

**Beaver Creek Regional Council
Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2007
Rimrock / Lake Montezuma Fire Station**

Council Member Attendance:

Fred Shute – Friends of the Well; Bill Cowan – Beaver Creek Kiwanis; Jennete Rhodda for Billy Dabbs – Concerned Citizens Group; Jim Bowser (Alternate) – BC Adult Center; Sharon Brooks – Lake Montezuma Property Owners Association; Bob Bruno – Thunder Ridge Property Owners Association; Kala Pearson – Lower McGuireville Property Owners; Yolanda Sprinz – Lake Montezuma Women's Civic Group; Susan Fish – Rimrock Airport Association; Lance Morris – Blackhawk Point Yavapai Apache Reservation.

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Shute at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 1) INTRODUCTION:

Council members stated their names and represented organizations. Members of the audience introduced themselves.

AGENDA ITEM 2) READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Bill Cowan pointed out some name discrepancies on item 4 of the minutes. Bob Bruno moved and Kala Pearson seconded to accept the minutes as amended.

AGENDA ITEM 3) TREASURER'S REPORT

Brooks gave the Treasurer's report. The fund balance is \$1,303.36. There were no outstanding dues.

AGENDA ITEM 4) BCRC LEGAL & ADMISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- ❖ Articles of Incorporation – Kala reported that the Incorporation papers had been approved by the State and now needed to be published in a local newspaper. The estimated cost would be about \$250.00 for publishing. There was discussion on whether the Bugle would donate the publishing. Fred Shute will contact Steve Ayers to ascertain what can be done to offset this expense.
- ❖ Youth Recreation and Open Space Committee - Discussion on splitting the committee followed, with Bob McDonald advocating that one committee be called the Youth & Family Services Committee because of the great need in the area. Bill Cowan commented that there was no reason why a fifth committee could not be formed for Open Space and Recreation. There would need to be a chairperson for the new committee. Bob Burke stated that the Community Plan is a community input committee and that no other community plan has provisions for youth and family. Sharon stated that we would need to amend the Bylaws. Discussion was held on support and funding opportunities for recommendations from the Youth Committee. Yolanda Sprinz motioned and Kala Pearson seconded to split the Open Space, Youth and Recreation Committee into two committees – one for Open Space and Recreation and the other for Youth and Family Services and amend the bylaws as such. The motion carried unanimously.
- ❖ BCRC Logo – Yolanda passed around various BCRC logo samples for initialing which committee members liked best for official adoption.
- ❖ BCRC Sandwich Board & Notices - Bill Burke presented the sandwich board and advised that the artwork and material had been donated by the sign maker. The Council is to send a thank you letter for the donation. Kala presented and distributed some posters that could be displayed at area businesses advising the meeting time and place for BCRC.
- ❖ Business Cards – Kala distributed the temporary business cards to each of the Council members. The cost of the cards was \$4.00 per set of 250 cards. Each member was asked to reimburse her for their set of cards.

- ❖ Issues Process – Fred advised that after speaking with Yavapai County – Chip Davis, BCRC was not subject to the open meeting laws. He suggested that community issues should first be taken to the appropriate committee for presentation to the Council. A process should be posted on the website. Discussion on having Steve Ayers write about the process of the committees and the council followed. Bill Cowan stated he was in favor of issues going to the subcommittees. Some issues would need to be addressed at the Council level. Brooks stated that it takes a long time to review all the information on each issue. If the committee does not agree on a recommendation, the issues would go to the Council. Yavapai County's process for land use and zoning issues was that it first goes to the Planning and Zoning Committee and then they make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for their decision. Committees are always advisory, advising information to the board. The committees do not decide on issues but people would have to trust that they are operating on good faith. Discussion on time lines and deadlines for each issue followed. It was suggested that if the committee did not complete its review and data collection regarding an individual issue, the status would still need to be reported to the Council. Some of the organizations do not meet often enough to bring the issues back to the Council organizations. Lance mentioned that Blackhawk Point did not represent the Yavapai Apache Nation but that the Nation does support their efforts and they report to the Nation. At one time, they were considering pulling out of the Council, but decided there was a need to stand together. He mentioned that it is good to hear both sides of the issues.

