

**Beaver Creek Regional Council
Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2008
Rimrock / Lake Montezuma Fire Station**

Council Member Attendance: Kala Pearson – Lower McGuierville Property Owners;; Jeanette Rodda – Concerned Citizens Group; Ivo Buddeke - Montezuma Estates Property Owners Association; Sharon Brooks – Lake Montezuma Property Owners Association; Kayo Parsons-Korn – Friends of the Well; Karin Ward – Kiwanis; Yolanda Sprinz – Lake Montezuma Women’s Civic Group; Lance Morris – Blackhawk Point Yavapai Apache Reservation; Susan Fish – Rimrock Airport Association

Absent were: Jim Bowser – BC Adult Center Bill Cowan – Beaver Creek Kiwanis; Lois Johnson – (new representative) Thunder Ridge Property Owners Association;

The meeting was called to order by Kala Pearson at 6:05 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 1) INTRODUCTIONS:

Members introduced themselves and represented organizations.

AGENDA ITEM 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kayo inquired if there was a motion from the previous meeting regarding membership status and qualification not appearing in the minutes. There was discussion but no motion was made at the last meeting. Opportunity for additional discussion on this subject on the scheduled meeting agenda was noted. Sharon Brooks moved and Ivo Buddeke seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried a unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3) CALL FOR PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS:

A member of the audience requested that skateboard status be discussed. An update on this would be presented during the Youth Task Force committee report.

AGENDA ITEM 4) TREASURER’S REPORT

Sharon reported a balance of \$360.62. The Council received \$250.00 in dues and \$150.60 from the pancake breakfast. Paid out in November was the post office box fees and reimbursements for mailing.

AGENDA ITEM 5) COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Planning and Zoning Committee:

Steve Sprinz reported on two items for comment to the Yavapai County BOS. The first was an amendment to the ordinance regarding commercial vehicle storage (H7178). **Zoning Ordinance Amendment; HA# H7178**

Applicant: Planning and Zoning Commission - Request: Consideration of an Amendment to the Yavapai County Planning and Zoning Ordinance in order to allow commercial vehicle storage for vehicles up to seven (7) tons in residential zoning districts, the following Sections of the Ordinance will need to be amended: SECTION 301 DEFINITIONS add GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT (GVW), VEHICLE, COMMERCIAL and VEHICLE, PRIVATELY OWNED, SECTION 564 OUTSIDE STORAGE, and SECTION 602 PARKING AND OFF-STREET LOADING. Staff: Tammy DeWitt **PREVIOUS P&Z RECOMMENDATION:** On October 8, 2008 this item was heard by the Commission. No action was necessary. P&Z Agenda – Verde November 19, 2008 Page 2

PREVIOUS P&Z RECOMMENDATION: On October 22, 2008, the Planning and Zoning Commission deferred the Zoning Ordinance Amendment in order to allow commercial vehicle storage for vehicles up to seven (7) tons in residential zoning districts, HA# H7178, until the next regularly scheduled Commission hearing in Cottonwood on November 19, 2008. The vote was unanimous.

A response to the BOS is due on or before 12/15. There was extensive discussion on the content of the ordinance and the amendment. It was decided that additional information be obtained and the council review and prepare comments before December 15th.

The second item was an **Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and to the Subdivision Regulations, HA# H7117 - Applicant: Planning and Zoning Commission Request:** Consideration of adoption of the Open Space and Sustainable Development Option, HA# H7117. This is an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add Section 441 OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION SUBDIVISIONS and an Amendment to the Subdivision Regulations Section 500 DESIGN STANDARDS, GENERAL and to Section 555 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT SUBDIVISION. Staff: Chad Daines **PREVIOUS P&Z RECOMMENDATION:** On July 9, 2008 this item was heard by the Commission. No action

was taken. **PREVIOUS P&Z RECOMMENDATION:** On July 23, 2008, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended deferral of this item for 120 days, or until their regularly scheduled meeting in Cottonwood on November 19, 2008. The vote was unanimous.

