

DESERT EDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Desert Crest Country Club, Clubhouse Library

69-400 Country Club DR. (Dillon Road/ Desert Crest Avenue), Desert Edge, CA 92241

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday November 17, 2015

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Chairperson Sharon Huddleston
2. **Pledge of allegiance:** The Pledge of allegiance was conducted by Council Members.
3. **Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted by the Chairperson. Four council members were present – Bob Ornelas absent. There was a quorum to conduct the business of the council.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved November 2014: January 2015 (Tri Council) and March 2015. Minutes for September 2015 were approved with corrections and Minutes for May 2015 were postponed.
5. **Staff Reports:**
 - a. County Supervisor John J. Benoit Representative – Pat Cooper brought some literature on Drivers Licenses and IDs for veterans, Emergency preparedness and how to prevent dog bites. She did not discuss the General Plan amendments as it is a three-year plan and would need to be evaluated. Patricia reported that it is too early to report on Sunline Bus ridership in Desert Edge – it is evaluated on a 3-year program – but looks good, and they are looking into providing a “para vehicle.” She also mentioned that the Devinny letter would be modified and sent out by the supervisor’s office. Cindy requested follow up about General Plan 960 omission of Desert Edge as a community in the Western Coachella Valley Area Plan, update.
 - a. Sheriff’s Department – Sgt. Juan Zamora reported on the crime statistics for September and October. These figures are approximately only, as some may have not been reported to the Sheriff’s Department: residential burglaries 3, auto theft 2, and petty thefts 3. Sgt. Zamora also reported that there was a medical emergency where they had to break into a home. He suggested giving your key to someone you trust so that the officers could go into your property in an emergency without breaking in. He also mentioned scams that were being reported.
 - b. Ronita Taylor reported on the COPs program. To date we have four trained officers, and she introduced Mavis as fifth COPs volunteer who is competing COP program soon. COPS is another resource for law enforcement and monitor the 24 parks in Desert Edge.
 - c. California Highway Patrol – Unavailable for comment
 - d. Code Enforcement – Rusty Hannah is working on 22 cases. He primarily works on construction without a permit and they may go back as far as 1 to 1 ½ years to check permits. It is very costly to undo or redo work that needs to be fixed. He also brought some handouts.
 - e. Cal Fire – There was no report on the fire department responses, however Eric Cadden, from Riverside County Fire, Office of Emergency Services reported that they were preparing for El Nino. They were removing debris and going after illegal walls. They want to make sure the debris basins are cleared. If sand bags are necessary, each household will get an allotment of 25 bags. They will be available at Community centers, fire departments and libraries.
 - f. Other County/State Departments - There were no other agencies available for comment.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Annual Officer Rotation – Officers are: Chairperson – Sharon Huddleston; Vice Chair – Cindy Nance; Secretary – Mary MacArthur

- b. Senior Health Fair -Update- Sharon Huddleston informed the audience that the Health Fair will be on January 23rd. Seminars will include Breast Cancer, Woman’s Heart Health, 12 steps to prepare, Benefits for Vets and Disabled American Vets and Hidden Illnesses.
 - c. Presentation – Eric Cadden and Imad Guirguis presented Flood Control and Emergency Services plans for El Nino. Coachella valley has an annual rainfall of about 6 inches but El Nino is expected to bring a lot more. Before the storms everyone should inspect their property and obtain sand bags if necessary. Each family will be allotted 25 bags. All families should have a preparedness kit and a plan. The kit should have 1 gallon of water per person to last for a week. For more information go to <http://rivcoready.org/>. And, contact Drainage Task Force for clogged drain channels, under road culverts, etc. 951-955-2004.
 - d. Bob Fisher discussed the Desert Palms Community plans for solar shade structures over parking structures. {delete}This is a solar installation for parking/storage structures. All permits have been submitted and the project does not require a directors hearing. This is a setback adjustment. The Advisory Action was unanimously approved by council.
7. **Old Business:** none
8. **Public comments:** The President of Desert Crest’s Home Owners Association requested the council intervene on an HOA issue – enforcement of 55+ residents in Desert Crest (a 40+ year old felon has moved in with elderly mother), they want him evicted, possible sheriff intervention.
9. **Council Members Reports and Correspondence:** none
10. **Agenda Item for Next Meeting and Announcements:** (Tuesday January 12, 2016 at Desert Crest Country Club, Clubhouse Library.)
- a. Follow up 2016 GPA Update request Desert Edge added as a “community” to the Western Coachella Valley Area Plan.
 - b. Devinny letter to be written and sent by Supervisor’s office
 - c. 19th Avenue public easement and status of gate obstructing access locked
11. **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm**

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