

**Beaver Creek Regional Council
Minutes of Meeting
6:00 p.m., October 6, 2010, MRFD Hall**

Council attendees: Kala Pearson, Bob Burke for FOTW, Maggie Holt, Jim Bowser, Sharon Brooks, Patti Sexton, Steve Sprinz, Dixi Trimmings for Thunder Ridge, Jo Burke for LMWCC. Absent: RoseMary Barnes.

Committee Chair attendees: Janet Aniol, Jo Burke, Bob Burke. Absent: Nancy Rowland, Pam Segelke.

Guest speakers attending: Jacquie Welsh of Yavapai County VISTA Project and Claire Louge of First Things First.

President Kala Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and asked Council members to introduce themselves.

It was duly moved, seconded, and approved to waive the reading of the minutes and accept them as distributed.

Treasurer's report indicated a \$10 expenditure for ACC filing and a balance on hand of \$994.62.

Kala reminded council members that dues are payable before the end of the year and asked members to request payment from their respective organizations. A suggestion was offered to assess a penalty of a couple dollars per month for overdue payment; consensus was that this would not send the right message. Another suggestion was that the treasurer make phone calls to late payers. Kala will prepare a current roster and email to members. Maggie will see that Jim gets a copy.

President's Report:

- Supervisor Davis will hold a community meeting at 6pm on Oct 26 at BCAC. Several interesting guests will be available, and strong attendance was urged.
- The Ranch House Coalition met on Sept 22. Several groups were formed for the purposes of writing a letter to those who made pledges, gathering information re costs for restoration of course (consultants will be involved), and writing a letter to go to all homes in the Beaver Creek area to verify community interest. The bond (\$1.3million assurance) has not yet been posted, but the owners have until Feb to do so.
- Nominating committee members approved are Bob Burke, Karema Mohamed, Karin Ward, and Steve Sprinz.

Guest Speaker:

Kala introduced guest speaker Jacquie Welsh, who introduced VISTA members in our area and gave a comprehensive presentation of what is hoped for the Beaver Creek area as the YCVP Martin Luther King Day of Service project, which is the AmeriCorps/VISTA signature project, on Jan 17, 2011. It is hoped that 300 new volunteers might be recruited that day. The project can be any community need that will help people connect year round. YCVP has been awarded \$2500 for the 2011 project and will provide much in the way of supplies, snacks, etc. for the day. Volunteers will be asked to take the pledge of peace/nonviolence for 40 days. The project needs to involve persons of all ages and will start with a morning centralized kickoff with food. A couple example projects given were health care opportunities (BP reading, immunizations, etc.) and trail building. Kala will follow up to request planning committee helpers.

Call for Public Comment:

- Patty, who works for Verde Earthworks and has lived in the area "a long time," spoke about VE's imminent start for curbside recycling in the Beaver Creek area, stating that the first 50 to sign up will receive a 20% discount off the regular quarterly fee of \$47.25 (bin included in fee). All <1> and <2> recyclables as well as papers, cans, and glass will be collected and separated at curbside. Grass clippings and slash can be dropped off for a fee of \$5 per cu yd (approx the bed of a pick up).
- Patti mentioned her extreme disappointment in the current huge water bill recently received, which included a \$51+ arsenic fee. Kala stated this is regulated by the ACC and will put it on the November agenda.

Committee Reports:

Vision 2020 - Bob Burke reported that Tammy is formatting and that the project is on track to present to BCRC in November followed by a community meeting. He also mentioned the YavCo General Plan kickoff meetings that will be held in Mar 2011 at BC School. The updated General Plan will add 4 new elements, combining Growth Areas with Transportation, Environment with Open Space, Energy with Water, and Cost of Development with Land Use. General Plan information is available on the County Website (www.co.yavapai.az.us).

P&Z - Sharon Books reported there are no new issues.

Water - Pam Segelke was not available because of work schedule. Kala will pursue appointment of a new water committee chair.

Transportation

- Janet Aniol spoke briefly about the problem with drivers blocking the ADA ramps at Rollins Park and stated that a committee had been formed. They have come up with ways to improve the situation and will present them to Verl Cook soon.
- The VIN for the Beaver Buggy, a Ford Supreme, has been received; the insurance certificate needs to be sent in. Delivery is hoped to be in November, and 3 drivers will attend training next week. Drivers are being recruited.
- Trail building continues on Montezuma Path--currently working to Sycamore. The County has completed chip-sealing on Sweetwater and Lookout Point and hope to accomplish the striping soon that will provide a walking area on the north side.
- The Verde Valley Regional Concept Plan for trails has been completed and has been put on the LMPOA website (all 91 pages!) for anyone's perusal (www.lakemontezuma.us). Information meetings will be held into January with presentation to the BOS in January. It is hoped BCRC will approve the plan in November or December.
- VISTA member Margo is working on a Safe Routes to School grant for planning assistance.
- The concrete barriers in the southbound exit/entrance ramp will remain in place because of the close proximity of the lanes; the asphalt plant will be down in 2-3 weeks.
- McGuireville rest stops have reopened.
- ADOT is looking for funding for a climbing lane southbound through Copper Canyon.

Youth and Family

Kala introduced Claire Louge, who gave a comprehensive presentation of First Things First, explaining that this is a state organization created in 2006 by the Prop 203 tobacco tax initiative that provides funding for early childhood programs. This is not part of the General Fund. Points of particular interest:

- 90% of funds go directly to programs (max 10% admin by law)
- \$280million since 2006

- \$3.6million this year allotted to YavCo
- BC Aftershock to receive \$30k full funding
- Early childhood most critical development time
- Everyone should become "champions" of FTF

Kala informed the council and public that this year's Prop 302 proposes to eliminate FTF in order to return the funds collected for FTF to the General Fund. A "No" vote was urged by attendees, who are also urged to call relatives and friends around the state to inform them as well.

- Karin Ward reported that parenting classes have been held at BC School.
- Claire stated that names are received by FTF from hospitals.
- Margo reported on the success of various programs and numbers of participants, including food distribution. A "pass-the-hat" program has been started to supplement the food distribution program with the purchase of meat with \$116 collected from LMPOA at its meeting Monday. Margo has written 2 grants to the D'backs Foundation totaling \$107k.
- Karin reported that she is meeting with RRPB, SW Academy, and Copper Canyon Academy to discuss the possibility of having an educational representative on BCRC.
- Kudos to Karin Ward and her staff for bringing BC School up to a Performing Plus status.
- Event dates related to Y&F were given.

Open Space

Kala reported on improvements to the County website "locator" program. Several new layers will be added in conjunction with Google Earth.

Public Relations

- Jo reported that Kayo is purchasing the banner.
- Libby Clark of the YCCF board will speak at the November BCRC meeting.
- Jo has distributed bookmarks and can use more.
- Office Max and Starlight Printing were contacted re newsletter printing; both would be very expensive. Karin Ward suggested the possibility of partnering with BC School, where copying can be effected for approx \$.01/page.
- Businesses are willing to pay for advertising.
- Jo and Karin will discuss copying costs and check with Key Club re assistance with mailing.

Legacy Project - Nancy Rowland was not available.

New Business

Dates for various events were discussed.

It was mentioned that Home Depot takes used fluorescent tubes, CFLs, and batteries for disposal.

Jim suggested a desire to resign from the council because of the problem encountered in not receiving all materials caused by not having a computer/email. Kala and Frank will donate a computer to BCAC that can be used by Jim to receive the council's email offerings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Margaret A Holt, Secretary