The Open space and preservation subdivision proposal will be presented on Feb. 4th 2009. Ivo commented that the proposal is part of a "smart growth initiative" but it may be a way to get around wildcat subdivisions. The draft is located on the County website. Steve was asked to send out the link to the site. The plan is still in the development stages. Kala recommended that anyone with comments on this issue refer them to Steve and he can coordinate them in order to prepare an overall draft statement from BCRC. We can review the statement at the January meeting.

Kala recommended that the same comment procedure be in place for H7178.

Water Resources Committee:

No report.

The Transportation Committee

BCCAT Crosswalk & No Parking Signs

The Beaver Creek Community Action Team (BCCAT) chaired by Jeannette Estes reports that work on the requested crosswalk on Beaver Creek Rd in front of the fire station began on December 1. The requested improvements to the no parking signs in front of the Lake Montezuma Post Office were completed in late November. BCCAT thanks Supervisor Davis, Chris Moran, and Verl Cook for their prompt action on these safety issues.

McGuireville TI

Flyers displaying the planned project schedule in 6 phases have been posted around the area. This flyer can also be sent to you via email by request to: janiol19@aol.com President Kala Pearson (BCRC) provided the location and pictures from several directions of the caves for which residents expressed concern. We requested that Bill Williams, ADOT Public Information Officer, provide further information about the protection of this area. Here is his reply:

Thanks for the photos of your cultural site. Our environmental coordinator visited the site, looked at the plans and discussed the project with managers. In all construction projects ADOT is sensitive to, and protective of, cultural sites.

There is a site within the McGuireville Interchange Construction project area that has been marked in the design drawings. That area will be fenced. The fencing will be such that it will block all access from the construction zone to the cultural site. The topography is so steep as to prevent the use of this area for staging or access or any other construction purpose.

Some of the cave photos you showed are not near the construction zone. This site was evaluated by the ADOT team but did not include it as an exclusionary zone because it was outside the right of way and had no use for access or storage. This site has been flagged with different color material than the other areas of the site and should be fenced off soon. With the holidays, I am not sure what day that will exactly occur. Once the fence is up with appropriate signs, there should be no possible way for there to be access to this site for construction crews.

www.Bqaz.gov Building a Quality Arizona

This is a statewide transportation framework study ongoing throughout Arizona. ADOT is in partnership with regional transportation planners and the public. The focus of the studies is to identify the state's needs in the 2030 to 2050 timeframe. State planners are predicting that AZ will have a population of about 14.1 million by 2050 (5.1 million in 2005) and water to support 32 million through the use of new technologies (e.g. desalinization) and conservation of use. The State Transportation Board has requested comments on three scenarios which can be made through the website above.

A. Personal Vehicle Mobility assumes that people will continue to use their personal vehicles as their primary travel choice.

B. Transit Mobility shifts the focus to a heavier emphasis on public transit, walking, and bicycling for regular daily trips.

C. Focused Growth adds to scenario B increased density and mix of land uses close together in order to better facilitate scenario B.

Bice road study session preliminary report

Tunnel: 14' wide, 16' high, 100+' length, traffic volume (daily) estimate for 2015 is 1,495.

DTL: The study session was held Tuesday, December 2, at 1 PM in the Montezuma-Rimrock Fire Station.

Present: Dallas Hammit, Prescott Division ADOT engineer, Kala Pearson, BCRC President, Sharon Brooks, LMPOA President, Chief Michael Van Dyke, M-R Fire District, Ed and Carol Seiler and Patty Neizel, Bice Rd area residents, and Janet Aniol, transportation committee chair.