Jim Browser motioned and Bill Cowan seconded to send all issues to committee, pro and con, then have committees present them to the council in a timely manner. The motion carried unanimously.

Ron Siefert made a presentation on the Brittiny Wells project. The area represented is 20 square acres off of Beaver Creek Road. The land was donated and a shared community well was to be on its own parcel, with the parcel being in the name of the association. The association needed a special use permit for a special tax parcel. The group is unincorporated, but the residents pay a well and road maintenance fee of \$25.00 per month. They have notified all the neighbors within 300 feet as required by Yavapai County.

Bob McClarin stated that there was no opposition to the well and that it had been there since 2000. Susan Fish motioned to support the use permit. Bill Cowan seconded. Discussion followed.

Siefert stated that there were 40 members in the Brittany neighborhood made up of 39 property owners and 11 homeowners. Certified letters were sent to each of the property owners when the organization was established for sharing the well. The roads in the area are private as are the easements. Jeannette Rhodda asked if additional growth was anticipated for the area. Siefert stated that after 15 homes there would be to be a public water company. He suspected that they would drill another well to service another 15 homes. Lance asked the distance from Montezuma's Well and stated that he was concerned for anything within 1 mile of the Well. Siefert advised that they are located ½ mile before the school by Joanne Drive and the school.

The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5) COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ❖ Open Space, Recreation and Youth

Bob McDonald suggested that this committee be split, creating a separate Youth Committee and Open Space and Recreation Committee.

There was no committee meeting during the month. Bob reported that the Boys and Girls club was not interested in the after school program. He stated that there were 119 single parent families and there was no account of the number of children going home to empty homes after school.

It was reported that Billy Dabbs had suffered a heart attack and Jennete Rhoda would be taking his place on the Council representing Concerned Citizen's Group. Bob urged member of the committee to get in touch with Billy's wife to offer support.

❖ Transportation

Janet Aniol presented the Transportation Committee report to Council. The transportation committee met on December 12th. We discussed committee assignments in order to get information ready for the Council meetings and the requested data for the BC Plan Committee.

Maggie Holt and Ken Kasner will be the Transportation Committee interface representatives to the BC Plan Committee which will meet January 23rd and February 27th. Ken is also collecting information in order to prepare a short briefing for the Council on the SATS, Small Area Transportation Study.

We divided up the data collection tasks that we were assigned by the plan committee and are working to have that information to put together at our February meeting. We would like to have at least preliminary information for the other committee for their late February meeting. These tasks include updating the traffic incident list from mid 2005 (a previously completed list) to the end of 2007 and updating the traffic count information from November 2005 to November 2007. Get traffic count and incident information from the stretch of I-17 that passes through our fire district. We are counting driveways and naming the intersecting roads for the following list:

- A. Cornville Rd, I-17 to Kimberly's Way
- B. Beaver Creek Road to the Y
- C. Beaver Creek Road, Y to the Well entrance
- D. Montezuma Ave. from the Y to the Wash
- E. Cliffside Trail
- F. Cayuga and Navajo Lanes
- G. Kramer Dr
- H. Lake Shore Dr
- I. To O' the Morning Dr
- J. Bice Rd
- K. Bocket Branch Rd
- L. Montezuma Ave west around the outskirts of the golf course to the west end of Rimrock Dr
- M. Rimrock Dr
- N. Other as requested

At the last Council meeting we provided a draft statement for the Council to send to Lima and Associates for inclusion in the Verde Valley Multimodal Transportation Study. We ask that the Council complete that document and send it to sweir@lima-inc.com for their use. That contracted firm also encourages comments about the regional road system or other transportation issues from individuals to be sent to that same email address.

At this time we have prepared for each Council member a CD with information pertaining to road improvement districts. This information is also available on the Yavapai County web site. We have made individual copies of their tri-fold brochure which provides summary information on the road improvement & maintenance districts (RIMDs) and the county road improvement districts (CRIDs). More detailed information will be available about the RIMDs by January 24th. We will bring that information to the next BTVV meeting.

The LMPOA Transportation Committee, which we also interface with, has provided you with copies of their January update.

The next two transportation committee meetings will be Wednesdays, January 16th and February 13th, at 5 PM in the Adult Center.

