

## **Bermuda Dunes Community Council Agenda and Minutes**

6:00 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2015

Bermuda Dunes Community Center 78-400 Avenue 42, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203

### **I. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Roll Call-** Jeff Wattenbarger not present

**III. Approval of the Minutes** – Approved as Presented

**IV. Councilmember Reports and Comments** - None

**V. 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.

1. Office of Supervisor John J. Benoit – Joe Pradetto, 760-863-8211, [jpradetto@rcbos.org](mailto:jpradetto@rcbos.org)

*Short falls in the Sheriff and Fire Departments due to increased salaries. Being audited.*

*A new Land Use Ordinance will outlaw turf grass in front yards – only desert landscaping will be allowed*

*Vacation Rental Ordinance – In Progress*

*Joe suggested people with particular problems write him a note*

*Desert Recreation District will begin running our BD Community Center*

*Manny Marrujo and Courtney Gadblan will share responsibilities*

*Manny's # 760 564 9921, Courtney's # 760 347 4263*

2. Sheriff's Department – Lt. Johnny Rodriguez, 760-863-990, [jrodrigu@riversidesheriff.org](mailto:jrodrigu@riversidesheriff.org)  
*Gave Report. Mail theft has increased in Bermuda Dunes*

3. CAL Fire – Battalion Chief Eddy Moore, 760-540-1878, [eddy.moore@fire.ca.gov](mailto:eddy.moore@fire.ca.gov)  
*Not Present*

4. Code Enforcement – Francisco Mendez, 760-393-3344, [fmendez@rctlma.org](mailto:fmendez@rctlma.org)  
*Not Present*

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5. Other Departments

**VI. 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.

1. Project: JFK Medical Office Building – Parcel Map 36837
  - a. Recommendation:
  - b. Background:
  - c. Location: 41120 Washington Street, Indio, CA (Southeast Corner of Washington St. and 41st Ave.)
  - d. APN Number(s) 607-070-018
  - e. Planning Department Case Number(s): Parcel Map 36837 & Plot Plan 25686
  - f. Status within Riverside County Planning office: Land Development Committee (LDC) date December 11, 2014
  - g. County Planner: Jay Olivas, 760-863-7050, [jolivas@rctlma.org](mailto:jolivas@rctlma.org)
  - h. Zoning/General Plan (GP) Designation: R-3-4000, Medical Professional Office
  - i. Will you be requesting a zone/GP designation change? No
  - j. Total square feet of building(s)? 30,192 SF Gross, 24,186 SF leasable
  - k. An ADVISORY ACTION/VOTE of Community Council members is required before Director's Hearing (DH), Planning Commission (PC) or Board of Supervisor (BOS) reviews.
    1. Contact information for the developer making the presentation
    1. Kip Dubbs – Omni West Group, 949.215.9790 ext. 242 office, 714-336-2433 cell, [kdubbs@omniwestgroup.com](mailto:kdubbs@omniwestgroup.com) website: <http://www.omniwestgroup.com/>

**ACTION: Approved, Vote 4 yes, 1 absent**

2. Direction: Overlay Revise
  - a. Recommendation: Discuss direction for pursuing revisions to the Overlay.
  - b. Background: At the March 12, 2015, Bermuda Dunes Community Council meeting, council members requested an item to discuss revising the Bermuda Dunes Neighborhood Preservation Overlay Standards (Overlay). The Overlay provides enhanced code enforcement standards for the community of Bermuda Dunes. This includes stricter standards for parking, yard maintenance and street appearances than what applies to other unincorporated communities.

Public opinion on the Overlay appears to be split. Some residents have criticized the Overlay for being too relaxed, while others consider it overly strict.

The language of the Overlay ordinance may be reviewed here: [https://www.municode.com/library/ca/riverside\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT17ZO\\_CH17.292BEDUNEPROVZO](https://www.municode.com/library/ca/riverside_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT17ZO_CH17.292BEDUNEPROVZO).

*ACTION: Joe advised that the Supervisor has suggested that we wait on this as it is very expensive and had been voted down several years ago.*

*Joe also suggested that anyone with specific issues, please contact him via email or phone.*

3. Direction: Median Maintenance Assessment
  - a. Recommendation: Discuss and provide direction for pursuing an assessment district to fund median improvements and maintenance.
  - b. Background: In 2009 residents voted down a proposal to create and maintain decorative street signs, community entrance signs, landscaped medians and a park. Since then, the median on certain parts of Avenue 42 have gone without a dedicated funding source for improvements and maintenance. A group of residents recently wrote to Supervisor Benoit requesting improved landscaping in the medians. This item is going to the community council to gauge interest in pursuing an assessment district to pay for the requested improvements.

*ACTION: Joe was directed by BDCC Council to proceed forward with median assessment for desert maintenance and plants. This will also include the proposed park where the Desert Christian School is now located.*

4. Announcement: The Coachella Valley Irrigated Lands Coalition will hold a workshop to help owners and operators of irrigated land to comply with the new order. The workshop will be from 3 – 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2016, at CVWD's Forbes Auditorium (51501 Tyler Street, Coachella, CA). Contact Lorrie Cooper at 760 837-7901 or [admin@CVILC.ag](mailto:admin@CVILC.ag) for more information.
  - a. Background: The Colorado River Basin Regional Water Control Board (CRBRWCB) issued an order requiring owners and operators of irrigated (canal & well) lands larger than 5 acres to develop a groundwater monitoring plan. These plans can be developed by individuals or by a coalition on behalf a large group of individuals. Failure to comply with the order could result in up to a \$1,000 per day fine.

The Coachella Valley Irrigated Lands Coalition (CVILC) formed in 2013 as a regional coalition to help farmers comply with the new order, saving them time and money. Instead of developing their own discharge plans, framers may join the CVILC. According to the CRBRWCB, CVILC

is the only existing coalition in the Coachella Valley. A copy of the Order and membership forms can be found at [www.CVILC.ag](http://www.CVILC.ag).

#### **VII. 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.

James Garrison presented a letter to the BDCC regarding his concerns about compliance to our Overlay Program with regards to vehicles, boats, recreational vehicles, etc., not being put in storage units. Instead they are parking them all over their properties.

Council member, Jacob Alvarez suggested that we start working closely with our Sheriff's Department to help get citizens involved in programs to encourage a safe and friendly environment for young families and our elderly citizens.

Robert Nelson suggested that we start a 'grass roots' program which would include everyone in Bermuda Dunes. BDCC and others will encourage people to get connected, and become a more friendly community.

BDCC Council has two members, Jacob Alvarez and Donna Hubenthal, along with two other ladies Janet McMurtrey and Cheryl Isen will meet during the summer and discuss how we get the message out to the Community on how important this 'grass roots' program is, and to vote YES on this new median and park proposal.

Lee Miller, BDCC Member for over 10 years resigned. He thanked everyone for their attendance at the meetings and said he enjoyed serving our community for all those years.

#### **VIII. Agenda Items for next meeting**

1. Rotation of Officers
2. Median Assessment

#### **IX. Adjourn meeting**

**2015 meeting schedule:** Jan 8, Mar 12, May 14, Sept 10, Nov 12

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

<b>Donna Hubenthal</b>	<b>Jim Snellenberger</b>	<b>Lee Miller</b>	<b>Jeff Wattenbarger</b>	<b>Jacob Valvar</b>
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