



Beaver Creek Community Association
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Beaver Creek Community Association Monthly Board Meeting August 13, 2018

BCCA President Janet Aniol called the August 13, 2018 meeting of the Beaver Creek Community Association to order at 3 p.m. Other board members present were Phil Edwards, Sharon Olsen, Bob Burke, Mike Nelson and Ron Melcher. Board Members absent excused: Danice Bruno. Residents Mary A. Chicoine, Sandy Hilbers, Rebecca Miller, Candyce Weaks, Max Winters, Amy LaFleur, Louise Fitzgerald, and Chris Nicol also attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Edwards.

Public Discussion Items

- Internet & Phone Service

The meeting began with a presentation by guest speaker Mary Chicoine. Mary is a member of our organization and the past chair of VVREO and current Revolving Loan Administrator for VVREO. She spoke about efforts she is making to improve the quality of Internet and phone services in our community. She asked for BCCA's input and support.

Mary is pursuing action against Speed Connect, who is the only Internet provider available to her at her Rimrock home. She stated that the company has had name changes several times and is currently providing little or no usable service. Their customer service line is now only available 40 hours per week. She would like to find others who have contracted with them, and plans to file against them with the Arizona Corporation Commission. She is asking that other users contact her, and she plans to share draft copies of her written complaint with BCCA at a later time.

Mary has also contacted the governor's office in regards to poor Internet service in the greater Verde Valley area. She shared concerns about Verizon phone and other phone connections in our area. On this topic, she asked that other users with poor connections or service join in making telephone complaints so that Verizon will realize their Rimrock problem is extensive. The phone number for Verizon Customer Support is 800-922-0204.

Board members generally agreed that the quality of Internet and phone services is very important and is also lacking in our area, but will wait to take formal action until Ms Chicoine has a specific request.

- Zoning Request procedures

Resident Candyce Weaks asked that the Board review for her the process on zoning request recommendations. President Aniol explained that when requests are received by the County, we are notified if the request falls in our area. We consider the effects on our community, and may take no action, write letters to recommend or not recommend approval, or make suggestions to be considered. Those letters are sent to the Yavapai County Land Use and Planning Division, who also solicit and consider letters from individual neighbors who live near the proposed location. Any resident may make their opposition or support known before action is taken. The decision is ultimately made by the County on a case-by-case basis.

Announcements

- Special recognition is due to the Lake Montezuma Women's Civic Club which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. 1968 was a good year for the start of LMWCC as well as the incorporation of our own association.
- Dumping has been a hot topic the past few weeks. The association has been involved with the cleanup of the recycling area, working with Pastor Ken Miller since the Beaver Creek Baptist Church owns and donates use of the land for this service. Pastor Ken has talked with the two

organizations who have donation boxes at the site, and has given them six weeks to clean up with the help of volunteers.

Thank you to the community volunteers who have been cleaning up the recycling location. BCCA will provide another sign there to discourage trash and furniture dumping.

In addition, at BCCA request, Yavapai County has addressed the trash dumping problem at the Sycamore Park parking lot. The dumpster has been removed and signs are in the process of being installed: "Pack It In – Pack It Out".

- The Oktoberfest event scheduled for September at Rollins Park has been cancelled by the requester.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved after minor revisions by members.

Financial Report: Treasurer Danice Bruno has resigned from her Board position as Treasurer for health reasons. We are sorry to lose her expertise and wish her the best. It was moved by Janet Aniol, seconded by Sharon Olsen, and unanimously approved, that Bob Burke take on the duties of Treasurer in addition to his role as Secretary of the Board. Bob agreed to serve in that dual role, and will contact Chase Bank to add his signature to the checking account as soon as possible.

The bank account at National Bank has been closed, and we have received full repayment from the Beaver Creek Trails Coalition for the \$4000 loan plus interest of \$3.84, which is deposited in the Chase Bank checking account. Bob Burke will coordinate with Janet to prepare a financial statement from the spreadsheet submitted by Dani and the latest bank records.

