

SKY VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MEETING MINUTES

Sky Valley Chamber and Community Center * 20905 Hot Springs Rd, Sky Valley CA 92241
May 10, 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:**
- III. **Roll Call:** 4 council members present; M Tennesen excused absence; 11 residents, 6 county reps and topic presenters
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Mar 2021 minutes approved unanimously as is; R Twiss moved/J Casserly
- V. **Councilmember Reports and Comments:** N Ragsdale announced receipt of monthly rent income due to the installation of the ATT/Cingular tower on the Community Council property allows the center to pay its minimal expenses without relying on the donations of residents. With these funds, the board entered into an agreement with a food bank to offer food services on the 3rd Tuesday of each month starting June 21st for a year. Those taking advantage of the service will be asked to sign a certification that they qualify as low income but do not need to supply proof. The service is provided for anyone who comes on a first come first serve basis.
- VI. **Staff Reports:**
 - a. **Economic Development Agency** – David Alvarez 951-955-3313 dalvarez@rico.org
 - i. **CSA 104 funds:** As of April 31 = \$537628; expect another \$50k income and 30K expenses to end year with @ \$550K. Completed 250k in improvements and maintenance this past year. Recommends holding off any improvements or maintenance until next fiscal year.
 - ii. **Next Year CSA Projects:** Road Maintenance scheduled are grading and compacting for Tamyran, Larsen, Gemini, Desert Haven, and Hot Springs Rd south of 20th; pothole repair on Safari and Berry; 2nd chip seal for Sky Valley North of Dillon and Henry; slurry seal Ford south of 19th and Prospect south of Dillon to 20th
 - iii. **Sky Valley Dr south of Dillon:** Resident asked for help, The road was repaired but the resident's driveway was not eligible for CSA 104 funding.
 - iv. **Hot Springs Rd:** A resident asked for help with this road that lies between Norman Drive and Palm Lane. Dave/Julie will look into to see if it is a CSA 104 road.
 - b. **Office of Supervisor Manuel Perez:** Pat Cooper 760-863-8211 pcooper@rivco.org
 - i. **OHV:** Will try to have a presentation at September meeting by Sgt in charge of the task force.
 - ii. **Council comment:** We have seen all the presentations but the problem is that there is no enforcement. The problem is worsening with flagrant non-compliance. Suggested an educational outreach to the mobile home parks in the area to get some awareness at a community level.
 - b. **Sheriff's Department** – Sgt Gallinas;
 - i. **Jan – Mar stats:** 662 calls, 103 tickets written, 6 stolen vehicles, 9 battery cases, 18 thefts, 14 burglaries, 46 misc.
 - ii. **Council comment:** The raised presence of sheriff has been noted and appreciated.
 - iii. **Resident comment:** Resident said another resident had put a gate up on East Deception Rd. and wanted to know if he could put a gate on his road. The gate on E Deception is actually the property of CVAG.

- c. **CHP:** Rafael Espinoza 760-772-5300
 - i. **YTD status** – 4 traffic collisions, 1 hit and run; 1 property call, and 2 traffic injuries
 - ii. **Abandoned vehicles:** Is grateful for calls about abandoned vehicles, being short staffed they need any help they can get.
 - iii. **New PIO:** There will be a new PIO announced soon (Public Information Officer?)
- d. **CAL Fire** – 2 new Battalion chiefs; Timothy Bingham was present and excited to be back in Sky Valley; No report
- e. **Code Enforcement:** A representative was present but had no report due to short notice about the meeting. He participated in a few of the meeting discussion where needed. 760-393-3333 AaCeves@rivco.org

VII. Old Business: P Cooper

- a. **Transitional Housing:**
 - i. **Status:** Investigator Munoz has carried out compliance checks. Confusing reports of who is actually living in the house. There are no probationers or parolees. There are 2 registered sex offenders who are both in compliance. The house has transitioned to a sober living home which is consistent with zoning. Guardians of Life are no longer involved. Code Enforcement has closed the case on the house involved a structure issue.
 - ii. **Resident comment:** It is understood by residents that sober living homes may not have sex offenders living there. P Cooper will investigate.
- b. **Short-term Rental Ordinance Draft:**
 - i. **Status:** The commission hearing on April 20th lasted 6 hours. The item was continued to a meeting set for May 18 to address outstanding issues. Quiet time was established to 10pm-7am. If you wish to attend via Zoom, you must register on the Planning site in order to participate.
- c. Temporary Events/SET status
 - i. **SET Status:** Ordinance was approved on April 5 with modifications. The Special Event Team (SET) has 3 staff members hired and a supervisor (Ronald Walsh). It is scheduled to have 6 members when fully staffed. The call in number is not active yet. It is based in Riverside
 - ii. **Council comment:** If there is not a Coachella Valley presence for the unincorporated areas, this team will be unable to fulfill the promise of 24/7 real-time enforcement.

VIII. Public Comments

- a. **OHV damage to fencing:** Post and cable fences on CVCC property have been cut to allow access. Pressure needs to be put on CVCC to repair the damage with fencing that can not be so easily dismantled. Pictures of damage were provided to council and county members on property above Berry Road, Hot Springs Road and Langlois in Desert Edge. Council did not make any motions in this regard.
- b. **Tour de Palm Springs:** Residents said they did not receive adequate notice about this year's race. Several complaints about its dangers and inconveniences for Sky Valley residents. Council made not motions in this regard.
- c. **Community Communication:** Resident commented on the systemic problem of lack of communication means to reach the community. We used to get a Dillon Corridor Newsletter addressed to Desert Edge, Indio Hills, and Sky Valley residents. There is not funding available for this. Next Door has created a new opportunity to communicate. Council minutes, though meant as a historical record rather than a communication tool, are not approved for two months so they are old news by the time they are shared.

IX. Agenda Items for next meeting

- a. Transitional housing status
- b. Short Term Rental status

- c. Temporary Events status
- d. OHV solutions
- e. Code Enforcement SET for noise
- f. CVCC Fencing

X. 2022 meeting schedule: September 13, November 8

XI. Adjourn meeting: The meeting adjourned around 8PM. The next meeting scheduled: Sept 13, 2022

Minutes recorded by E Holmberg.

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