

# BERMUDA DUNES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF: MARCH 12, 2009

James Monroe Elementary School, 42-100 Yucca Lane, Bermuda Dunes, CA

April Young Acker, Reporting

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call – all members present
4. Approval of minutes – January 2009 minutes approved
5. Public Comments:

Ron Rowell – lives on Fred Waring – had meeting with county, provided 3 options. Disappointed plans were no different from year before. Met after that meeting collectively as homeowners and were somewhat hopeful the work could be done without taking any property – but property would not have any front parking. La Quinta won't give any property – which affects this plan. Get help from BDCC to put pressure on county to present more viable options. Jerry asked to put on agenda for next month.

Flossie – neighbors built fort – privacy is gone. Upset it was built. Put on agenda for next month.

### 6. New Business:

- A. Discussion on possible annexation of Bermuda Dunes by Palm Desert – John Wolmuth asked if it could be postponed until April meeting. Jim Ferguson unable to make meeting this evening. City would not consider annexation unless it was community driven. Lori Allane from Palm Desert and George Spiliotis from LAFCO shared. George reviewed annexation process. Bermuda Dunes in Palm Desert's sphere of influence. Petition threshold is 5%. LAFCO appreciates public input. Schedule protest hearing after commission hearing. Administrative action. Completely non-discretionary – decision is then chosen on amount of protests. Less than 25% commission would decide to move forward; 25-50% city would have to hold vote within jurisdiction (registered voters within area only).

Gary Stewart – within BD Country Club- if annexed into Palm Desert – would electrical and water be affected? No. Sewer would have to be in before selling property.

Zeke Wheeler- absolutely sure we would be forced to put in sewer before home is sold. Palm Desert ordinance in place currently stating policy.

As a pre-condition of annexation, Palm Desert would require the provision to put in the sewer mains. What about road maintenance within country club? If it is private, it would remain private.

Lee Miller- capital improvements – sewer mains – who pays for it? Jim Ferguson also said study shows Bermuda Dunes is short \$1 million a year in revenue.

Ron Rowell – as a private community they would remain private.

Wayne Grounick – Jim Ferguson indicated streets, etc would not be affected. Ambivalent about sewers. Letter to be sent within country club to get opinions.

Doug Muse- lives in BD Country Club- tax revenues to Palm Desert been analyzed? Rule of thumb is revenue is made off commercial properties. Costs far outweigh revenue stream in Bermuda Dunes.

Mitch Thatcher- 50% of BD Country Club are snowbirds – do they not have voting power? Have limited voice. Interest in Bermuda Dunes Airport? What value does it give? Doesn't know.

Maureen Hammonds- cost of annexation for Palm Desert Country Club? Doesn't know.

Cheryl Isen- airport – what plan is for airport? Great deal of city employees can't afford to live in Palm Desert- affordable living for them?

Jack Monroe- couldn't Indio or La Quinta annex? Not right now, not in sphere of influence. \$40 million cost – about \$33,000 a piece – for residents

Mario Georgio – would we now get mail from Palm Desert post office? Possibly.

Lee Miller - \$33,000 is high. CVWD made presentation several months ago.

Lori – larger cost is in storm drains.

Patricia Soleil- on Thousand Palms community council – certificate of exception – probably law that general services have to be offered – former sphere of influence in Palm Desert. Cathedral City asked for sphere of influence. Thousand Palms at crossroads.

Lee Miller – issue been around long time – consider several possibilities – not annexing to any city – what happens when you become part of a city – same councilmembers – we are low man on totem pole.

Corky Larson – Sun City – LAFCO routinely canvas’ cities purpose on sphere of influence – at that point city reiterated their preference in providing high service to their current jurisdiction.

- B. Sunline Transit Agency - Eunice Lovi – Study showed should provide service on Ave. 42. They will continue to look at routes and update study. Outside community center would be good stop. She will talk to consultant and get more information. Try to come back in 3 months or so.

7. Staff Reports

- A. Planning Dept.– not available
- B. EDA – Jim Ayres – had 39 general contractors at job walk, and 60 subcontractors- received 16 sealed bids – Regency (in Beaumont) was first bid, Orr Builders was second bid. Sent letter of intent to award. Take to Board of Supervisors on March 31 if all in order. Should be underway last week of April or first week of May. Building size approximately 2,344. 17 parking stalls. Mechanical gate with card reader. Perimeter block wall on property. Audio, projector, coffee bar in board room. Performance bond must be issued. What provisions would be made for other community organizations to use room? No process in place yet.
- C. Sheriff’s Dept. – Andy Gerrard – auto theft ring broke up. 14 burglaries in January. No leads currently. Maureen Georgiou- neighbors have had mail theft – common thing. Please report as soon as possible. Feb. report- calls down from last year. Vehicle theft is up. Theft and vandalism in models built by Tahitian Partners off Adams.
- D. Code Enforcement – Brenda Hannah – 21 properties closed in February. 760-343-4150 to report violations. Property on Carter and Country Club- graffiti – Brenda to look at. Octagon house will be rehabilitated. Code Enforcement can issue citations in Bermuda Dunes Country Club. Zeke Wheeler- enclosing garage and making bedroom? Must be done with permits. Leslie- have superiors talked about how code enforcement might be affected by lack of financing? At this point code enforcement is fine. Pete Lussier – dry vegetation? No enforcement unless hazardous. Betty Sanchez – community improvement officer – can’t do mailers due to lack of financing. Gave it to school to hand out to students, gave to Bermuda Dunes Country Club HOA, going to contact media going forward. Next clean-up is Sept. 19, 2009. Household hazardous waste on March 29, Rancho Mirage city hall. Chemicals, paint, fertilizers, pesticides, batteries, bulbs, old TVs, computers, etc.

8. Council members reports - none

9. Agenda items: Fred Waring property owners, invite transportation; Palm Desert annexation, status report of approved projects, fort update.

10. Next meeting: April 9, 2009

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

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