

## DESERT EDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Created by the Board of Supervisors on October 4, 2005, Resolution 2005-447)

### Desert Crest Country Club, Clubhouse Library

69-400 Country Club DR. (Dillon Road/ Desert Crest Avenue), Desert Edge, CA 92241

### Minutes of May 13, 2014

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 4:32pm by Chairperson Sharon Huddleston. Mary MacArthur a resident of Desert Crest was sworn in as our newest council person.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Ornales.

**Roll Call:** All members of the council were present.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as written. m/s/c.

**Approval of January Minutes:** Minutes of January meeting were approved as written. m/s/c

There were no minutes of the March meeting to approve due to lack of a quorum, but a record, for future reference was kept.

#### Staff Reports:

- a. Cal fire Department: Cal –fire representative reported they had 87 total calls, 68 were medical calls, 1 for burning debris, 2 traffic collisions, and 16 other calls.
- b. Sheriff's Department: Sergeant Devanny, reported the numbers for March-April were as follows: March -2 burglaries, 2 petty thefts, 2 grand thefts, 3 stolen vehicles, 4 burglaries of a vehicle. April - 3 petty thefts, 0 grand thefts, 5 stolen vehicles.
- c. California Highway Patrol: California Highway representative Christopher Prietto was unavailable for comment.
- d. Code Enforcement: Code enforcement Officer Rusty Hannah was unavailable for comment.
- e. County Supervisor John J. Benoit Representative: Rita Massie. Mike Gialdini introduced Rita Massie as our new liaison for the Desert Edge Council.
- f. Other County/State Departments: Sharon Introduced Eric Cadden from the Riverside County Office of Emergency Services. The OES is a unit within the Riverside County Fire Department.

**Public comments:** Comments were made regarding the dog license fees and the fines that were being imposed if dogs were not licensed. Members of the audience said this was causing many dog owners to abandon their animals in the desert.

#### New Business:

- a. Eric Cadden from the Cal-fire office of Emergency Services. Eric gave a very informative talk of emergency preparedness and why we should be prepared. Reasons to be prepared: **THREE ACTIVE FAULTS** in the Coachella Valley. First responders will be unable to respond immediately to your area.  
What you need to do: Have a plan; identify danger spots, and a safe area in your home or work. Duck, cover and hold on, remember OES does not recommend the Triangle of Life. For further information on emergency preparedness contact your local

Emergency Preparedness Team, or Eric Cadden at Office of Emergency Service at [Eric.Cadden@fire.ca.gov](mailto:Eric.Cadden@fire.ca.gov) for more information on a CERT training class.

b. Mission Springs Water District/Coachella Valley Water District: Mike Gialdini Mike spoke at length about water conservation, and different way we can conserve on our usage. Other items Mike spoke on: golf courses usage of recycled water, Colorado River and State Department of Water Resources agreement, and the location of recharge center in LaQuinta. Mike also handed out maps from Desert Water Agency.

**Old Business:**

- a. Rita Massie the new liaison from Supervisor Benoit's office went over the tracking sheet. One issue from the January Tracking Sheet had not yet been resolved. This was the pot hole in the middle of Long Canyon at 15<sup>th</sup> avenue.
- b. Ronita Taylor spoke on the COP'S program that she had been working on with Rich Welch. Ronita said she has ten packets of applications out, but none have been returned to Sgt. Dan Devinny. She said we must get those applications in. Sgt. Dan Devinny said that the COP'S program for Desert Edge has a car with a light bar, and decals are on order. A gas card will be supplied by Riverside County Sheriff's office for the COPS car. Uniform shirts and hats will be ordered. If you have any questions regarding the COP'S program or would like to volunteer you may call Sgt Devinny at (760)836-1742 email [ddevinny@riversidesheriff.org](mailto:ddevinny@riversidesheriff.org).

**Council Members Reports and Correspondence:**

- a. Sharon Huddleston said she had received an invitation to attend the new Riverside County Office of Emergency Services building in Indio. Sharon said the building is very impressive and will be a great improvement to the Coachella Valley in case of any large scale emergency.
- b. Cindy Nance spoke on dog licensing and the possibility of many dogs being dumped in the valley because of the \$500 fine which is being levied on dog owners if their dog is unlicensed.

**Land Development Committee Work Agenda, Developer Applications:**

- a. "Cindy Nance commented that few parcels with land uses that formerly were Open Spaces have been changed to rural – the 40 acres at southeast corner of Dillon and Long Canyon have been changed from Open Spaces to high density residential. Public comment on Land Use for the 2015 General Plan ends June 30."

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:** Rita will contact each of us via email and ask for agenda items before next.

- a. Next Meeting: Next meeting of the Desert Edge Community Council will be held on Tuesday Sept 9, 2014 at the Desert Crest Country Club Clubhouse Library. Future meeting dates include: November 18, 2014. (November 11 is Veterans Day)

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm