

Indio Hills Community Council

Minutes

6 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Via Videoconference

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m., all members present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of the Minutes – March 15, 2022

The minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting were read and approved, with one correction to the CSA road fund amounts.

4. 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. Presentation on Thousand Palms Canyon Road Resurfacing Project

Dennis Acuna, Engineering Division Manager, Riverside County Transportation Department,
dacuna@rivco.org

Mr. Acuna reported that the Thousand Palm Canyon Road Resurfacing Project will begin construction on June 6:

- a) The contract was awarded to Matich Corporation for \$3.3 million.
- b) The resurfaced road will have two travel lanes of 12' and two bike lanes of 5' (total road width = 34')
- c) The project will have both biological and cultural monitoring.
- d) The pre-construction meeting was May 17, 2022.
- e) Project is scheduled to be 65 working days, completed by September 9.
- f) Working hours will be 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday – Friday.
- g) No road closure is planned; however, speed limits will be reduced.
- h) No parking will be allowed on the road at the Preserve.
- i) A rumble strip (grooves) will be created in the pavement between travel lanes and bike lanes.
- j) This is a “maintenance” project, no new lanes will be created and no changes will be made to the horizontal or vertical alignment.

Comments were addressed from the community, including questions about complete road closure versus partial closure, adding additional lanes and how the project can be a “maintenance project” when additional lane widths and bike lanes are proposed.

5. 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 thanked the county transportation department for the presentation and had no other update to report.
- 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
Officer Espinosa reported two property damage collisions, one DUI hit and run, a lot of enforcement for speeding on Dillon Road, and a decline in catalytic converter theft. A question was asked about abandoned vehicles/RVs. He recommended continued reporting of abandoned vehicles and RVs.
- 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 Riverside County is updating its Hazard Mitigation Plan (done every five years). He advised the community to be ready for a disaster, saying “If you can camp on a moment’s notice, you’re prepared for a disaster.”
- F. Code Enforcement –
Frank Mendez reported that Indio Hills does not currently have an assigned officer. However, other officers are covering the area and the county has new hires that may be assigned to Indio Hills.
- G. Desert Recreation District – Ana Velasquez, 760-343-3595, avelasquez@drd.us.com
Ms. Velasquez reported the success of the Sunset BBQ. She also announced that the Desert Recreation District is attempting to have an animal spay and neuter clinic in the community and will announce the date once it’s known.
- 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 is:
Currently: \$160,000
Additional fund this year: \$40,000
Total: \$200,000 by the end of this fiscal year.

He also reported on two site visits with residents:
a) One issue reported was a drainage issue off-site (not on the road)
b) An individual in a wheelchair requested a transition to his mailbox.
Both issues cannot be addressed with CSA funds.
- I. Other Departments and Public Agencies
No reports.

6. 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.

Council member Marcy Chapman asked whether the community meetings will permanently be Zoom meetings or whether meetings will resume at the Community Center. Mr. Schemmer responded that the community councils are all currently meeting remotely and that Indio Hills is consistent with that.

Ernest Sussman requested that Mr. Schemmer look into the feasibility of extending Cook Street through to Ramon Road.

7. Agenda Items for next meeting

8. Adjourn meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. to October 18, 2022.

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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