

BERMUDA DUNES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

MINUTES OF MEETING OF: NOV. 13, 2008

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

April Young Acker, Reporting

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Cheryl Isen, Jerry Lugo, Lee Miller, April Young Acker. Rob Ferraud not present but excused.
4. Minutes from previous month: Approved
5. Public Comments:
 - Terry Baslin – grocery carts? Stores will come get them. Code enforcement does not have program – can bring to supervisor’s attention. Problems outside gates with transients going through trash cans – sheriff says it is public – Burrtec says private issue – Jennifer at Burrtec would come to meeting and speak. Public or private- Letty to check into. Board recommended Terry talk to Letty about his concerns regarding Ferraud .
 - Cheryl Isen – transients in tamarisk trees by Airport – Sheriff Andy Gerrard to investigate.
 - Martha Smiley – thank you council for service.
6. Staff Reports:
 - A. Sheriff’s Report: Officer Andy Gerrard reported. Groundbreaking on Thermal station held Oct. 29. Crime has changed. Burglar moved in north of us at Sun City. Keep eyes and ears open. Burglars targeting vehicles. Purses, wallets, etc. taken. Keep valuables at home. From Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 – total 39 thefts. Petty, grand and auto. Leslie Getz – has anyone been arrested on attempted car thefts? No – not in this area. On Adams and Cliff – DEA there a couple days ago – no briefing on it. Terry Baslin – should check transients – that dispatch is saying on public property. Martha Smiley – started neighborhood watch – officers have been incredible in coming out and supporting them. Communication has been incredible. Mike Denor - Had transients going through trash cans – tried to scare them off – called sheriff. Glenn Smith - Breakdown of Bermuda Dunes Country Club crime – person in Riverside that does stats. Info is available. Head of security committee at BDCC – Zeke Wheeler - stats available – can be broken down. Neighborhood watch program available – voluntary – sheriff assists if needed. Discuss problems and make game plan of how to reduce problems. If there is law enforcement issue, feel free to call Cpl. Gerrard at 393-3425.
 - B. Code Enforcement: Officer Brenda Hannah – open cases to date – 143. Closed 20 in Oct. See report card for more info. 343-4150. Zeke Wheeler – if home has enclosed garage and lots of vehicles outside – possible code violation? Junker Clunker program takes inoperative vehicles away. Terry Baslin – rules to operative/inoperative. Corner of Country Club/Adams – fence put up? Officer Hannah to look at it.

- C. EDA: Joaquin Tijerina reported. Monument installation at Washington is in. Light not working – consultant working on it. Looking for location on Country Club (third sign). Going to bid on safety office. Also, CSOD site is future park site. Gymnasium would be used. CSOD will hopefully move in several years. Jerry – look at public safety office again? No changes. Also, once CSOD becomes park site – will you involve the community in what we would like to see? Ray Jamison – has anyone asked community if they want park? Ray doesn't want it – it will be uncontrolled. Cheryl Isen – park has been issue for years – where is it going to go?? CSOD ended up working out really well. What are we doing around monument on Ave. 42? It is finished – boulders, decomposed granite already in. Other locations where median coming in – landscaping work will be done, and transportation will make presentation. Will there be a monument at Adams and Country Club? Will be west of Adams near Washington.
- D. Supervisor Roy Wilson's office: Leticia DeLara – nothing to report.
- E. Animal Services not present.

7. Planning Department: Josh Lee reported.

Timeline for overlay – began 2006 with design guidelines. Listed property maintenance issues, etc. Many were addressed by design guidelines, some were not. In March – large community workshop. From June-August- subcommittee met to discuss. If approved by Community Council today – will then go before planning commission and then Board of Supervisors.

RV issue - Different streets have different right of way widths. Current language is elaboration of current county ordinance regarding right of way. Private property dimensions available on county web site so building on property not owned by property owner doesn't happen.

Web site: www.tlma.co.riverside.ca.us/planning

RE : Overlay draft:

- A. Juan Ochoa – live on Bowden - Can't park in grass – do you put concrete in?
- B. 79380 Spalding – currently has RV pad – code enforcement approved it – not in favor of RV ordinance. Will this go to the community to vote on? If there already ordinances in effect, why do we need this as well? People's voice need to be heard. Letty has been very helpful and responsive.
- C. Pam Hubert for RV ordinance.
- D. Zack Wheeler for RV ordinance.
- E. 79261 Spalding – Ryan – asked about commercial vehicle.
- F. Jerry Lugo – you will have an opportunity to speak again to the planning commission.
- G. Cheryl Isen – need this to give meat and potatoes to ordinances.
- H. Lee Miller -Language in county ordinance is vague – put it in to clarify and explain what ordinance means.

- I. Letty DeLara – if there was a special tax assessment than that would be voted on as a community. Different procedure with ordinances. Intention of county is to be responsive. 12 community councils – only councils that send quarterly updates pay for it themselves. Website is updated daily with happenings county wide.
- J. Couple X for overlay.
- K. Juan Ochoa – basketball hoop at Jerry Lugo’s is grandfathered? As would anybody’s installed before ordinance is approved by county supervisor.
- L. Leslie Getz - Not zoning issue.

Motion: Lee Miller, seconded by April Acker. Cheryl Isen not ready – not meaty enough. 3-1.
Lee, April, Jerry – yes. Cheryl – no.

8. Old Business:

- A. Bob Lyman – Heads up – stucco covering metal, northerly of Emerald Crest, westerly of Carter Lane. Going to planning commission on Nov. 19.
- B. Change of zone approved by Bermuda Dunes Community Council – going to planning commission on Nov 19. No. 7530 – plot plan no. 22846
- C. Valley Plumbing – met with applicant. Looking at texture coating the exterior building. Won’t be logo on front of building. Landscaping use 60 inch box trees rather than 48 inch. Prior to occupancy the Bermuda Dunes concerned group will review onsite landscaping.

9. New Business:

- A. CVWD – Mark Johnson - described earthquake drill. Rumor there is a mandate regarding sewer in Bermuda Dunes Country Club. Three potential regulations that might require this, but not currently in place – 1) new building within 100 feet of sewer 2) polluting environment 3) county – new building within 200 feet of hookup. If Bermuda Dunes wanted to, there would be an assessment . Survey would have to have 60-70% response – based on response would determine whether to proceed or not. CVWD would then investigate cost required for this. CVWD checked into this for Avondale Country Club (about 270 homes) - would be about \$37,000 per home for sewer, paving, etc. For just sewer - \$15,000. Additional costs- hookup fee (\$3,995), septic abandonment (\$5,500) – these were included in \$37,000 fee. Thousand Palms did this several years ago and property taxes went up about \$1,500 a year for 30 years. \$11,000 cost for paving, sewer. People in Bermuda Dunes already hooked up to sewer would not be impacted by assessment, per Mark. 50% plus one on vote would make it go forward. Leslie Getz- advantage of putting sewer in Thousand Palms? Residents came to them and asked for it, according to Mark. Jerry Lugo – any grant money? If assessment is approved, there would be options – pay up front, have items put on tax roll and pay over 20 years. Mike Dinger – monthly sewer charge is \$27 - \$35. Zeke Wheeler – any experience where sewer system is put in creates increase in value? When assessment done in Thousand Palms – when go to sell bonds – they do study – study

showed valuation would go up around 20%. Martha Smiley – how would it affect Saddleback condominiums? Mark will call Martha and give answer.

10. Council Members Reports and Correspondence: None.
11. Agenda Items for next Council Meeting: Terry – Wants empty lots issue addressed next month.
12. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING IS DECEMBER 11, 2008

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