Recommendations:

1. Solar lighting to be installed near both entrances **and in the tunnel** to provide night time lighting with the approval of ADOT.
2. BCRC to request Yavapai County to apply for a PARA (Planning Assistance for Rural Areas) for the Beaver Creek area to include the study of the possible benefits and feasibility of the Billy Dabbs tunnel bypass (under the Dry Beaver Creek Bridge near McGuireville and a low-water crossing in the vicinity of Kimberly's Way as a potential secondary access to the Bice Rd area
3. Bice Rd area residents to obtain a permit from ADOT to use the tunnel as a legal access
4. Bice Rd area residents to form an area association

Related Outcome:

Mr. Hammit (ADOT) has offered Yavapai County the 8,000 cubic yards of milling in 2010 from the ADOT McGuireville TI safety project. He suggests that they might be used for Bice Rd **and other area private roads as needed**. There may be further millings available from the Flagstaff Rest stop project.

Assignments:

1. Bice Rd participants (Patty Neitzel and Ed and Carol Seiler) will request Yavapai County to get a permit from ADOT for legal access to their properties through this tunnel. (Mr. Hamit checked and found that this had not been done previously.)
2. Kala Pearson, BCRC, to seek Dept of Energy project grant (partnering with ADOT) for the solar lighting (or similar small grant). She will request letters of support from the fire and school districts by the second week in January. (This project does not meet the requirements of the SAFETEA-LU grant)

3. Recruit solar engineering assistance for design work.

3. Transportation committee to send written request to Phil Bourdon, YC Public Works, to contact Dallas Hammit, Prescott ADOT, to accept the 2010 millings and receive them on an environmentally cleared site. This does not need an IGA.

Requested action from BCRC:

1. Formally request Yavapai County to submit a PARA proposal for a Beaver Creek area transportation planning study in early 2009.

2. BCRC to submit Community Letter / Statement of Support & Needs to ADOT and Yavapai County for possible future allocation of infrastructure stimulus funds by mid January 2009.

Follow-up: Via phone and email in late January to see where we are with the assignments.

Motion made by Karin Ward and seconded by Ivo Buddeke to submit a letter of need and support for 1) PARA study; 2) Bice Road Tunnel solar project; 3) Stimulus funds for short term projects through ADOT for the BCRC area. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Youth and Family Committee

Karin presented the youth task force and committee reported. The meeting was called to order by Scott Worden in Karin Ward's absence. Present were: Don Rotta- Kiwanis, Christy Hill- Rimrock Public High School, Eileen Jay, Janet Ariol- Lake Montezuma Property Owners, Gary Melvin- Grace Lutheran Church, Yolanda Sprinz- Women's Civic Club, Scott Worden- Beaver Creek School..

Christy Hill expressed that RPHS was very interested in encouraging the development of space that could be used by the school for sports. She shared a letter from their Principal on behalf of the Board sent to the LMPOA . RPHS currently uses the Yavapai Apache Gym and a field that belongs to Chester Newton both of which are in Camp Verde. RPHS would prefer to see facilities here in the Beaver Creek Community where transportation would not be an issue. RPHS currently pays \$500 per season to the YA Nation for the use of their Gym...

Gary Melvin, representing Grace Lutheran Church, expressed that they are interested in developing their property with community usage in mind. The church has considered a fenced and lighted basket ball court. This was in response to surveying done among mostly middle school age children who were participating in a church youth program at the time. Gary also communicated that the church is in the process of incorporating as their own 501C3 Religious organization which would give them more options in the development of their property, such as offering an economical long term lease. The church is not interested in selling the property but would be open to considering long term lease options. The church has been approached from private corporations interested bringing a hospice care facility as well as an adult assisted facility. Gary expressed that the church is interested in prioritizing considerations for the use of the property so as to make sure that whatever is done is at complementary ends (re: youth and senior adult care considered together for instance)

Related more to the mission of the Youth Task Force those gathered agreed that at the beginning (almost a year ago) there was concern about providing a place for children to be, do activities including sports, and be supervised, however in a short amount of time the focus turned toward developing a calendar of activities for youth during the summer months. **Don** suggested that perhaps the availability of certain property and opportunities might dictate which activities the Task Force focused on promoting. There was agreement with **Janet** that at least a portion of the Task Force mission should be to communicate to children and families about what activities are available. Suggestions were made to consider that communication through a web-site, as well as through sandwich-board signs such as those employed by the Kiwanis and Property Owners. **Yolanda** suggested that however we chose to communicate, we should endeavor to do so in Spanish as well as English.