Some discussion was held on RIMDs. Kala stated that she was in touch with Bev Staddon at Yavapai County regarding RIMD and that she was trying to arrange a joint meeting of the BCRC and the Lower McGuireville Property Owners for Staddon's presentation on RIMD tentatively scheduled for March.

Discussion shifted to the proposed paving of the Well Road for inclusion in the letter to Lima and Associates. Fred Shute passed the chair to the Vice Chair, Bill Cowan. Bill stated that this committee was not driving individual issues and that he didn't think that we needed to fine tune the language of the letter. He asked does some kind of statement be in the letter, and commented that ADOT has discussed moving the interchange. Bob Bruno asked for Lima and Associates to study the Well road so more information is available.

Bob Bruno motioned and Sharon Brooks seconded to add a line item in the letter to Lima & Associates stating - Study the advisability of paving and improving the dirt road FR-119 which connects Beaver Creek Road to FR-618, a distance of 3.1 miles to assess the quality of life impact on the Beaver Creek Communities.

Lengthy discussion on the specific language and its meaning took place. Fred commented that the word paving should be removed from the language and the impact on the Well and the Forest Service needs to be considered. Lance commented that ceremonies were performed at the Well and that the spiritual impact should be included in the language. Sharon mentioned that perhaps this should be included in an area transportation study. It was mentioned that perhaps the issue should be tabled to June or July when it can be combined with the ADOT report on the interchange. Bob Bruno wanted to see some language included in the letter to Lima & Associates.

Kala moved to amend the motion and Bob accepted the amendment to read – Study the advisability of improving the dirt road FR-119, a distance is 3.1 miles, which connects Beaver Creek Road to FR-618. The study should include the economic, spiritual, cultural, archeological, environmental, safety and access impact to Montezuma's Well, the Beaver Creek area communities and the surrounding Forest Service lands.

A vote on the first motion failed unanimously. The vote on the amended motion passed with Lance Morris abstaining.

❖ Planning and Zoning

Bob McClarin represented the Planning and Zoning Committee. The committee did not meet in the month December. He announced that the committee will be meeting on January 16th at 6:00 to review Luna Vista Bed and Breakfast's application for a use permit.

❖ Water Resources

Kayo Parsons-Korn presented the Water Resources committee. Korn stated that the committee did not meet in December. She advised that she had been supplying information on water resources to people and referred to news articles by the Nature Conservatory, the SRP letter to 30 communities and a tax credit to 2012 for gray water systems.

Fred announced that he was working with Chip Davis for the purchase of the Chino Valley aquifer for \$300 million. He shared a letter on the diversion of Beaver Creek and that it was being monitored by the Army Corps of Engineers. Bill Cowan stated that this issue should be submitted to the newspaper along with the letter on how we were successful in stopping up the damming of the creek.

❖ Community Plan Ad-hoc Committee

Bob Burke represented the Community Plan Committee. He stated that there would be a meeting on January 23rd at 6:30 at the Fire Station. The first order of business for the committee was to collect data. The committee will meet on the last Wednesday of each month. The committee has established a website for input, comments and questions. The site address is www.BeaverCreekPlan.org

AGENDA ITEM 6) NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ Buzzard Rendezvous - Bill Cowan announced that the Kiwanis was sponsoring this event to unify the community in creative ways. The local turkey vultures return to Sycamore Point each spring. The date will be March 28th. A committee to organize the event will meet this Monday at 9:00 at the Beaver Creek Baptist Church. Discussions on the program followed with a display and show of vintage airplanes at the Rimrock airport as a possibility. I was noted that volunteers were needed to cook.

AGENDA ITEM 7) OLD BUSINESS:

The Howdy Tour will take place on January 26th and will start at the Montezuma's Well parking lot at 10:00 a.m. The tour's emphasis is to understand the history and geology of the area. The tour will include stops at dude ranches, the Beaver Creek School and McGuireville.

AGENDA ITEM 8) NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the BCRC will be held Wednesday, February 6th. Meeting time is set for 6:00 p.m. at the Rimrock / Lake Montezuma Fire Station. Supervisor Chip Davis will be the guest speaker at the meeting. A motion to adjourn by Kala Pearson and seconded by Bob Bruno passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Kala Pearson – Secretary.