

# PARKS AREA CONNECTION MEETING MINUTES

**Date/Location:** 9 July 2024, Ponderosa Fire Station #81, 1511 N. Spring Valley Rd.

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson George Chambers called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. **Roll Call** – George Chambers, Joanie Raetzl, Bonnie Jackson, PFD Captain Mike Allen, PFD Firefighter Richard Duran, Charlotte and Bill Moss, Christina Talbott, Kathie Krushinsky, Jeanna Roush, Karin VonKay, Diane Pacheco., Mary Thompson, Christine Rondeau, NAU Professor Dr. Lucero Radonic, Babs Felix, John Sears, Tammy Ontiveros, Bart Bartel, Sherry Baker, SFE Fire Chief Matt McDowell and Craig Marsino were present.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – Bill Moss moved, seconded by Babs Felix, to approve the meeting minutes of June 11, 2024, as written. Motion unanimously approved.
4. **Financial Report/Dues** – If you have not paid your PAC yearly dues, they are \$10 per year per household. Dues can be brought to a meeting or mailed to PAC, PO Box 50654, Parks, AZ 86018.

## **PAC Financial Report June 2024**

<b>Beginning Balance (6/1/2024)</b>	<b>14795.59</b>
<b>Revenues ( 6/1 thru 6/30)</b>	<b>190.00</b>
Cash Donations	110.00
Membership Dues	80.00
<b>Expenditures (6/1 thru 6/30)</b>	<b>258.38</b>
Postage	27.20
Website Fees	20.99
4th of July Parade Expenses	210.19
<b>Ending Balance (6/30/2024)</b>	<b>14727.21</b>

5. **PAC provided services since last meeting** – No one has requested any services from PAC since the last meeting. PAC will contribute to the cost of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, which will be split between PAC, the Deli and the Mercantile. Volunteers will meet tomorrow night at George’s house at 6:30 pm to disassemble the float (Christine, Mary T, Diane, Bonnie, and Bill have volunteered).
6. **PFD News** – Captain Allen said PFD is at 225 calls year to date, including, 5 semi roll overs and the Bravo fire. They are slowly moving into Bellemont station. The Type 6 engine with a 4-person crew was dispatched to the fire in Payson. Fire prevention week is in October and there will be events at both stations and the school. Matt McDowell, SFE Fire chief, introduced himself. He is also a battalion chief at the Northern AZ Fire District. He is working on partnerships with local departments.

7. **SFE Events/News** – Kathie Krushinsky gave the Sherwood Forest Estates report. The SFE Community yard sale is Saturday, July 20; they currently have 10 participants with possibly 2 more. The Blood drive is on Aug 24. They will have a pancake breakfast on Labor Day weekend. Moonset pit is ready for this Saturday; as of June 15, there have been 385 participants (with many return visits), cleared 1272 acres, 4000-man hours, 6000 cu yds. The pit should be open until early September. Kathie said they are pleased to have Matt McDowell as the new fire chief. They had 2 trucks in the Parks 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.
8. **Moonset Pit** – Moonset Pit is a valuable community resource. John Sears passed out flyers that he would like to give to people as they come into the pit regarding illegal dumping and the need for volunteers. Chief McDowell thanked all who helped at Moonset Pit. It was discussed that 3 volunteers per shift may be preferable (instead of the current 2). The pile is huge and has large logs imbedded – please be careful. Christine R and Bart will work 11-2 on July 27. Bart and Diane P will work 11-2 on Aug 24.
9. **Upcoming Community Events/Community Calendar** – July 20 -. SFE Community Yard Sale. July 13 and 27 – Moonset Pit. July 17 – caregivers support group. July 27 - Blood Drive at Feed and Mercantile. Karin discussed the NAZADA fundraiser walk from 9-11 am, July 27 Buffalo Park. NAZADA provides respite care for caregivers.
10. **Officer Elections** – The nominated slate of officers was unanimously approved. Craig Marsino as Chairperson, Bart Bartel as Secretary and Babs Felix as Treasurer. New officers take office on Aug 13 (2-year term).
11. **Community Yard Sale** – The PAC community yard sale will be Saturday, Aug 3, from 8am to 2pm. Committee members – Kathie, Mary Thompson (Chair), Christine, Christina, Diane. Craig will provide a bbq lunch.
12. **Bingo** – Bingo will be Sept 7. Babs has sent out 60 requests for prizes and has received 17 so far; the goal is 30. She needs help getting prizes. Form letters are available, but let Babs know who you are asking, so we do not duplicate.
13. **Bake Sale** – The bake sale will be Saturday, Aug 31 at the Mercantile from 8 – 11 am. Bakers are Bonnie, Joanie, Babs, Charlotte, Kathie, Reyna, Cindy, Mary Smith and possibly Dan Bradford. Joanie will bring the bake sale box with tables and chairs.
14. **FD Assistance List** – We are generating a list of those people that are willing to assist the FD during an incident if needed (i.e., food and water brought out to scene). The plan is for the FD to call one person and that person will call people on the list as needed. Captain Mike said things like water, granola bars, trail mix, payday, beef jerky, etc., would be the best items to have on hand. Joanie and George will fill a tote with those items and store at the fire house before the next PAC meeting.
15. **Other items not on agenda**
  - a. Dr. Lucero Radonic from NAU said she is doing a study about water hauling in Coconino County. She is a professor at NAU and works in a research lab working with ASU. She will be interviewing people about their water hauling experiences to get a better understanding of trends. She needs volunteers to talk with her and you will remain anonymous. The findings will be collected and presented to the state. Data collection will continue through this year and the data will be analyzed next year. She

will send information to Joanie for distribution to people in Parks. The goal is to ensure water security and new technologies for residents.

b. Aug 24 – Kathie will host an Appreciation lunch for Moonset Pit Volunteers at the Mustang Grill and wants to include Parks volunteers. PAC could help pay for the luncheon.

c. Diane thanked Joanie and George for all their work.

16. **Location, Date, and time of next meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug 13, 6pm, Parks Fire Station.

17. **Adjournment** – Bill Moss moved, seconded by Karin Von Kay for adjournment. Motion unanimously approved. Chairperson George Chambers adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Recorded by: Joanie Raetzel  
Secretary for Parks Area Connection