Beaver Creek Regional Council Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2008 Rimrock / Lake Montezuma Fire Station

Council Member Attendance: Fred Shute – Friends of the Well; Bill Cowan – Beaver Creek Kiwanis; 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; Jim Bowser – BC Adult Center, ; Ivo Buddeke - Montezuma Estates Property Owners Association

Absent were: Jeanette Rhoda - Concerned Citizens Group;

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.

AGENDA ITEM 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Bob Bruno moved and Susan Fish seconded to accept the minutes as written.

AGENDA ITEM 3) TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon Brooks gave the Treasurer's report. The fund balance is \$1,205.03.

AGENDA ITEM 4) GUEST SPEAKER

Bob Rothrock – Verde Valley Land Planning Institute: Rothrock spoke on preserving open space in the Verde Valley. The Verde Valley Land Planning Institute (VVLPI) is a non profit 501c3 organization started by the Verde Valley Forum 2002. VVLPI is involved with land trusts, conservation easements and donated properties for conservation ranches. The Fox ranch is a conservation easement ant the headwater of Beaver Creek. VVLPI partners with the Nature Conservatory. Rothrock asked members of the Beaver Creek community to join, solicit monetary support and support of open space. Discussions on identifying forest service property that could be used for ATV activities and the pending Soda Springs Ranch land trade followed. Discussions on the Prescott National Forest public process and the importance of participating in public forums on forest service lands. It was noted that public lands are not protected.

AGENDA ITEM 5) COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Youth and Family Committee;

Bob McDonald reported that there was not enough committee participation and perhaps Youth should be reconsidered under the Open Space Committee. He stated that of the 220 families with kids in the area, 119 where single parent households, which makes up 54% of the school population. McDonalds noted that a letter to Chip Davis for a skate board and roller blade facilities at Sycamore Park was needed. He also reported that the AZ Dept of Education had listed 17 risk factors for community quality and that the BC community had 10 of them.

Bob recommended that we research land owners and compose a letter for donation of land for kids to skate board. Bill Cowan *stated that Sycamore park was originally proposed to contain a skate park and further* recommended that since Sycamore Park is in a flood plain and cannot be developed, it may be a good place for a skate board park. The park would affect about 25 or so children. Council members and members of the audience was encouraged to call Bob or Don Rotta to serve on the committee on youth issues.

The Planning and Zoning Committee

Bob McClarin presented the committee report. The permits for the Luna Vista Bed and Breakfast and the Red Rock Development Treatment Plant facility will be heard by the Board of Supervisors on April 21st.

The AZ Water Company had reported that Yavapai County had not heard anything from the area land owners on their proposal to replace the tank. LMPOA had recommended that they find a tank with a bigger diameter and paint it forest green. Bill Safford said he didn't know anything about AZ Water Company's proposal.

The Brittany Wells project was approved by the Yavapai County BOS.

An area property owner had complained that the Yavapai County Planning & Zoning Commission approved the sewage treatment plant behind his house and wanted to know why BCRC had supported it. He stated he did not want to be forced into connecting to the plant. McClarin responded that there were 5 community meetings on this issue before BCRC's decision to support. There is nothing that leads to mandatory hook-ups and it is the choice of the individual properties outside the development if they want to hook into the system. McClarin stated he would contact Supervisor Davis' office to make sure their understanding of the sewage district plan is correct.

The Transportation Committee

Janet Anoil presented the committee report. The next Transportation Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9th, at 6 PM in the Adult Center. We will be spending the majority of the meeting working on survey questions relating to transportation. Also if anyone who has not commented previously would like to comment about possible improvements for the Well Road, please do so in writhing we'll add it to the final report.

The RIMD (road maintenance and improvement district) presentation is schedule in Cottonwood at the Yavapai County Annex on Thursday, April 3rd, at 5 PM. If you are a resident of a neighborhood that is considering road improvements, please send a representative or two to this meeting. This type of district is not an easy process, but provides more flexibility and less expense that the CRID. Voluntary road improvement is the least expensive if all parties can come to an agreement.

The contractor is still expecting the Beaver Creek Road reconstruction project to be completed by May 15th.

The McGuireville Interchange safety improvements are scheduled to begin this fall and be completed over the next 13 months. We will have more specific information at the next Council meeting.

The area is marginally included in the 5 -Year Transit Plan for the Verde Valley. At midterm there is the possibility of Dial-a-Ride for this area. We have requested additional services.

As decided at the last Council meeting, LMPOA Transportation and Chairman Shute met with Red Rock Development representatives and came to a tentative agreement with them. The LMPOA board will consider the resolution on April 7th. A further meeting with Yavapai County and Red Rock Development representatives is scheduled later that week.

Water Resources Committee

There was no report from the committee.

The Open Space and Recreation Committee

There was no report from the committee

Community Plan Committee

Bob Burke presented the Community Plan committee report. Bob stated that the US Census had two different population figures for the area, one for Rimrock and one for Lake Montezuma. The transportation department had yet another figure. Kala advised that the Fire Chief had just acquired the latest updated figures for the district and perhaps we could use that one. Bob stated that he was concerned about financing the plan There will be costs for the League of Women Voters, the vision workshop, the mailing and the printing. The League of Women Voters suggested that there be some pre-survey advertising, such as a sign at the Dollar Store that the survey is coming. About 2500 to 3000 surveys will be mailed out around the end of May. Bob asked for a commitment from each association for a donation for the plan.

AGENDA ITEM 6) OLD BUSINESS:

<u>Buzzard Rendezvous -</u> Bill Cowan gave a report on the <u>Kiwanis</u> community event at Sycamore Point March 28th. The event was very successful with a more than expected turn-out. About 75 persons attended Friday night's camp fire event and many families showed up on Saturday. Bill reported that this could be the biggest event in Beaver Creek and proceeds could go towards a Youth Center.

AGENDA ITEM 7) NEW BUSINESS: -

Discussion on funding the community plan and BCRC followed. It was decided that an Executive Session should be called to discuss ways of raising funds. Kala reminded the Council members that according to the Bylaws, this was also a responsibility of the Finance Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 8) NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the BCRC will be held Wednesday, May 7th. Meeting time is set for 6:00 p.m. at the Rimrock / Lake Montezuma Fire Station. A motion to adjourn by Susan Fish and seconded by Kala Pearson passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kala Pearson – Secretary.