

DESERT EDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, February 11, 2008 4:30 PM

1. Call to Order 4:32 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Bart Susman.

3. Roll Call: With five members in attendance there was a quorum. Attendance: Joe Marsh, Chair; Cindy Nance, Secretary; Bart Susman; Ellie Dullea and Susan Lombardi.

4. Approval of the previous meetings' Minutes: Approved without modification.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Steve Pendergast (Catalina RV Park and The View) briefly presented on the status of The View at 18th Avenue and Long Canyon, short term occupancy park, opening delayed due to multi-family residential use designation and 1.2 million dollar impact fees, requesting commercial tourist consideration with 33 percent reduction of fees. Literature on The View requested.

6. STAFF REPORTS:

A. County Supervisor or Representative – Lynda Gregory, County holiday today, therefore no County representation, several items postponed until next month's meeting. Cindy Nance requested information on the East Area Planning Council, specifically their jurisdiction and members. Steve Pendergast inquired about Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) recently passed and CVAG ordinance, in relation to impact fees. Lynda made a brief overview, including City of Desert Hot Springs written out of the MSHCP but might reconsider entering the Plan. She requested community participation on the College of the Desert education master plan revision.

B. Sheriff's Department – None

C. Fire Department – Justin Axelrod presented statistics: 107 calls, 76 medical response, others structure fires, and miscellaneous.

D. Code Enforcement – None

E. Other County Departments – None

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Joe Marsh announced Design Guidelines are in progress and the first draft should be available for community presentation next month, per Jerry Jolliffe.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

None

10. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Land Development Committee Meeting Work Agendas, developer applications and recent hearings – None in Desert Edge, zone change for sections of land north of Desert Edge boundary. Catalina RV Park and Spa hearing scheduled for March 11, request to extend life of Conditional Use Permit – road improvements to Corkill Road in progress to comply with conditions. Discussion ensued regarding lifetime permits, which Lynda clarified that no residential use parks are granted lifetime permits any longer, 10 years is the maximum. Almar Acres representative (Betty) presented they received a 20 year permit but it is not final, yet and since 2003 when their permit expired, the County has not reissued their permit.

B. Lynda distributed complimentary Date Festival tickets to council members.

C. Bart Susman resigned from the council – he is selling his home in Desert Crest and relocating to Palm Desert. Lynda offered applications to anyone interested in applying to serve on the Council.

D. Bart Susman announced Sky Valley Fire Station Open House and CERTification with Chief Petronivich will be held in March.

E. Everyone requested to sign in if they wish to receive meeting notices via email, last months sign in sheet misplaced.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

A. Permit check on building construction off Bennett Road on the northeast end of Wagner Road.

B. Design Guidelines update and location for first draft meeting presentation

C. Update status of flashing lights for 45 mph signs at intersection of Dillon and Corkill Road

D. Follow up on 18th Avenue request for easements and removal of fences obstructing easement between Corkill and Long Canyon Road.

E. Follow up responses to environmental health and hazardous materials concerns for monitoring pools, septic systems and hazardous material storage F. OHV sign replacement at Bennett Road - Warren Stallard County Transportation Maintenance facility

F. Call for council member applicants.

Next meeting: Tuesday, **March 11, 2008** at 4:30 p.m.

12. MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:20 p.m.