

# BERMUDA DUNES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA

James Monroe Elementary School

42-100 Yucca Lane, Bermuda Dunes, California

**DATE: Thursday, September 10, 2009 TIME: 6:00 p.m.**

Visit our Website at: [www.rivco4.org](http://www.rivco4.org)

*In accordance with the requirements of the California Code, Section 59454.2, this Agenda is posted not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting date and time noted above.*

**1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call – All but April Acker present**

**4. Approval of June 11, 2009 - Minutes accepted as submitted**

**5. Rotation of Officers**

**Motion to Cheryl as Chair**

**Motion to April as Vice Chair**

**Motion to Ryan as Secretary**

**Motion Passed 4-0**

**6. Public Comments:**

- Norman Danes Cienga Place – Concerned. Come home to find leaflet with violation notice (only a warning). About 6 months ago received flyer with no follow up. Very concerned about economic impact of rules enforcement. Fines are ‘ridiculous’.
  - Who came up with this?
  - If we’re all OK (on cul-de-sac), who’s business is it
- Sally Andes (?) – speaking on overlay standards,
  - don’t want to look like other houses
  - don’t want other’s political influence to dictate what her housing exterior should look like
- Penny Shafer – Seems that standard is subjective and not objective
- Cheryl directed public to [www.rivco4.org](http://www.rivco4.org), [www.bdcommun.com/](http://www.bdcommun.com/), and Brenda at Code Enforcement for more details

**7. 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. Economic Development Agency – Update on Public Safety Office and Monument issues.**

- Jim Ayers – Update on Community services center. About 43% of construction complete. Begin interior next week. Projector replaced with Flat Screen TV (about \$1800 cheaper) Completion Dec 16. First meeting in Jan 2010. Exposed Verizon to be lowered and covered.
- Monuments and solar panels lighting issues. New panels installed. Should work now. Circuit Board was problem. Monitor over next weeks.
- Question from Lee re: Funds for medians on 42<sup>nd</sup>. Does this effect lighting on monuments. No. Ongoing capital costs covered by RDA?

**B. TLMA – Monthly Report**

**1. Christian Schools of the Desert update**

- Bob Limen – Taking entitlement to hearing in Mid October. Resolving 1 last issue for access (ingress, egress).

- Time Frame – Entitlement in place by mid October. But all up to CSOD
- 2. Fred Waring Drive expansion update
  - Director of Transportation met with City of LQ – Communication problems. Meeting requested with Dan Martinez (EDA manager)
  - Progressing ‘ever-so-slowly’.
  - Same stumbling blocks as before? Yes
  - Ron Rawl – Home owners at City meeting. Greatly surprised by LQ with third option from County: Takes 3 – 5 ft from property and NO parking. In process of getting another letter signed. Third option ‘Makes no sense.’
  - Jerry Lugo question – Option endorsed by home owners not presented? No, it was
  - Third option presented by County
  - Joint city-county venture to buy houses. City Attorney advised council to not speak on the topic any more
  - Jeffery Zeltzer – What kind of support is needed?
  - Who is Juan Perez – Director of Transportation
  - Donna Nelson – are all lanes really needed?
    - Problem is Fred Waring is main access point. Wide-narrow not viable. Need consistency in thoroughfare.
  - Ron Rawl – Third lane not needed on Fred until traffic in Valley doubles.
  - When lines painted on 42<sup>nd</sup>? Bob Lime to find out
  - Donna Rawl – One lane caused tie ups, two lanes doesn’t seem to cause tie ups.
  - Lee Miller – Discourse on options. Why Fred widening needed? Fred identified as main corridor
  - Lee Miller – Passing of Sup Wilson puts us in Limbo. When we have sup replacement will be back on track
  - Leticia De Lara – not sure when appointment will be made. Gov office interviewing people from community to speed up appointment process. Decision to be made ‘fairly soon’ (perhaps early October. LQ aware of Sup Wilson’s position on Fred.
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C. Sheriff’s Department – Monthly Report

- July and August submitted by Andy Gerrard and Paul Heredia. Andy let us know that he will be retiring next month
- Donna Nelson – Is Paul your replacement? Yes
- July – Calls for Service down overall
  - Vehicle theft up YOY
- August – Calls for Service up overall
  - Burglary Update
- Jerry Lugo - Vandalism in September BDCC related to August vandalism? Dep Heredia to check it out
- Dep Heredia – contact me with any questions
- Lee Miller – Numbers on Narco violation creeping up, any idea on nature and causes of increases? Cyclical or something else?
  - Andy - POP spending more time enforcing so more infractions
  - Paul – Finding more from stricter enforcement
- Cheryl – Where are the narco problems at? Dep – Everywhere
- 760-863-8990 to contact Dep Heredia
- Dep Gerrard thanked for his service to BD

D. Code Enforcement – Community clean-up and curbside pickup – September 19, 2009

- a. August stats presented
  - b. Brief Overview of Overlay
  - c. Community Clean Up Day – Sat Sept 19 (Last day to call Sept 17 at 5PM)
  - d. Introduced Grace Escobar
    - i. Grace talks about Newsletter
    - ii. Flyer talking about Neighborhood Conference – October 17
  - e. Leticia – Regional Household Hazardous Waste Handout
- Are flyers available? Yes

## 8. New Business:

- A. Art in the Dunes Festival - Jeff Zeltzer & Donna Nelson
  - November 21 and 22. Vintage Nursery on Darby
  - 10 -4 (11/21)
  - 11 -4 (11/22)
  - 90 Artists
  - Demonstration
  - Animals from Living Desert
  - Preview of show at [www.bdcommun.com](http://www.bdcommun.com)
  - Jerry Lugo – Will there be food? Yes
  - Cheryl – Can we attend in official capacity? Yes, but needs to be acted on
  - County can provide chairs, tables for BDCC at the event
  - Jerry made motion to support art in the Dunes festival with a booth. Lee seconded. Passed 4-0
- B. Strategic Vision Taskforce Committee report by Jeff Zeltzer
  - Meetings with City managers of PD and LQ and Sup Wilson
  - Responses from LQ ‘ - Lukewarm at best
  - Responses from PD - agreed to go ahead and look at feasibility study up to date
    - Find out more from PD in the near future
  - Sun City’s take
    - Simultaneously/separately?
  - Main goal is to find interested party and create fact sheet
    - Benefits
    - Costs/expenses
  - Final decision by community
  - No funds expended (all volunteer)
  - Lee Miller – direction is to have BD by adjacent city (if it makes sense). Is that the major thrust? Are there other options for BD being reviewed by Taskforce?
    - Incorporation
    - Status Quo
    - Annexation
  - Donna Nelson – can you tell newer people why this is being done?
    - Can this process improve basic services and access to them
      - Ambulances
      - Sewers
  - Cheryl – short history of process
  - Penny Shafer – selecting investigation topics? How done?
    - Cheryl – because of interest from community members
  - Leticia – Any Annexation would go to the voters
  - Jean Sanderson – CSOD update. Didn’t hear it.

- Lee Miller – explanation of update given by Bob Lyman
- Leticia – Update on school at the Thousand Palms Community Council meeting

**9. Council Members' Reports and Correspondence:**

- Lee – missing next month's meeting

**10. Agenda Items for next Council Meeting:**

- Aesthetic portions of overlay (Sally Ann Diggs)
  - Leticia to request representation for Overlay
- Jerry – New Building – to have Sup Wilson's name on new building or naming of parks/building at old CSOD
- Ron Rawls – Fred Waring for Updates from City of LQ

**11. Next meeting:** October 8, 2009

**12. Adjourn Meeting at 7:32 PM**

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