

Indio Hills Community Council

Minutes

6 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Via Videoconference

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of the Minutes – January 25, 2022

The minutes of the January 25, 2022 meeting were read and approved 3-0.

4. 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

Mr. Schemmer reported that a food distribution has been held in Indio Hills for over a year. He and Supervisor Perez visited the food distribution in Indio Hills recently. He thanked volunteers for their dedication.

Mr. Schemmer reported that the county is revising the Short-Term Rental ordinance, possibly requiring a minimum rental time, maximum number of guests, and physical inspection of the site. Public input can be emailed to the Planning Department, planning@rivco.org

He announced the Caliente Springs 6th Health and Resources Fair, Saturday, March 26th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

He announced that Code Enforcement Officer Juan Vega has been given a new assignment and will no longer be assigned to Indio Hills. He will introduce the new officer to the community when one is assigned.

He announced that the Thousand Palms Canyon Road improvement project has gone out to bid. Construction has been scheduled for this summer. A brief discussion was held regarding recent accidents on Thousand Palms Canyon, including a recent fatality on Monday, March 14. Several residents expressed concerns that guests to the Coachella Valley Preserve park on the road's shoulder when the parking lot is full or is closed.

Community Councilmember Ron Feiro explained some of the parameters that are considered when designing a new road including speed, radii of curves and site distances and that the County has minimum standards that should be followed for new roads. A question was asked whether the new road will meet these minimum standards. Mr. Schemmer will request a representative from the Transportation Department be present at a future meeting to discuss.

- B. Sheriff's Department – Corporal Alex Quezada, 760-250-9692, aquezada@riversidesheriff.org
No Report.
- C. California Highway Patrol – Officer Rafael Espinosa, 760-772-5300, Rafael.Espinosa@chp.ca.gov
No Report.
- D. CAL Fire – Captain James Kinda, 760-329-1700, RRU.SkyValleyStn@fire.ca.gov
No Report.
- E. Emergency Management Department – Eric Cadden, 760-863-8318, eric.cadden@rivco.org
Mr. Cadden reported that EMD has hired two additional staff and has obtained a grant. He also reported that California has a disaster preparedness program called “Listos California” that teaches preparedness. The training for this program is a shorter, more introductory course than the CERT program.
- F. Code Enforcement
(Mr. Schemmer reported on Code Enforcement above).
- G. Desert Recreation District – Ana Velasquez, 760-343-3595, avelasquez@drd.us.com
Ms. Velasquez announced new programs are forthcoming and a new activity guide will be sent. She also reminded the community that Desert Recreation District hosts the FIND Food Bank at the Indio Hills Community Center. She announced a Sunset BBQ at the Community Center on May 13 at 6 p.m. and a flyer will be mailed. Kirk Evans pointed out that if food is not donated, FIND has to purchase food from their funds.
- H. CSA 105 Roads, Riverside County Office of Economic Development – David Alvarez, 951-955-3313, dalvarez@rivco.org
Mr. Alvarez announced that the community's road fund
Currently: \$160,000
Additional Fund this year: \$90,000
Payment to County for 2021
Road project: -\$146,700
Total: \$215,000 by the end of this fiscal year.

He also announced one maintenance call for a grading and drainage issue on Hot Well Road. He is meeting with the property owner.
- I. Other Departments and Public Agencies
No Report.

5. 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.

Ernest Sussman asked whether, during the Thousand Palms Canyon Road improvement project this summer, the entire roadway will be shut down or will one lane at a time be closed.

Community Council Member Ed Box reported on the Tour de Palm Springs. Many, many riders used the portable restroom that was requested and his family handed bottled waters to riders.

Community Council Chair Marcy Chapman reported that a suspicious white truck has been seen in the community.

Mike Mayron asked about the maintenance of Dillon Road from Sunnyrock to Avenue 44.

6. Agenda Items for next meeting

The Thousand Palms Canyon Road improvement project will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Adjourn meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to May 17, 2022 at 6 p.m.

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

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

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