

Desert Edge Community Council

Minutes September 13, 2022

Meeting Held Via Zoom

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm by Vice Chair Sharon Huddleston
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Sharon Huddleston.
- 3. Roll Call:** Four board members were present there was a quorum to do business.
- 4. Approval of the Minutes:** Approval of March 8th and May 10th minutes. Dick Madison made a motion to approve minutes of May 10th meeting. Cindy Nance said we needed more information included on the ATP which she said was not mentioned. Motion was seconded by Ronita Taylor. Minutes of May 10th were approved 3 yes 1 no. March 8th minutes. Alexis said she did not have any minutes for the March 8th meeting. Sharon said she would see if she had them on her computer. Cindy was asked to review additions and any corrections which may be needed on May 10th minutes.

5. Councilmember Reports and Comments:

Cindy said there had been no response ATP. Cindy also so asked that somebody report on the numerous fires in Desert Hot Springs and in Desert Crest in Desert Edge. Also would like a report on the high rent increase in the mobile home community's This 8% increase had the potential to create several homeless. Alexis advised here to talk to Amy at the Supervisors office.

Dick Madison commented on our new COP car, and thanked the the Supervisors office for the new car.

Sharon Huddleston spoke on the next health fair and said it would be held on March 4, 2023

6. Staff Reports:

- A. Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Alexis Perez (760)863-8211, AlexPerez@RIVCO.ORG. Board liaison Alexis Perez. Alexis reported on the Valley Wide Employment Fair to be held at Fantasy Springs Casino on September 28th.
- B. CAL. Fire Captain James Kinda, James.Kinda@fire.ca.gov. Fire was not available for comment.
- C. Code Enforcement: Kevin Introduced himself and said he was new to Code Enforcement Officer for the Desert Edge Community. He said he had 61 open cases, 12 cases had been closed. He also reported they have 3 additional new officers.
- D. CHP: Officer Rafael Espinosa. Reported 4 collisions on Dillon Road with 4 injury accidents. He asked that everyone please be careful around schools. Remember schools are back in session. Officer Espinosa said he had been working around schools and making sure all cars had the appropriate car seats. He said remember parents can

go to the Highway Patrol office and get the proper car seat for their child. Officer Espinosa as for everyone to please slow down on Dillon Road. Officer Espinosa asked about abandoned vehicles what could he do about them. He said if these vehicles were on private property there was nothing he could do, he said it would be necessary to call code enforcement. Dick Madison asked about their COP's volunteers and did they patrol Dillon Road, he said not on a regular basis. Cindy Nance again spoke on the fires we had and asked if they may be from the homeless encampments or do we have a fire bug.. Officer Espinosa again said Highway Patrol had no jurisdiction and it was up to Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement said their process was the same and if they were on private property, they had no authority.

E. Sheriff's Department: Sgt Howe not available for comment.

F. Emergency Management Department: Eric Cadden with Emergency Management was on duty at the Fairview Fire near Hemet.

7. Other Department and Public Agencies: Dennis Acuna from Department of Transportation. Dennis reported on the School Bus Accident and the Active Transportation Program this past year and the need for sidewalks within the Desert Edge Community. Dennis said the Mobility Plan Grant was submitted June 15, 2022. We should be receiving word on if we received the \$300,000 grant by the end of October to the first of November. He said at our next meeting in November we should receive information on whether or not we will receive the grant. Money will become available in 2023 and the council will be contacted, along with California Highway Patrol and also there would be outreach meetings. Time frame for sidewalks, middle 2024. He stated he was very thankful the community and council was engaged in this process.

County Assessor's Office: Amy Rapp from the County Assessor's Office gave a brief overview of the County Assessor's office and the departments within. County Assessor oversees four departments Assessor, County Clerk, Recorder, Records.

8. Public Comments: At this time Sharon Huddleston recused herself and spoke for the Coachella Valley disaster Preparedness Network. Sharon gave a brief talk on what you need to do to be personally prepared after which a brief film was presented. Jake Ingrassia of Channel 03 news acknowledged and asked how the \$300,000 dollars would be spent on staff time and consultant. Dick Madison asked about school bus signage and safety zone for Desert Edge. Dick was informed school bus signage was the responsibility of Palm Springs School District. Do to the next Council meeting falling on Election Day and nothing on the agenda it was decided tentatively have no meeting on November 8th.

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: School Bus Accident

10.Adjourn Meeting: *Cindy Nance motion to adjourn Second Dick Madison meeting was adjourned at 5:35*

11.Schedule for 2023: January 10th, March 7th, May 9th, Sept 12th, Nov 14th