

## PARKS AREA CONNECTION MEETING MINUTES

**Date/Location:** April 14, 2026, Ponderosa Fire Station #81, 1511 N. Spring Valley Rd., Parks

1. **Call to Order** – Chairperson Craig Marsino called the first meeting of 2026 to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Karin and recited by all.
3. **Roll Call** – George Chambers, Craig Marsino (chairperson), Bart Bartel (secretary), Babs Felix (treasurer), John Sears, Kathie Krushinsky, Karin Von Kay, Richard Knaak, Sherry Baker, Benita Holloway, Tish Bradford, Chaz Clifford, Steve and Lisa Noblet, Tyler Palubicki, Sam McRae, and Lee Antonides from PFD were present.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** - Motion made, and seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of October 14, 2025. Unanimously approved.
5. **Financial Report:** Summary provided by Babs:

### **PAC Financial Report March 2026**

<b>Beginning Balance (3/1/2026)</b>	<b>\$16,084.84</b>
<b>Revenues: Knife sharpening</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance (3/31/2026)</b>	<b>\$16,089.84</b>

6. **PAC provided services since last meeting:** Craig and Bart listed the Christmas holiday Maine School teacher gift certificates and Parks/SFE family food baskets / holiday gifts for hardship local families. Special thanks to PFD support with kids' gifts and fire truck deliveries, and to all who donated goods and services (including the holiday hams and baked goodies).
7. **PFD News** – Lee provided updates on Battalion Chief Mike Allen, fleet updates, grants updates, and upcoming Wildfire Awareness/Preparedness event at Maine School gym on Saturday May 2 from 9am-1pm.
8. **Sherwood Forest Estates (SFE) Events/News** – Kathie provided updates including events planned for this summer, SFE Fire Department breakfast on Saturday May 23, and update on Moonset Pit yard debris plans for 2026. The pile is still burning hot from the 2025 ignition so the target date to let the community back in safely for yard debris dumping is Saturday May 16. This will hopefully be confirmed by KNF personnel by the end of April, then a summer schedule will be posted and volunteers from SFE and PAC will be recruited.
9. **PAC First Responder Appreciation Dinner** – will be Saturday May 9 starting at 5pm at the Maine School cafeteria/gym. George and a subcommittee have chosen Will's Grill as caterer for BBQ brisket and pork, Olive Garden salad/breadsticks, and Sam Club potato salad, beans,

and drinks. Dinner to start at 5:30, with thank-yous and free community meet-and-greet approx. 6:30pm. George is working on a count with local first responder agencies, including CCSO Williams personnel, PFD, SFEFD, CNFD, Kaibab / Coconino forest personnel, and local DPS and Parks resident personnel. First responders and 1 guest to attend dinner for free, and PAC volunteer servers (Sherry, Karin, Tish, Joanie, Craig, Rachel, Jax) are free since they will be working during the dinner. For all others in Parks/SFE community, dinner cost is \$30 per adult (\$15 under age 13). We will have to-go containers available for those who can't stay for the entirety. We are asking all who plan to attend the dinner to RSVP (and prepay) no later than Saturday April 25 as that's when we have to give the caterer a final headcount. Multiple ways to prepay include cash, check, mobile banking app funds transfer, and credit/debit card (specifics on who / how to pay to be included in email with these minutes). Event setup will start at 3pm Friday May 8 and food prep at 3pm Saturday May 9.

10. **Parks Independence Day parade** – Saturday, July 4 – Babs reported that planning needs to start soon, as permit application to Coconino County needs to be submitted by May 15. Babs will get with the new owners (Hausmann's) of Old Route 66 store as they will likely be supportive to help plan the parade. George will contact last year's anthem singer. If you are interested in helping to plan this year's parade, please contact Babs at 520-909-7251 .

11. **Other items** -

- a. John reported a record year from his knife sharpening fundraising services and that he is donating his services again in 2026. Thank you again John.
- b. Karin updated the schedule for bookmobile fire station visits, dementia friends activities, and caregiver support meetings. Thank you Karin.
- c. Bart asked for input of anticipated May community events no later than Tuesday April 28 to be included in an electronic May calendar to be sent to PAC members prior to May 1. Please email your events to bpjbranch@aol.com.
- d. Steve and Lisa shared some ideas for repaving intersection aprons to match existing conditions when the Spring Valley improvements are made this year. These ideas will be shared with CC Public Works, and Superintendent Tammy Ontiveros, at Wildfire Preparedness event at school on Saturday May 2.

12. **Location, Date, and time of next meeting** – The next PAC meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 6pm, at the Parks Fire Station. Items for discussion include possible Memorial Day Saturday bake sale fundraiser, and finalizing of Moonset Pit schedule for 2026.

13. **Adjournment** – Craig adjourned the meeting at 7:14pm.

Recorded by: Bart Bartel  
Secretary for Parks Area Connection