

PARKS AREA CONNECTION MEETING MINUTES

Date/Location: 8 June 2021, Whisenhunt/King Garage (12854 E. Lonesome Dove)

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson George Chambers called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. **Roll Call** – George and Cindy Chambers, Babs Felix, Joanie Raetzel, Bonnie Jackson, Whiz, John Sears, Karin VonKay, Julie King, Tish Bradford, Charlotte and Bill Moss, Tim Toombs, Ron and Mary Smith, Chief Lee Antonides, Lisa and Hank Goy, Camillia Moore and Jason Elliott were present.
3. **Approval of the Minutes 14 July 2020** – Karin VonKay moved, seconded by Babs Felix, to approve the minutes of 14 July 2020 as written. Motion unanimously approved.
4. **Financial Report/Dues** – Joanie Raetzel presented the financial report for May 2021. *Dues this year will remain at \$10 per household per year. If you haven't paid your dues, please bring to the next meeting or mail to: PAC, PO Box 50654, Parks, AZ 86018.*

PAC Financial Report May 2021

Beginning Balance (5/1/2021)	6962.83	
Revenues (5/1 thru 5/31)	9.55	
Amazon Smile Donation		9.55
Expenditures (5/1 thru 5/31)	4.00	
Conference Call fee		4.00
Ending Balance (5/31/2021)	6968.38	

5. **Ponderosa Fire Department (PFD) News** – Chief Lee Antonides presented the PFD news. PFD currently has a crew with a water tender at the Telegraph fire. Per the Forest Service the Slate fire is being handled at this point. Bryan Crawley is living at the fire station; he is on the thinning crew. If you need your property thinned, call the station. The FD is currently fully staffed – there are no COVID issues. The call volume has been sporadic – calls are down overall, but there has been a significant increase in calls in last month. Fire restrictions are in effect – currently in Stage 1 with stage 2 probably going into effect on Friday, 11 June 2021. Fire Restrictions will be posted on the PFD website (ponderosafire.org). Call 911 even if you have a non-emergency – just tell the dispatcher. They are dealing with construction in Bellemont. FD can pull water out of someone's cistern in an emergency is approved by the homeowner. FD gets water from Bellemont or winery. Thinning has started on west side of Spring Valley. They are waiting on Forest Service letter and map for an update on future thinning operations.
6. **SFE Events/News** – Item tabled
7. **PAC update over the past year** – Joanie Raetzel gave an overview of what PAC has done over the past year helping community members during the meeting hiatus (Aug 2020 – May 2021), a total of \$2614: (During this same period, PAC had income in the amount of \$1623 - \$425 from cinnamon roll sales and \$1198 in donations).
 - a. Holiday food baskets - \$610
 - b. Helped person with COVID medical issue - \$530
 - c. Helped person that was in a car accident - \$500
 - d. Helped family that is fostering relatives - \$500
 - e. Helped elderly woman with propane - \$415
 - f. Provided meals and flowers to person that underwent surgery - \$59

8. **4th of July parade** – There will be a 4th of July parade this year. Misty will get a permit. The PAC float – Whiz will furnish the trailer, and maybe old cars. Whiz, Karin, Mary and Babs are on the 4th of July committee; they will meet June 22 at 10 am at Whiz’s house.
9. **Moonset Pit Staffing, 10 July**. John and Whiz will work the morning shift (8-11 am); Ron Smith and Babs will work the afternoon shift (11am – 2pm).
10. **CCSO Update** – Babs Felix is concerned about the lack of a CCSO volunteer patrolling our neighborhoods. She spoke to Sgt Walters requesting more drive thrus; PAC members should occasionally call CCSO to request more drive thrus (928-774-4523). Greg Rivas is the Parks volunteer. There will be increased traffic due to new RV park. Deputies will try to make more of a presence in area. John Paxton – community info officer and volunteer coordinator – he may discuss this at our next meeting. CCSO runs a citizen’s police academy on Wed nights for 12 weeks. They are available to talk about ready, set go, wildland fires, neighborhood watch, etc. Others may be able to come to give presentations?? Maybe there should be a community meeting at the school.
11. **Restaurant/RV Park update** – John Sears attended the community meeting a few weeks ago. The new owners are from Texas – it is a “done deal”. Woodsen engineering is working up plans with a couple of alternatives with a new entrance on Rt 66. They may haul water (not from Parks) or get their water from wells. They will eventually open the restaurant. There will be 40 - 80 RV spaces and some tent spaces, new electric and sewer lines, some RV slots will be pull thrus. The leech field is close to the highway, and the County will require approval. The RV park will be an extensive project. Lee is on the committee that will look over the plans.
12. **Knives for raffle** – We have 3 knives for raffle; they are from Steve Hostetler. We can sell tickets during the 4th of July weekend.
13. **Rt. 66 Stencils** – George is trying to get the County to do the Rt 66 stencils. If the county uses the stencils, PAC wants them back. The County wants PAC to jump through a lot of hoops if we paint them; it will be very costly. Babs and John will paint the stencil on private property as a fundraiser; they will post a flyer and will post of Facebook.
14. **Upcoming Community Events:**
 - a. Blood drive at the Feed and Mercantile June 19th.
 - b. Craft Fair – July 17 – Parks Feed and Mercantile
 - c. **PAC will have a bake sale on Saturday, July 3** at the Feed and Mercantile. Set up at 7am, starts at 8am thru around 11 am. Babs, Cindy, Bonnie, Joanie, Mary, Lisa, Charlotte, Julie, Camillia will bake. Dan Bradford will not be available to make cinnamon rolls.
 - d. No Turkey Shoot this year.
 - e. Joanie will start the community calendar in July.
15. **Other items not on agenda** –
 - a. Babs posts the PAC meetings and Moonset Pit dates on the school marquis.
 - b. Silent fundraising suggestion – Karin suggested putting the phrase on our website, letterhead and email “Please include the PAC in your will and trust”.
 - c. PAC members helped two homeowners with removal of pine needles.
 - d. PAC will send flowers to Elaine Ham’s graveside service, which will be June 18 in Illinois.
 - e. PAC will make a donation in memory of Pete Hicks.
 - f. The PAC Bylaws currently allow a maximum spending of \$250 by the officers without membership approval. Ron Smith moved, seconded by Karin VonKay, to raise this limit to \$500. Motion unanimously approved.
 - g. George thanked Whiz and Julie for hosting the PAC meetings. In the future, if we need to move the meetings to a new location, the fire station is available.
16. **Location, Date and time of next meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6pm, Whisenhunt/King residence.
17. **Adjournment** – Chairperson George Chambers adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm. Thanks to Cindy Chambers for providing coffee and pie!

Recorded by: Joanie Raetzel, Secretary for Parks Area Connection