It was recognized that without more financial resources the Task Force is currently in no position to consider property development or rental. Could we possibly offer stipends to those who lead or supervised youth activities? Could teachers be enlisted to lead activities for extra pay from the Task Force? What about the community utilizing upper field or baseball side field for a 4-6 year old soccer program? Times? Seasons? I was agreed that **Scott** would try to synthesize the thoughts expressed concerning mission of the Task Force into a statement that could be emailed to members for comment and editing.

With regards to a multi high school Key Club, Don communicated that the Kiwanis would like to sponsor a club, and would like to access students who bus to Camp Verde or Mingus through Beaver Creek Schools student information resources. Is this possible?

Janet related that there was no news to report from the Community Center sub-committee. They have experienced slow going with regard to information requests concerning properties. In addition to the above, the group also spoke about a possible weight training room for use of the community and RPHS. Yolanda shared the 5th-8th grade responses to the community survey that was done earlier this year. It was generally agreed that a skate park represented too great a liability for too narrow a segment of our community's youths to warrant significant consideration at this time.

The Open Space and Recreation Committee

Kala attempted to contact Bill however, did not receive a response from him. Lance reported that he was a representative on the County's trails committee. Ivo suggested that Bill be requested to act as the official BCRC liaison to Yavapai County's Trail committee in the thank you letter to Bill. Kala reported that the County is sending updates on committee activities which are circulated to the Council members. Ivo suggested that we look at selecting a chair for this committee. We should look for volunteers for this committee within our different organizations and communities.

COMMUNITY PLAN SURVEY UPDATE

Bob Burke presented the report stating that about 120 persons attended the community plan meeting. The facilitators did a great job and kept everyone focused. The results from the meeting will be posted on the CPlan website. Kala mentioned that not all tables had their sheets on the wall so not all comments received dots or post it notes. The comments from all the sheets and post-it notes will also appear on the website

Mentioned at the meeting with a lot of support was a community clean-up. This was a great opportunity for the council to respond to the community by sponsoring a community clean-up project. Janet mentioned that they had organized a clean-up however, the County did not have the funds to support it. Bob suggested that perhaps there can be something in between a County supported and private volunteer effort. There was much discussion on ways and criteria for a clean-up. Karin suggested that we speak with Chip Davis on the clean-up effort.

Kala asked for a volunteer to organize the cleanup project. Sharon suggested that until there is some support from the County on this we should hold off on recruiting volunteers. Bob suggested that we have some of the community resources that could participate in the clean up at the January meeting.

Bob reported that there will be a meeting with Supervisor Davis to update him on the community meeting; define the roles that NAU could play in wording the plan; County resources available; the plan approval process; and the community clean-up.

Lance reported that no one from his area received the survey. Kala stated that some people from Bice Road also did not receive the survey. Bob replied that according to the postmaster, a survey was put into every mailbox. Lance requested a make-up survey for persons that did not receive the survey. Kala suggested that each area submit a statement of need on each of the categories on the survey and that the statements be included in the plan, as with the high school and students statements. Ivo suggested that the surveys that came in after the cut-off also be included as an addendum to the plan. Lance stated that there were several issues that his community did not support and that he had suggested that we go door to door to make sure everyone completed the survey.

Ivo motioned and Karin seconded to allow a statement from Bice Rd and the Blackhawk communities as an addendum to the survey for input to the community plan. Yolanda suggested that we also have input from the Hispanic community. Sharon requested to amend the motion to include a timeframe. January 1st was the target date. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6) NEW BUSINESS: -

Community Awareness Littering Campaign - Kayo requested if anyone sees things dumped on Forest Service land that she be alerted so she may alert the Stewards of Public Lands.

