

Desert Edge Community Council

Minutes May 10, 2022 Meeting

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:** Three *council* members were present; there was a quorum.
 - 4. Approval of the Minutes:** *[November 9, 2021 minutes approved unanimously “as is” because it has been too long on our agenda without review – Cindy reviewed January 11, 2022 and March 8, 2022 minutes but was given less than 48 hours to suggest revisions. Once again, I did not agree to revise them, they were tabled to the May 10 meeting.]*
 - 5. Councilmember Reports and Comments:** *Dick, Cindy and Paul were present at this meeting, participated and should be acknowledged for our participation] Dick and Paul had questions about creating a safety sub-committee to consider speed bumps, etc. Cindy commented on Sky Valley citizens concerns about Tour de Palm Springs on Dillon Road, interference versus benefit to the community, and lack of timely notification and traffic controls. And, Sky Valley agenda “Old Business” includes Transitional Housing, Short-Term Rentals and Temporary Events presentations on county-wide permits in progress for review and comment.*
- 6. Staff Reports:**
- A. Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Alexis Perez (760)863-8211, AlexPerez@RIVCO.ORG. Board liaison Alexis Perez. *Announced free hazardous material collection 5/14/22 at Edom Hill 9-2 am Saturday.*
 - B. CAL. Fire Captain James Kinda, James.Kinda@fire.ca.gov. Fire was not available for comment.
 - C. Code Enforcement: Lorena Diaz Introduced herself and said she was the new Code Enforcement Officer. *Cindy reported RV camper south of 18th Avenue, west of Long Canyon which is attracting others to overnight camp.*
 - D. CHP: Officer Rafael Espinosa. Reported 4 *traffic* collisions on Dillon Road, two with injuries. *Ronita asked about vehicles parked o road, reported but no action, specifically west side of Corkill, referred to Code Enforcement.*
 - E. Sheriff’s Department: Sgt Howe – *No Report.*
 - F. Emergency Management Department: Eric Cadden – *No Report.*
- 7. Old Business:** School Bus Accident – Dennis Acuna from Department of Transportation.
- a. Sharon Huddleston asked why there is not any signage available in Desert Edge to let drivers know there is School Bus Stop Ahead. Sharon spoke of the Safety Corridor which goes through Desert Hot Springs and asked if we could not have

that signage through Desert Edge starting just before Long Canyon and ending just after Bennet Road. Reason being we have 16 entrance exits within these 2 miles along with 3 intersections and 2 business. Cindy raised concerns over Design Guideline plans for a pedestrian friendly community and over ten years of pedestrian injuries and fatal car accidents on Dillon Road (and access points, such as Corkill), with irregular widths confusing drivers, various speeds and conflict between commuters and visitors to the area – who may not know of the school bus accident as they exit onto Corkill. Similar to the Coachella Valley ATP for other areas, consultants are beginning work on ATP for Desert Edge, public comments are due by 6/15/2022 (35 days). Since the council is dark for the summer, Cindy requested a subcommittee be formed, it was voted on unanimously with a meeting to be scheduled the following week – with sufficient time to consult, coordinate and provide feedback. They received 3/21/2022 citizen petition (Ellie Duval) and created a survey of specific concerns for the grant to meet deadline for submission this summer, with follow up in the fall. If they receive the grant for Desert Edge, they will hold town halls to get a consensus of what can be done, such as a sidewalk plan. Petition was distributed after the meeting for council member review – ATP is not related to school bus accident, but possibly signage and traffic calming if study warrants. Even if the grant is not funded a mobility plan may be implemented by the County. TLMA has existing plans for Thermal, Oasis, and Mecca. Dennis said they would be working on the Active Transportation Program and more specifically for getting a grant for sidewalks from the ACP Mobility Program which would take from 9 to 12 months. Dennis also stated there will be a survey going out to the residents of the community that will be sent via email and also to be handed out on hard copy. This survey will have on it what the community would like to see as far as safety issues Sharon Huddleston and Ronita Taylor said they would hand out hard copies.

8. New Business:

9. Public Comments: Presenters must direct their report to the council. *Jim Webb of Vista Grande spoke on the rent increase by 8.6%, submitted request to supervisor's office to review and request limit to cost of living increase. There is no one to address this concern in relation to other parks possibly experiencing similar rent increases. Alexis will follow up.*

10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: *2023 meeting schedule (Action Item), ATP Report from subcommittee, and old business follow up School Bus Accident, survey and signage*

11. Adjourn Meeting: meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm by vice-chair Sharon Huddleston

