

SKY VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MEETING MINUTES

Sky Valley Chamber and Community Center * 20905 Hot Springs Rd, Sky Valley CA 92241
January 11, 2022

- I. **Meeting to Order:** Council Chair N Ragsdale called the meeting (via Zoom) of the Sky Valley Community Council to order at 6:02 PM
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** E Holmberg led Pledge.
- III. **Roll Call:** all council members present; 10 residents, 6 county reps and topic presenters, 8 residents
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Nov 2021 minutes approved unanimously as is
- V. **Councilmember Reports and Comments:**
 - a. N Ragsdale expressed our sadness in hearing that long-time Sky Valley resident and supporter Buddy Buerke has died from COVID. She noted he will be greatly missed and praised his consistent service work and tremendous generosity to the community over many years. Also expressed were condolences to his wife Leanne and extended family. Rest in peace, Buddy!
- VI. **Staff Reports:**
 - a. **Office of Supervisor Manuel Perez:** Pat Cooper 760-863-8211 pcooper@rivco.org;
 - i. Happy New Year!
 - ii. **COVID:** We are currently in a surge that is expected to go down soon. Omicron is 4 times more transmissible than previous strains. The County case rate is 82/100k compared to Nov 2020 at 14/100k. Hospitals are at maximum capacity and suffering from decreased health care staff due to illness. Coachella Valley leads the county in numbers of vaccinations and residents are encouraged to get vaccinated.
 - iii. **Short Term Rental Status:** The revised draft is in internal county review. Once cleared it will be released for public review and then scheduled for a hearing. N Ragsdale asked P Cooper to ensure the Council and community are notified when it is ready for public review. Short term rental hotline= 800-228-5051
 - iv. **Community Cleanup:** Scheduled for 9 am – 12pm Feb 12 at the CalTrans Transportation Yard 19003 on Bennett Road [Subsequently rescheduled for March 12]
 - b. **Sheriff's Department** – Sgt Jared Howe
 - i. **December Stats:** 185 calls of which 27 or 15% generated tickets; 2 stolen cars; 3 stolen batteries, 3 thefts, 2 burglaries; 17 misc.
 - ii. **OHV:** Video is permissible in reporting OHV activity; See Code Enforcement discussion below.
 - c. **CHP:** NO REPRESENTATIVE
 - d. **CAL Fire** – Matt.kotz@fire.ca.gov
 - i. **Dec 1-Jan 10 for Area 10 that includes Sky Valley:** 265 calls; 185 medical, 1 pedestrian fatality
 - e. **Code Enforcement:** Pat Cooper reported for Officer Geovani Olivas 760-393-3344 rctlma.org/ce
 - i. **85 outstanding cases/2 cases closed since November**
 - ii. **Noise:** The complaints should be directed to the Sheriff department on weekends. Code Enforcement is working on developing a SET (Special Enforcement Team) to respond to noise complaints with a decibel reader.
 1. **Resident asked about a specific case of consistent noise disturbance:** Resident causing the disturbance does not allow sheriff on

to property. If it is a short-term rental, the complaints should be called in to 800-228-5051. If not, residents may want to engage an attorney to discuss a possible cease and desist order.

- iii. **OHV:** This problem is on-going and enforcement is near non-existent. By the time Law enforcement arrives when called the riders are long gone or somewhere law enforcement can't go. A resident discussion covered education possibilities:
 1. **Tours offered online:** A resident informed us that some ARBNB 's offer OHV tours as "Experiences for Hire" that they charge for and then take the group to ride in Sky Valley. It was suggested that this situation should be reported on the Short-term rental hotline – 800-228-5051. A comment was made that this may be retribution to disturb the peace of a neighbor that has reported the activity to authorities.
 2. **Resorts:** It was noted that people come to the resorts in Desert Edge with OHV's and ride out from there. Is there a way to get the resorts to stop this activity? Perhaps contact the Desert Edge Community Council to help in this education effort.
 3. **Businesses/Clubs:** Can we get businesses that sell these vehicles and OHV clubs to educate their customers/members?
 4. **Street Legal Vehicles:** A resident informed us that there are certain brands that can be bought as street legal that the owner then registers with DMV. They must bear an identification tag. They are only authorized to operate on roads, county designated areas, personal residence property, or someone's else's property if they carry a signed letter of permission as is the case with other OHV.
 5. **Video as evidence:** In the sheriff's discussion presented above, it was stated that residents may submit videos of illegal activity and submit it to have sheriff act on.
- f. **Economic Development Agency – Dave Alvarez 951-955-3313 dalvarez@rivco.org**
 - i. **Current balance:** Current balance 674K, expected income= 150k; less 30k for work done on Diamond means the fund will have 794K. It is suggested to spend this down.
 - ii. **Improvement vs maintenance:** Resident were reminded that they can contact Dave directly for road maintenance work but road improvements must be approved by CSA 104 committee.
 - iii. **Site walk:** Dave will do a site survey to identify roads that need work and any significant projects we can target for this next year.
 - iv. **Road attention suggestions:** Hot springs south of 20th; Prospect north of Dillon, Ford north of Dillon, Terry north of Dillon
 - v. **Dumping:** Call Department of Waste Resources for dumping issue.

VII. New Business

- a. **Mountain Lion Presentation:** Bettina Rosmarino & Cinda Johansen 760-833-5003 PSwildlife.org; pswildlifeadvocates@yahoo.com
 - i. **Presentation:** Delivered a presentation about Mountain Lions and Bobcats encouraging cleaning up properties of attractants, keeping pets safe, and not using rat poison.
 - ii. **Information:** They are interested in information on any sightings so they assist in ensuring safe conditions for residents and wildlife.

VIII. Old Business:

- a. **Transitional Supportive Housing in Riverside County Unincorporated Areas – Pat Cooper**
 - i. It was reported that all residents were gone as of December 9 and there were no

active state or county contracts with the landlord. Thank to Rich Twiss for his time and effort in expediting these actions.

- ii. **Neighborhood response:** Several residents who live near the house in question reported that there are still residents living there and the same cars are parked on the road
- iii. **Action:** County will follow up and report to Community

IX. Public Comments

a. **1000 Palms Canyon Road:**

- i. The issue of parking at the preserve was brought up. The community is concerned that it is an unfortunate accident waiting to happen. Despite signs indicating pedestrians, the traffic is often moving through that section too fast to respond to a situation like a child running into the street or a car doing a u-turn.
- ii. Past activity has proved that there is still a lot of parking on the street even when the parking lot was open.
- iii. A resident has been in touch with the Assemblyman's office and the Director of the Preserve but no solution has been arrived at.
- iv. Residents were encouraged to slow down in the Preserve area and be extra attentive to human activity.

- b. **Mail Box Theft:** This has been a continuing problem. It was brought up again by residents whose community "cluster" box was destroyed. The PO informed them that they have to pick up their mail at the Post Office. Other residents have installed motion sensor lighting and video cameras with good success.

X. Agenda Items for next meeting

- a. Transitional housing status
- b. Short Term Rental status
- c. Temporary Events status
- d. CSA 104 activity
- e. Code Enforcement SET for noise

XI. 2022 meeting schedule: March 8, May 10, September, November 8

XII. Adjourn meeting: The meeting adjourned around 7:35 pm. The next meeting scheduled: March 8, 2022

Minutes recorded by E Holmberg.

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