


**Thousand Palms Community Council Minutes**  
 Thousand Palms Community Center  
 31189 Robert Rd, Thousand Palms, CA 92276  
**February 23, 2012**  
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<b>In Attendance:</b>	X	Karen Esposito, Vice Chairman
	X	Christopher Mitchell, Chairman
		Patricia Saleh, Secretary
		Roy Nokes, Council Member
	X	Pam McKay, Council Member
	X	Mike Gialdini, Liaison to 4 <sup>th</sup> District Supervisor John Benoit
<b>Call to Order:</b>		Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was taken and all Council members except for Roy Nokes and Patricia Saleh were present  Approval of the January minutes will be done at the next meeting.  Mitchell called for Staff Reports
<b>STAFF REPORTS</b>	A.	<b>Fourth District Update - Supervisor Liaison Mike Gialdini</b>
		a) <b>4<sup>th</sup> District Update:</b> Gialdini discussed the cleanup handouts with the Thousand Palms cleanup scheduled for 3/3/2012. He said that there will also be tire recycling events that are in the planning process. b) <b>Regional Update:</b> Riverside County is continuing its enforcement of Riverside County laws forbidding the sale of marijuana.
	B.	<b>Riverside County Sheriff's Department</b>
		Reporting: Lt. Larry Sherman
		Sherman reported 2 assaults and 4 burglaries. He said that the Coachella Valley has six COPS programs and set teams have been disbanded; officers have been reassigned.
	C.	<b>Code Enforcement</b>
		Reporting: Officer Ruben Diaz
		a) Update on <b>March 3<sup>rd</sup> cleanup.</b> Riverside County Economic Development Representative <b>Grace Escobar</b> also spoke about the cleanup.
	D.	<b>CalFire/Roy Wilson Fire Station in Thousand Palms</b>
		Reporting: Captain Gretchen Gonzales
		Not present.
	E.	<b>Other County Departments:</b>
		None
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	A.	<b>Affordable Housing Update – Tom Hodgkin</b>
		Not Present.
		<b>Cathedral City Annexation Update –Bud England</b>

		<p>a) <b>Feasibility study update: Cathedral City Councilman Bud England</b> reported that the Cathedral City Council approved the plan for the municipal services study on annexing all of Thousand Palms, including the Berger property. It should take three to four months to complete. He said that the report should be ready by the third quarter of 2012. The company doing the feasibility study will be using Cal State San Bernardino Palm Desert students to help with the study. It will cost Cathedral City between \$14,000 to \$30,000 to complete the study.</p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	A.	<p><b>T-Mobile/Macias Nursery Cellphone Tower</b> – Kevin Moe, SureSite Consulting representative</p>
		<p><b>1. Riverside County Plot Plan Number: 24607</b>  <b>Project Name: Macias Nursery</b>  <b>Project Number: IE24273A</b>  Address: 29900 Sierra Del Sol, Thousand Palms, CA 92276  County: Riverside, APN: 648-210-004 Current Zoning: R-A Residential Agriculture  Location: Cross street Sierra Del Sol and 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue  <b>Applicant</b> : T Mobile, 3257 Guasti Road, Suite 200, Ontario, CA 91761</p> <p><b>Applicant Representative</b>  SureSite Consulting Group, LLC  <b>Kevin Moe</b>, Site Development Specialist  5955 De Soto Avenue, Suite 142, Woodland Hills, CA 91367, 310-903-8640  e-mail: <a href="mailto:k.moe@sure-site.com">k.moe@sure-site.com</a></p> <p><b>Project description:</b>  Construct a new communications facility at the subject property. The communications facility will comprise a 50 foot monopalm, with 3 sectors within a 20 foot by 30 foot fenced lease area. There are up to 6 equipment cabinets proposed within the applicants leased premises. This proposal is for the installation of (2) proposed equipment cabinets (4) future mounted on a concrete pad within a wrought iron fence enclosure. Also, the addition of (8) panel antennas 4 per sector. (4) future antennas and 1 microwave antenna mounted on a proposed 50 foot high monopalm. This project has been submitted to the County of Riverside Urban Planning department and has been assigned Plot Plan Number 24607. Per requirements of the County’s review process, presentation of this project to the Thousand Palms Community Council must complete before the county can make a determination in this case.</p> <p>T-Mobile is proposing a facility in this location at this location to provide improved wireless 4G coverage in north Thousand Palms.</p> <p><b>Action required by Community Council.</b> Vote to Approve the project.  <b>PROJECT ADVISORY VOTE: APPROVED 3-0; 2 ABSENT</b></p>
<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>		None
<b>COUNCIL REPORTS</b>		<b>Council Member Activities on behalf of Thousand Palms</b> – Christopher Mitchell
		<p>Chairman Chris Mitchell reported on behalf of Council Secretary Saleh:</p> <p>a) Thousand Palms Childcare Grand Re-Opening will take place March 26, 2012 at 10 AM, 72400 La Canada Way, Thousand Palms..<b>EVERYONE IS INVITED.</b></p>

<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	A.	<b>Thousand Palms Community Center Report</b>
		Reporting: <b>Joey Acuna</b> , Desert Recreation Supervisor over Thousand Palms
		<b>Update:</b> The Thousand Palms Community Center will be adding another zumba class, so zumba will be offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday now. The soccer field is also being rented more often and there will possibly be a soccer tournament.
<b>AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</b>		None.
<b>ADJOURN MEETING</b>		Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>		March 29, 2012, 6:00 PM
		Respectfully submitted, Mike Gialdini took minutes on behalf Secretary Saleh in her absence.   Patricia Saleh, Thousand Palms Community Council Secretary, 760-343-2440