

# DESERT EDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, January 13, 2009 4:30 PM

## 1. Call to Order 4:30 p.m.

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Roll Call:** Cindy Nance arrived late, with four members present there was a quorum.

4. **Approval of the previous meetings' Minutes:** postponed to next meeting.

## 5. STAFF REPORTS:

A. County Supervisor or Representative – Lynda Gregory summarized December 9, 2008 Tri-Council meeting presentations by USGS on the Great Shake Out and Riverside County Demographics Census 2010 plans.

B. Sheriff's Department – Lori Hardcastle presented call statistics from June – Dec. (1,492) and month by month. Lt. Jorge Pinon noted that the number of calls is low and that's good. Both officers commented on increase of calls in past month due to citizen alerts to suspicious activity and encouraged continued calls for service.

C. Fire Department - None

D. Code Enforcement – Jackie Fogh summarized code enforcement open cases (20) – 3 accumulated rubbish on vacant land, 3 grading without permit and 5 construction without permit and substandard structure/substandard home. Betty Sanchez - presented code enforcement newsletter contents and inquired whether Desert Edge would prefer curbside pick up for March 21 clean up day.

E. Other County Departments - State of California Highway Patrol, Craig Rentle from the Indio station reported last year's traffic citations on Dillon Road to Palm (490/1235 countywide), 45 traffic collisions (3 at Dillon and Desert Crest – one fatality a few years ago), 3 traffic complaints. In response to a question regarding installing speed limit signs on Langlois to slow down traffic and stop signs on Corkill at Dillon, traffic study done 2006 did not warrant traffic controls. Tour de Palm Springs February 14, morning to noon traffic problems discussed.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Sunline Bus survey presentation by Eunice Lovi (General Manager's Assistant). There was not enough response to the survey to warrant service (identified 140/1200 responses from Desert Edge although 1000 surveys distributed). Previous ad hoc survey by Desert Edge not considered. More than one-third of tabulated responses prefer bus stop in front of Desert Crest. There are no funds to provide service for low ridership. Cindy Nance informed by 2010 census representative that Census Designated Place status provides opportunity for federal grant funding for rural community needs, i.e. infrastructure improvements.

B. Joe Marsh summarized the Design Guidelines final approval by the Board of Supervisors, with final published copies available for potential developers. Design Guidelines provide guidance to developers.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Judy Deertrack represented the Planning Department on Vista Grande Spa CUP 03616 renewal – should not have been on agenda as an Action Item but rather under Land Development Meeting Work Agendas (item 8(B)). Next meeting, developer will present plans to council.

## 8. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Coachella Valley Trails Alliance and General Plan 2009 Summary Report – No recent meetings to report on.

B. Land Development Committee Meeting Work Agendas, developer applications and recent hearings – Joe Marsh will attend the hearing for the Liquor Store permit approval, recent ordinance prevents the sale of liquor and gas at the same location.

C. Desert Emergency Coalition (DEC) - Emergency Preparedness Report – Joe Marsh summarized recent meeting, and announced the next meeting is scheduled for June, everyone invited.

## 9. 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. As determined by the chair, speakers may be deferred until a related agenda item is taken for the Council's consideration. Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes.

Joe Marsh opened the floor for 2009 council goals: he recommended roads and lighting

improvements be sought, Cindy Nance would like to focus on encouraging census 2010 participation by the community. Leroy Pace suggested that undergrounding of utilities be required and scenic highway designation be sought. Robin Troutchau inquired about equestrian trails for which Cindy Nance explained there is a rubric in place for trail designations that are well-designed to meet various needs separately and as multi-use trails and invited her to participate on upcoming Coachella Valley Trails Alliance meetings, as well as providing input on the General Plan 2010.

**10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Everyone was invited to provide an email address on the sign in sheet if they wish to receive meeting notices via email and are not already receiving them.

Cindy Nance announced her renewal as a council member term, expires 2012.

**11. MEETING ADJOURNED 5:45 p.m.**