

Indio Hills Community Council

Minutes

6 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Via Videoconference

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m., all members present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of the Minutes – May 17, 2022

The minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting were read and approved.

4. New Business: Presenters must direct their report to the council. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chair may allow questions. Each speaker must first be recognized by the Chair.

A. Presentation by the Riverside County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Department: Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Services and Support (information only)

James Rowland, Marketing, Media and Communications Coordinator, Riverside County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder, 951-955-6200, james.rowland@asrclrec.com

Mr. Rowland presented an introduction to the Riverside County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder department:

- Assessor's office is not the Treasurer-Tax Collector, questions about property taxes should be directed to Treasurer-Tax Collector's office;
- Appointments can be made or phone calls;
- The Assessor's office completes the assessment roll, locates, identifies and describes property. Assessor is responsible for setting values for properties, but does not set tax amounts;
- County Clerk is responsible for Marriage Licenses, Fictitious Name Statements, Vital Records (birth and death certificates); Notary Publics;
- Recorder's Office records documents and maintains county archives.

5. Staff Reports: Presenters must direct their report to the council. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chair may allow questions. Each speaker must first be recognized by the Chair.

A. Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez – Darin Schemmer, 760-863-8211, DSchemmer@rivco.org

Mr. Schemmer reported that the Thousand Palms Canyon Road improvement project is complete. The project planning started 13 years ago and the road now includes two 12' lanes, two 5' bike lanes, a left turn pocket at the Coachella Valley Preserve and rumble strips and signage.

- B. Sheriff's Department – Corporal Alex Quezada, 760-250-9692, aquezada@riversidesheriff.org
No Report
- C. California Highway Patrol – Officer Rafael Espinosa, 760-772-5300, Rafael.Espinosa@chp.ca.gov
Officer Espinosa reported that, since our last meeting, there have been seven accidents in our community, three with property damage, two with injuries, two hit-and-runs and two DUIs. His department is trying to slow traffic down on Dillon Road. He also:
- Recommended using Uber during the holidays, wear seatbelts and don't drink and drive;
 - Reminded the community about CHP's Car Seat program;
 - Announced a food drive at the CHP office on November 1st;
 - Announced the Palm Springs Memorial Ride on December 12th;
 - Discussed the CHiPs for Kids program and events:
 - Cover the Cruiser event on December 2nd at Mathis Bros in Indio
 - Palm Springs Toy Drive on December 2nd
 - Cover the Cruiser event on December 7th
- D. CAL Fire – Captain Ray Richardson, 760-329-1700, Raymon.Richardson@fire.ca.gov
Captain Richardson announced that he has been the Fire Captain at Station 56 in Sky Valley since April. He reported that calls for service from July to September were five medical aides, four fires and one false alarm and that Station 87 in Indio (at Terra Lago) can also respond to Indio Hills if needed. A discussion was held regarding legal and illegal burning in the community and he reported that three of the four reported fires were illegal. A burn permit can be applied for and detailed instructions are on the permit as to dates, times, weather, size of fires, what can be burned, inspections, etc.
- E. Emergency Management Department – Eric Cadden, 760-863-8318, eric.cadden@rivco.org
Mr. Cadden reported on the CERT program and announced that he is leaving for another position with EMD and introduced our new contact person, Michael Ornelas.
- F. Code Enforcement – Brenda Velez, 760-393-3344, BVelez@Rivco.org
Officer Velez reported 31 open cases in the community, including one construction without permit, seven zoning violations, 18 vehicle abatements, four "other" and no accumulated rubbish cases.
- G. Desert Recreation District – Ana Velasquez, 760-343-3595, avelasquez@drd.us.com
Ms. Velasquez reported that the Chili Cook-Off was cancelled due to severe weather, but she will survey community members to possibly reschedule. She also announced upcoming events at the community center:
- Halloween party Saturday, October 9th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.;
 - Multi-Sport event Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sports include soccer, basketball, football and street hockey.
 - Community Yard Sale Saturday November 12th 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Each vendor can have one table and two chairs.
 - Spay and Neuter Clinic November 18th from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- H. CSA 105 Roads, Riverside County Office of Economic Development – David Alvarez, 951-955-3313, dalvarez@rivco.org
Mr. Alvarez reported that the CSA road fund currently holds approximately \$190,000 with an additional \$90,000 expected this year. He suggested that the road committee could present a new road improvement project to the community for late summer 2023 in the range of \$80,000 to \$100,000. A brief discussion followed with an explanation of how the community's roads are prioritized. He also reported that he has not yet received any calls for maintenance due to the recent storm.
- I. Other Departments and Public Agencies
None

6. Public comments:

All persons wishing to address the Council on items not specifically on the agenda or on matters of general interest should do so at this time. Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes.

Ernest Sussman reported on tire dumping on Dillon Road throughout the community. Mr. Schemmer will call Riverside County Department of Waste Resources and inquire if they can assist. Mr. Alvarez reported that the transportation department had a grant that was used for tire removal in another community. Community council member Edward Box inquired if the community center can serve as an official stop for restrooms and as an official water station for the Tour de Palm Springs.

7. Agenda Items for next meeting

None

8. Adjourn meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to Tuesday, November 15th at 6 p.m.

2022 meeting schedule: Jan. 25, Mar. 15, May 17, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 (no Sept.)

(Additional meetings may be added if an urgent issue warrants input from the community council and/or community.)

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