Old Business

Bob Burke reported on the Outreach Committee work. The committee has added over a dozen companies to the list of active businesses in our area. In addition, we need to identify self-employed contractors and other small businesses who do business from home. The committee will follow up on that goal. Resident Max Winters volunteered to help with the committee. Sharon Olsen noted that the historical society is working on a printed brochure of places with historical significance in the community.

Bob also showed the two banners he had printed for outreach at community events. The first one was not weatherproof, so he ordered a larger second one from A & B Sign Co. The cost for both signs was \$145.25, well under the amount budgeted by the Board at a previous meeting.

Ron Melcher reported on the Community Cleanup Committee's efforts. He stated that he will recruit members who wish to help make the community one we are proud to live in. Residents Max Winter and Candyce Weaks each volunteered to serve on the committee. Meanwhile, Ron has been concentrating his efforts on park maintenance issues, and has worked with Jim Guerrerri and Ray on the water sprinklers and fountain. Mike Nelson asked if there are any Scout troops or other local groups which we might ask to help on the weed/trash cleanup efforts. Bob noted that the Ancestral Gardens group has successfully done cleanups along the roadway with 20 or more people participating each time. Ron mentioned that, as the Trails Coalition does "Adopt a Road" projects, we might consider asking volunteers to help the elderly or those who are unable to do their own yard maintenance. Janet suggested that we could advertise for both volunteers and people needing help via the Calendar Crew eNews.

Ron stated that a two-hour session to clean up the greenery in the upper part of the park would be a good project in the meantime. Max Winters suggested that we also look at doing some work around the Russell Wash bridge, which received storm damage recently.

Mike Nelson reported on plans for the 50th Anniversary celebration. He has contacted Robbie's, and found that the owner is open to the idea of holding the event there, with a cost in the range of \$15/person. Sharon Olsen moved, Ron Melcher seconded, and a motion to proceed was passed unanimously. The committee is authorized by the Board to proceed with scheduling, final details and ticket pricing. The

event is scheduled for October 6, 2018. There will be another event by the Preservation and Historical Society on Oct 6th from 9am-2pm, and it is expected that we can schedule our celebration immediately afterward to encourage people to attend both.

Yavapai County Sheriff Mascher will be the guest speaker at our next meeting, addressing vandalism, dumping, and speeding.

New Business

Janet Aniol gave an update on all kinds of Transportation progress. For several years Arizona had not had sufficient funds to push forward on all of the pending projects which are approved but not funded. Now, however, steps are being taken to further several of the priority transportation issues. Chip Sealing for Fall 2018 is scheduled through October 6th on the east of Montezuma Avenue. A map of the areas is attached. One lane will stay open throughout the project, but drivers are cautioned to drive slowly so that this needed work can be done safely. Another long-pending project involves Yavapai Transit adding bus stops here in Rimrock, linking to the main YAT system. We still do not have a firm date, but the project appears to be moving forward, and may happen as early as December 2018 or January 2019. This is a badly needed step that will relieve some pressure from our hard-working Beaver Buggy program, and allow local residents to make connections all over the Verde Valley. Three new stop signs have recently been installed at the top of the Mesa, with additional signage warning drivers to look out for them. These signs are surely a good thing at dangerous blind stops. Public Works has received a grant for shoulders from Beaverhead Flats to Page Springs Road, and rumble strips on the center line through Cornville. The Beaverhead Flats extension is moving forward rapidly with a combination of public and private funding, though completion is still about two years out. Lastly, the Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition is working with the student bike club to make \$4000 worth of bikes available at Beaver Creek School.

Members agreed that the transportation news is good for our community. Resident Amy LaFleur reported experiencing a bad traffic accident in the I-17 interchange area with a car southbound from Cornville.

A member has submitted a request that we consider again the organization of a Special District around the Ranch House/Golf Course. There was a short discussion, and no action was taken at this time.

Duane Clarke, who handles security for the Golf Course, has reported four recent break-ins at 2:00-3:00am at the Ranch House.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm. The next monthly meeting will be on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 3pm in the Beaver Creek Adult Center.

Beaver Creek Community Association seeks individuals interested in serving as BCCA assistants and community volunteers. If interested, please contact any BCCA Board member or attend one of our meetings.

Submitted by:
Bob Burke, Secretary

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