

# Indio Hills Community Council

## Minutes

6 p.m. Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Via Videoconference

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### 1. Welcome & Decorum

Darin Schemmer, Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

Mr. Schemmer informed the community that a racist remark was made by a resident during the October 18th meeting. He criticized the obviously inappropriate and unacceptable behavior and encouraged all to work together to make our community better.

### 2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

All members were present.

### 4. Approval of the Minutes – October 18, 2022

The minutes of the October 18, 2022 meeting were read and approved

### 5. 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. Review and Adoption of 2023 Meeting Dates: Jan. 24, Mar. 21, May 16, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 (no Sept.)

The 2023 meeting dates were reviewed and adopted.

#### B. Upcoming Animal Action League & S.O.A.R. Indio Hills Spay and Neuter and Vaccine Clinic Event, November 18 (information only)

Indio Hills Community Councilmember Edward Box

Councilmember Edward Box stated that the SOAR Clinic will be held on Friday, November 18th at the Indio Hills Community Center and is hopefully the first of an annual event. He described some highlights of the event including:

- First 100 pets will receive free microchip and spay/neuter
- First 40 pets will receive free food
- \$11 for rabies and other vaccines
- \$7 for nail clipping
- \$16 for microchip

He thanked Ana Velasquez and the Desert Recreation District for their participation in the event.

**6. Staff Reports:** *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. Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez – Darin Schemmer, 760-863-8211, [DSchemmer@rivco.org](mailto:DSchemmer@rivco.org)

- Mr. Schemmer announced the 2023 Indio Hills Community Clean-Up day, Jan. 21, 2023.
- He reported the dumping of tires on Dillon Road to the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources who picked them up. Over an eight-day period, DWR picked up four bins of tires, approximately 1,000 throughout Riverside County.
- He announced that the Committee's Road report would be presented at the January 24th meeting.
- He recommended residents have flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

B. Sheriff's Department – Corporal Alex Quezada, 760-250-9692, [aquezada@riversidesheriff.org](mailto:aquezada@riversidesheriff.org)  
Sergeant Porfirio Rubio reported on calls for service between August and November 2022:

- 87 calls
- 0 burglaries
- 12 shots fired / noise
- Five theft
- Two stolen vehicles (one was recovered)
- One assault

Ron Welch from Code Enforcement will make a presentation at a future meeting regarding noise complaints in the community and the department's strategy for shutting down commercial venues.

C. California Highway Patrol – Officer Rafael Espinosa, 760-772-5300, [Rafael.Espinosa@chp.ca.gov](mailto:Rafael.Espinosa@chp.ca.gov)

Officer Espinosa reported that CHP continues to patrol for speeding on Dillon Road. He recommended drivers and passengers wear seatbelts and drivers stay off cell phones. He also announced:

- The CHiPs for Kids program and events  
Cover the Cruiser event on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Mathis Bros in Indio  
Palm Springs Toy Drive on December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Cover the Cruiser event on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Palm Springs Porsche  
Cover the Cruiser event on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Walgreens in Palm Desert

He also reported that CHP impounded an abandoned motorhome on Sunny Rock. Sheriff, CHP and Code Enforcement try to remove abandoned vehicles, but it's difficult because the vehicles move.

D. CAL Fire – Captain Ray Richardson, 760-329-1700, [Raymon.Richardson@fire.ca.gov](mailto:Raymon.Richardson@fire.ca.gov)

Battalion Chief Bingham attended our meeting in Captain Richardson's absence but a report was not available.

E. Emergency Management Department – Michael Ornelas, 760-578-2088, [Michael.ornelas@RIVCO.ORG](mailto:Michael.ornelas@RIVCO.ORG)

Mr. Ornelas reminded the community that the county's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is still being updated and public comments are welcome. EMD is continuing Mass Care Feeding and Shelter Training. He announced upcoming CERT program training:

- November 18-20 in Palm Springs
- December 9-11 in Palm Desert
- January 20-22 in Palm Springs
- March 24-26 in Palm Springs

F. Code Enforcement – Brenda Velez, 760-393-3344, [BVelez@Rivco.org](mailto:BVelez@Rivco.org)

Officer Velez reported on open cases in Indio Hills:

- Accumulated Rubbish            Four cases
- Neighborhood Enforcement    Two cases
- Construction w/o Permit        Six cases
- Zoning Violation                Nine cases
- Substandard Structures        One case
- Vehicle Abatements            18 cases

She reported two cases have closed. She also informed the community that the Code Enforcement has formed a Special Events Team (S.E.T.) to address the countywide problem of noise complaints due to loud unregulated parties and unpermitted street vending. The community discussed recent events on November 5th where it was reported by Code Enforcement that approximately 1,000 people attended two simultaneous events on Desert Charm and Code Enforcement's strategy for shutting down unpermitted commercial venues in Riverside County. Code Enforcement will make a presentation at a future meeting.

G. Desert Recreation District – Ana Velasquez, 760-343-3595, [avelasquez@drd.us.com](mailto:avelasquez@drd.us.com)

Ms. Velasquez reported:

- The Halloween party was cancelled due to an outbreak of the flu.
- The Holiday Potluck: A Winter Celebration on Friday, December 16th, all ages, FREE
- 'Tis the Season Holiday Crafts Event on Saturday, December 17th – ages 5-14  
Cost is \$15 to cover supplies, pastries, hot chocolate.

H. CSA 105 Roads, Riverside County Office of Economic Development – David Alvarez, 951-955-3313, [dalvarez@rivco.org](mailto:dalvarez@rivco.org)

Mr. Schemmer gave a report from Mr. Alvarez, reporting that the CSA 105 Road fund is currently \$191,000 with \$89,000 in revenue expected this fiscal year. Road Committee member Ron Feiro reported that the speed bumps have been removed from Western Avenue and the resident who had installed them did so because of a dangerous condition and has asked to meet with the road committee to discuss.

I. Other Departments and Public Agencies

**7. 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. Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes.

- Councilmember Box asked if vouchers for the Community Cleanup on January 21st can be issued for the Coachella Transfer Station instead of Edom Hill which is a much further drive.
- Cynthia Moses asked what could be done about dogs attacking farm animals and suggested Animal Services perform another sweep of Indio Hills for abandoned/roaming/wild dogs.

**8. Agenda Items for next meeting**

None were requested.

**9. Adjourn meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to Tuesday, January 24th at 6 p.m.

**2022 meeting schedule: Jan. 25, Mar. 15, May 17, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 (no Sept.)**

**Proposed 2023 meeting schedule: Jan. 24, Mar. 21, May 16, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 (no Sept.)**

(Additional meetings may be added if an urgent issue warrants input from the community council and/or community.)

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