park School is asking for volunteers for the school.
- c) August 2, 2016 Big Park School Open House- 2:30-4 pm. Volunteers can sign-up and complete background fingerprinting.

12. Adjournment

1. Next meeting August 11, 2016 at 9 am Fire Station

Please send all announcements or corrections for our website to info@bigpakcouncil.org

Respectfully Submitted: Song Bird (Stephanie Garcia) Recording Secretary