Kala stated that many of our neighbors are losing their jobs and that the economic slowdown is sure to affect our communities. Karin reported that the Kiwanis distributed 472 food boxes for Thanksgiving. This is an increase to last year's numbers. There are some opportunities to get on the ADOT crew for the Interchange job. 1000s Trails donated over \$2000 to use for kids at the Beaver Creek School. Karin reported that the kids are starting to show the stress in the family over economic issues. The Beaver Creek Adult Center has a list of families who need "angels" to help during the holiday season. The ICE sweeps in the Hispanic community have shattered a lot of families and they are in need of assistance. Kala suggested that we encourage as many people in our organizations to participate in the efforts assisting families in need sponsored around the community during the holiday season. Community Calendar Announcements: Rollins Park Holiday Party - Pot Luck at the Adult Center.

Lance reported on his community's position on FR119. There are acts in congress available to the tribe for protection of the area. They would like to find some common ground and come to an agreement that the area would not be developed in any way so that they could therefore support the pavement of the road. They need insurance of no sidewalks, no land trades, no building, etc.. Kala suggested that a meeting be called with area congressional representative to help draft and promote a resolution to that effect. Kala requested that we start to draft a resolution and she will contact the congressional office to help in the process.

Lance also reported that they are starting a Rimrock Historical committee. Kala suggested that Lance contact Betty Kent to volunteer with this effort.

Jeannette reported that Jim Sells will be making a presentation to Friends of the Well on landscape integrity and landscape preservation. She requested that BCRC co-sponsor this event in early March. Kala suggested establishing a calendar for the year at the January meeting.

Ivo reported that there will be a new representative to BCRC from Montezuma's Estate Property Owner. Don Barnes will be the representative and Rosemary Barnes will be the alternative. Ivo will be a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee working on a portion of the community plan. The MEPOA has formed a community watch and will be focusing on roads in his neighborhood.

AGENDA ITEM 7) OLD BUSINESS: -
MEMBERSHIP & OFFICERS, ELECTIONS REPORT:

Kala reported that we received a letter from the Kiwanis stating that Karin Ward will be their permanent representative and the alternate will be Bob Bruno. Lois Johnson is the Thunder Ridge representative. Kala read a letter from Bob Bruno regarding his replacement as the TRPOA representative and the appointment of Lois Johnson.

Kala opened the floor for nominations of officers. Jeannette nominated Kala as President, seconded by Sharon; Sharon nominated Yolanda for Vice President, seconded by Ivo; Kayo nominated Sharon for the office of Secretary, Jeannette seconded; Sharon nominated Kayo for Treasurer, seconded by Karin. The slate of officers will be voted on during the January meeting. Lance would like to take a picture of the new Council members at the January meeting. It was suggested that Steve Ayers be invited to cover the meeting.

Jeannette reported that El Centro is interested but is holding back on applying for BCRC membership. There was some discussion on encouraging communities to participate on the council, particularly the Hispanic community and the Bice road community.

Kala reported that there was an interest from the Beaver Creek Preserves by Reginald Owens to be represented on the Council. They plan to make an application in January. Kayo inquired if there were any residents in the Beaver Creek Preserves. Sharon and Ivo stated that they meet the criteria by having a board and meeting the criteria set forth in the membership policies. Ivo stated that the organization was created so that people could have a community voice and protect against unfettered development. If we are representing the entire community, then property owner associations should be represented and we should not forbid membership because he is a developer. Jeannette and Kayo requested that the application include how many people and property owners he will be representing. There was much discussion on the criteria for representation on the Council. Kala read the current policy on membership and decided that a review of the application would be more appropriate once received – not before.

Ivo read the thank you letter to Bill Cowan. There will be some amendments to the letter to address the issue of the Beaver Creek Communities and the BCRC role and relationship with the County Trials committee. The letter will be available at the January meeting for signing.

AGENDA ITEM 8 NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT:

There was some discussion on changing the meeting and work session times. It was agreed that since the public was used to 6:00 that we return to this meeting time. The next meeting of the BCRC will be held Wednesday, January 7th at 5:45 p.m. for Council works session and 6:00p.m. for General Meeting at the Rimrock / Lake Montezuma Fire Station. The meeting was adjourned at 9.00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Kala Pearson – Secretary
Acting President