

BERMUDA DUNES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CREATED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FEBRUARY 26, 1991 (RESOLUTION 91-129)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 8TH, 2009

JAMES MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 42-100 YUCCA LANE, BERMUDA DUNES, CA

April Young Acker, Reporting

1. Meeting called to order: 6:00 P.M. By Chairman Jerry Lugo
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by: Chairman Lugo
3. Roll Call: Members present: Lee Miller, Jerry Lugo, Cheryl Isen, April Acker, Rob Ferraud
4. Minutes from previous month: Approved 5-0
5. Public Comment:
 - a) Maureen Hammond alerting public to benefits of annexing to Palm Desert. Would like to see put on agenda.
 - b) James Aldridge concerned about improvements for Fred Waring Drive. Understands there will be a meeting soon – hoping for accommodation where homes won't be removed.
 - c) Lee Miller – Councilman Jim Ferguson gave presentation months ago in relationship to Palm Desert annexing Bermuda Dunes. Cost Palm Desert approximately \$70 million to annex. Nothing has happened since then.
6. Staff Reports:
 - A. Sheriffs Dept.: See December monthly report. Shots fired on New Years – included in calls list. Deputy Ed Ortega – part of gang activity task force – multi agency unit – they identify gangs in the valley. 14 members of team currently. They document tattoos, clothing etc. associated with gangs. 30 years to life for gang activity, if prosecuted. Tattoos affiliated with numbers, many times. 13, 44, 48, 72. South gang members with number 13, North gang members associate with number 14. Majority of gangs out here are Hispanic, 3 African-American gangs. Have some white supremacist gangs, most of those are towards DHS, San Bernardino.
 - B. Operation Services (Part of EDA): Bill Brown – his team removes graffiti- when reporting graffiti, they take pictures and then remove by sandblasting, power washing or repainting. Graffiti hotline - 1-888-472-3488 or www.rcgraffitibusters.com to report. Operate within county areas, only on public right-of-ways.

- C. EDA: Joaquin Tijuerina – Suggestion of names needed for new county facility on Ave. 42. Lee Miller suggests Bermuda Dunes Community Service Center. Lee moves, Cheryl seconds. 5-0 motion carries.
On street signage – no bar below, no scroll below. Rob motions sign with clipped corners, no bar or scroll below. Lee seconds. 5-0, motion carries.
- D. Code Enforcement: Officer Brenda Hannah – 141 cases, 18 closed this month. Community clean up is Feb. 27.
- E. Transportation Department: Mo Salama
- a) Starlight Lane – 35 mph. speed limit sign
 - b) Jamaica Sands – purchased vacant lot where ponding is.
 - c) 42nd Ave. raised median and landscape project – open bids next week, start construction mid Feb.
 - d) Country Club – raised median for monument – small island within Country Club coming up to Washington. Start date 4-6 months.
 - e) Yellow strip and poles installed on Ave. 42 to help protect monument. Lights still not working on monument.
 - f) Traffic engineer looking at putting “keep clear” sign at Old Harbor and Port Maria.
 - g) Fred Waring Dr. – working on setting up meeting for property owners on Fred Waring and County of Riverside. Lot of entities involved. City, CVAG, county, property owners, council members, many are involved. Meeting set up for feedback from community. Meeting to be held Thursday, Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. at CVAG – 73710 Fred Waring, Conference room 119, Palm Desert.
 - h) Carter Lane to be paved late April, early May
 - i) Working with church project – going to work with them on financial basis – pipe water from Emerald and Washington to catch basin.

1. New Business:

- A. Mark Johnson with CVWD – there is no mandate sewers be put in Bermuda Dunes area. They surround Bermuda Dunes area with sewer. Simply putting sewer in and connecting everyone. Process includes: forming assessment district. Costs can be \$20,000 to \$40,000. Want to be sure there is a lot of interest in it. Connection charge about \$4,000. Also have to eliminate sewer on property. Let them know there is a lot of interest and CVWD will do preliminary layouts and come up with preliminary costs.
- a) Marcia Billett – owns two triplexes – are charges on each unit?
Yes
 - b) Denise McGee – sewer would be installed in public right of way. If front of yard is part of easement, sewer would be underground.

- c) Dan Degou – has sewer in front of house – not allowed to hook in at time it was put in – call water district to hook up. Can't be financed like assessment would be via bond.
- d) Toni Hussey – have to fill septic up with sand or take out
- e) Cheryl Isen- concerned about only 51% needed to put sewer in – can percentage be higher? No

Lee moved, Rob seconds. 4 –1 motion stands for CVWD to begin preliminary layouts and costs for Bermuda Dunes.

9. Agenda items for next council meeting: Request City of Palm Desert representatives be present to answer questions. Request supervisors office have planning dept. give us status on projects we have approved in last several months.

10. There being no further business to come before the council, Chairman Lugo adjourned the meeting at: 7:50 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 12, 2009, 6:00 P.M.,
at Monroe Elementary School, 42-100 Yucca Lane, Bermuda Dunes, CA
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