Beaver Creek Regional Council Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2008 Rimrock / Lake Montezuma Fire Station

Council Member Attendance: Bill Cowan – Beaver Creek Kiwanis; Lois Johnson – (new representative) Thunder Ridge Property Owners Association; Susan Fish – Rimrock Airport Association; Kala Pearson – Lower McGuireville Property Owners; Jim Bowser – BC Adult Center; Jeanette Rodda – Concerned Citizens Group; Ivo Buddeke - Montezuma Estates Property Owners Association; Sharon Brooks – Lake Montezuma Property Owners Association; Kayo Parsons-Korn – (new representative) Friends of the Well

Absent were: Yolanda Sprinz – Lake Montezuma Women's Civic Group; Lance Morris – Blackhawk Point Yavapai Apache Reservation;

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Bill Cowan at 6:05 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 1) INTRODUCTION:

Council members stated their names and represented organizations. New Council members were acknowledged and welcomed.

AGENDA ITEM 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Sharon Brooks moved and Susan Fish seconded to accept the minutes as written.

AGENDA ITEM 3) TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon reported a balance of \$52.12. Membership dues needs to be paid by next month. Discussion on each organization voluntarily paying additional dues and doubling their dues followed.

AGENDA ITEM 4) GUEST SPEAKER - BILL WILLIAMS - ADOT:

Bill Williams, Public Information Officer for the AZ Dept. of Transportation presented the construction plans for the McGuireville Interchange on I-17 and addressing the State's future transportation needs. Williams stated a population growth projections at 6 to 15 million over the next 10 – 15 years and directed the group to planning workshops and reports to handle their transportation needs found on their website www.BQAZ.gov He stressed the need for local communities to become involved and attend the meetings. The next community set of meetings are scheduled for Flagstaff, Prescott and Show Low on November 12 – 13th.

The I-17 McGuireville Interchange project will begin in October and will take approximately 400 working days to complete. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for October 8th. Williams advised that the interchange will be open at all times and emergency vehicles would always have access. Several photos of the construction and timeline where included in the presentation. ADOT will try to make these available for review on the BCRC website. ADOT is also building a website for the project.

Bill inquired on the plans for Bice Road as part of the interchange construction. Janet Anoil stated that the Transportation Committee are presenting ideas to FHA for Bice Road. They are planning a meeting in December or January to discuss Bice Rd.

Williams was asked about plans to protect the ruins in the cliffs. Williams state that ADOT had obtained all right of ways for the project and that public documents would be made available on any archeological findings. Several business representative in the audience expressed concern regarding access to their business during the construction period and the parking of construction trucks and equipment in the business parking lots near the interchange. Williams said that there would be proper signage and businesses near the interchange could still be open during the construction. It was suggested that a construction parking and staging area be negotiated with the industrial properties on the other side of the highway to the north.

Williams stated that Fisher Sand and Gravel was awarded the project. This is the same company working on the Sedona Rt. 179 project. He advised that if there were any problems or concerns they should come to the Council.

Bill C. announced that the Verde Valley Trails Committee members were meeting and that October 3rd is the last day for submitting the Community Plan Survey. Bob Burke can provide a copy of the survey for those people not receiving one.

AGENDA ITEM 5) ELECTION PROCEDURE REVIEW

Ivo presented the draft guidelines for effective regional council meetings and elections. A Sergeant at Arms and following Roberts Rules of Order was suggested. A pre-council meeting held 10 minutes prior to regular meetings reviewing agenda items and other information; early distribution of the agenda; time limits for guest speakers and discussion; estimated time allocation for each agenda item and time limits for debate forums and questions from the floor were included in the guidelines.

Ivo suggested an executive session ½ hour before the meeting times to finalize details. The Council decided to meet 1 hour before their regular session at 5:00 for the November meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6) COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Transportation Committee

Janet distributed the Transportation report covering carpooling; Current public Transit; Volunteer Transport Services; Section 5310 Grant; Privately owned transit companies; DES services in Rimrock and the need for further research on the community's public transit needs.

The Planning and Zoning Committee:

Steve Sprinz reported that there were no Beaver Creek zoning requests or ordinances pending. He also distributed and reported on the study session for the County's Capital Improvements Program and the progress of the Sustainable Planning committee's work on Open Space Preservation Subdivisions. Red Rock Recycling soon will be servicing the area recycling.

Water Resources Committee:

Kayo Korn reported on the Water Festival to be held in Cottonwood on October 23rd. and invited community members to attend. The organizing committee was able to meet or exceed their fundraising goals. Several area businesses contributed.

Community Plan Committee

Bob Burke presented the Community Plan committee report advising that there were two issues that the committee was working on. The first issue is the development of a timeline leading to the November 15th Community Meeting. The committee will meet each Wednesday excluding BCRC meeting dates. Plans for serving breakfast before the community meeting were discussed. The second issue was Question 9 on the survey. The allegations are that this survey question was leaked to the Thunder Ridge property owners prior to the release of the survey and they were lobbied to respond favorably to improving the road. Thunder Ridge allege that Friends of the Well also lobbied against improving this roadway. A question of ethics of the involved parties was called to question. Bob Burke suggested that the council hold a special session on the Question 9 of the survey having to do with the improvements to the Well road – FR119. He advised that the C-Plan committee had discussed and voted on the issue and decided to include the question on the survey and results. There was much discussion on whether there was a need for Council action on the issue. Jim Bowser motioned and Kala Pearson seconded that the Council support the C-Plan Committee's decisions as a board and move on from the issue. The vote was 6 to 2 in favor of the motion with Bill Cowan and Ivo Buddeke not in favor and 1 abstention from Jeanette Rodda

The Open Space and Recreation Committee

Bill Cowan announced that this committee fall under the Trails Committee. The Trails committee is working on interconnecting trails throughout the community. The Verde Valley Regional Trail committee will be meeting on Oct. 23rd. Concerns of the OHV community are also a segment of the Trails committee.

The Youth and Family Committee;

Kala Pearson read the report submitted by Bella Donna on the Youth Task Force's participation in hosting a Jr. Ranger Program at the Well. The Task Force will be meeting on October 22nd. Karen Ward announced that 100 students were enrolled in after school programs.

AGENDA ITEM 7) OLD BUSINESS: -

The Council discussed the need for fundraisers to cover the ailing budget. It was agreed that all the organizations would pay their dues by next meeting and hold a pancake breakfast before the C-Plan Community meeting. Kala mentioned the CDBG request for proposal and a potential source for public financing for the Council. A representative from the Council to attend the required CDBG community meeting and report back to the Council was requested. Kayo Parsons-Korn volunteered to attend the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8) NEW BUSINESS: -

Fred Shute's resignation from the Council was discussed. The Council accepted Fred's resignation and requested that Kala Pearson prepare a letter to Fred from the Council thanking him for his community service.

AGENDA ITEM 9) NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting of the BCRC will be held Wednesday, November 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Rimrock / Lake Montezuma Fire Station. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kala Pearson – Secretary.