

## **Thousand Palms Community Council Minutes**

Thousand Palms Community Center  
31189 Robert Rd, Thousand Palms, CA 92276

**March 25, 2010**

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### **In Attendance:**

Chairman Bob Alcumbrac; Secretary Patricia Saleh, Councilman Roy Nokes; and Mike Gialdini, legislative assistant to Supervisor John Benoit  
Councilmen Greg Pinney and Karen Esposito were absent.

Chairman Bob Alcumbrac called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. After the roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance he called for Staff Reports.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

**Lori Hardcastle** of the **Riverside County Sheriff's Office** reported that the Sheriff's Office received 368 calls for service, many of which were not actionable. In today's Desert Sun she said there's an article about how much crime is down. Over the last 10 months it's fallen and fallen—almost in half.

Tim Petek asked about who is in charge of people looking through trash bins. He was directed to Code Enforcement.

### **Code Enforcement**

Mike Gialdini said that if people want more information they can contact him or contact Senior Code Enforcement Officer Hector Guerrero.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Crossing Guard for Della Lindley School**

Patricia Saleh reporting

Saleh read a letter from Palm Springs Unified School District Board Member Meredy Shoenberger thanking Saleh for attending the Board meeting and requesting a crossing guard for Della Lindley School. Shoenberger said that she will not let the issue of a crossing guard drop.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Riverside County Department Representation at TP Council meetings:**

Michael Gialdini said that he is working on getting people here from the Planning Department. There are lower level planners who don't know when they need to send you the plans. Gialdini said that the Supervisor's office is looking to put on a training course for council members to help them understand the plans. He also said that he doesn't like to get planners to council meetings unless there is something important to discuss. He doesn't want to get Transportation Department reps to the meetings either unless there is something important on the agenda.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Thousand Palms Preservation Action Group**

Patricia Saleh Reporting

Roy Nokes Reporting

LAFCO heard arguments on the Palm Desert sphere of influence request on the eastern flank of Thousand Palms. Because the Action Group had met with Palm Desert City Council members and staff and were told unequivocally that Palm Desert has no interest in annexing north of Interstate 10, and because Thousand Palms would like to have the Thousand Palms area to be removed from the Palm Desert sphere request, LAFCO continued the hearing to May 27, 2010 to give Palm Desert, Sun City Palm Desert and Thousand Palms the time to come to see if they could come to a compromise and to confirm that Palm Desert really has an interest in annexing the sphere area. Spheres are given as the first step toward annexation.

### **Desert Recreation District**

Thousand Palms Community Center Coordinator Rob Carson Reporting

Soccer league ended on March 6. They had 100 parents and children show up for the end-of-season party and they had a pizza party donated by the parents to thank the coaches.

The karate class is really building up, he said. There were 40 children in the beginning class and 11 kids in the advanced class and once a month they actually learn to break bricks. He said that if children are out for spring break they can come to the Community Center for classes. Yoga class will be starting on April 6 and run on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Zumba is also a possibility if there is enough interest.

April 6 – Rob will go before Board of Supervisors to see about getting a Community Development Block Grant for an after-school program. He lost 65% of his kids due to parents being laid off from work.

December 11 – The District is planning a Holiday Pet Parade with Animal Samaritans where people will dress up their animals and Animal Samaritans will conduct pet adoptions.

### **Chamber Wild West Fundraiser**

Patricia Saleh Reporting

The Thousand Palms Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Wild West Barbecue fundraiser with the country western band Cinch from 5:00 to 10:00 PM on Saturday, March 27, 2010, to earn money for a new roof and air conditioners for the Chamber office building. The public is invited. \$18 per adult in advance. \$20 at the door.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Rod Beatty said that she would like to have the fire department represented at our meetings. She said it's been 33 days since she reported that her son's house burned to the ground because the Riverside County Fire Department said they couldn't hook up to the Coachella Valley Water District's water. Only one truck out of 11 that arrived had water on it. The fire killed her son's dog. They waited 15 minutes for a tanker to arrive with water on it. Mrs. Beatty still hasn't heard anything back on this despite the fact that she talked to John Benoit personally. Roy Nokes told her that when he was fire captain they did a preliminary investigation and if they found anything that wasn't right they'd do a more thorough investigation. He suggested that perhaps that's what's happening now.

Saleh moved to adjourn. Nokes seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Saleh, Council Secretary