

THERMAL-OASIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Rummonds Senior Center

87-229 Church Street, Thermal

DATE: Monday, November 26, 2012 TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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In accordance with the requirements of the California Code, Section 59454.2, this Agenda is posted not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting date and time noted above.

1. **Call to Order** - Translation provided
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Swear in all new members of the Thermal-Oasis Community Council** - Leticia swore in new members of Thermal –Oasis CC: Mike Wells, Sergio Duran, Charlie Smith, Ernesto Rios, Sergio Mesa. Absent Marco Celedon and Bobby Melkesian.
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Rotation of Officers** - Elected as follows: Mike Wells as Chair, Sergio Duran as Vice-Chair and Charlie Smith as Secretary
6. **Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2012**
7. **Presentation on the district's new facilities – Elsa Esqueda** - continued until next meeting.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** All persons wishing to address the Council on items not specifically on the Agenda or on matters of general interest should do so at this time. As determined by the chair, speakers may be deferred until a related Agenda item is taken for the Council's consideration. Please limit your remarks to three minutes.
Luis Corona brought up that tractors that are using the main road are not moving over to allow for traffic to pass them and are dragging mud to roads. Leticia will invite Ag Commissioner/ Farm Bureau to attend future meeting. Also reminded council that he brought up the address of the College of the Desert facility in Thermal-Mecca is listed as Mecca.
9. **STAFF REPORTS:** Presenters must direct their report to the Council. At the conclusion of the presentation the chair may allow questions. Each speaker must first be recognized by the chair.
 - A. Sheriff Department update - Sgt. Contreras reported that crime rates in area have increased. Mentioned impact of Coachella Fest and a recent purse theft at John Kelly Elem. and continued copper theft. Encouraged residents to report crimes. Ernesto Rios mentioned that motorists continue to park along Airport Blvd and Grapefruit Blvd and this is causing problems. Sgt. Contreras mentioned that he will bring it up to CHP and monitor situation. Charlie Smith asked about criminal activity in Oasis. Sgt. Contreras was unprepared to report on Oasis. He will do so in future meetings.
 - B. Fire Department update -not present
 - C. Transportation Department – Mojahed Salama
 1. Status of Sunline bus stop at Airport and Cactus, and the street light on Airport west of Cactus – Mojahed reported that both of these issues will soon be resolved.
 2. Project update on overpass at Airport and Grapefruit Boulevards – project is delayed but moving forward. Expected dated to start construction is Fall of 2013. The project should take 18-24 months. The old Transportation yard that was sold is being into by Coded Enforcement. Scheduled public hearing for Dec. 18th for 4 properties that have not agreed to sell their property. Mojahed reported that the 4 way Stop at Ave 62 appears to be functioning well. No accidents reported.
 - D. 4th District Riverside County Supervisor John J. Benoit representative – Leticia DeLara
 1. Mountain View Estates update - Announced ribbon cutting event to take place Jan. 5th. Announced Multiple Owners Group (MOG meeting to take place Nov. 27, 2012.
10. **NEW BUSINESS:** Presenters must direct their report to the Council. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chair may allow questions. Each speaker must first be recognized by the Chair.
 - A. College of the Desert (COD) – presentation by Ernesto Rios on programs/services COD offers at the Thermal/Mecca Campus, and timeline for expansion.
 - B. Community Council Training Seminar topic suggestions: December 4th at 5:30pm – Leticia DeLara
There was agreement that the library is still the number one priority for Thermal and a sports park for Oasis.
11. **COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**
12. **NEXT MEETING:** January 28, 2013. Future meetings March 25, May 27 (Memorial Day Holiday - consider new

date of May 20, 2013), September 23 and November 25

Motion by Sergio Duran and second by Sergio Meza to approve meeting schedule above. Unanimous approval 5-0.

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