

DESERT EDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, May 12, 2009 4:30 PM

1. Call to Order 4:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Roll Call:** Susan Lombardi absent, with four members present there was a quorum.

4. **Approval of the previous meetings' Minutes:** Minutes for April 14, 2009 were approved.

5. STAFF REPORTS:

A. County Supervisor or Representative – Margaritta Flelix (sitting in for Lynda Gregory) had no announcements. Council inquired about a list of permit status for the area. Joe Marsh and Ellie Dullea received a binder that is difficult to use as a reference. Requested that Planning Department submit a query to their LIS system which is accessible online at the TLMA web page but too difficult to do a search for the entire area from outside the County. If they were presented with a list or table of permits issued, applicant information, and status of those permits as is provided in the LIS system – Full Report option – they could anticipate which permits need renewal based on when they were last approved and when those permittees will appear before the council for recommendations to County. They could also determine what conditions were attached and whether or not those conditions had been met. The council has renewed five permits recently. Some permits go back 20 to 30 years. Planning department provided list of CUP numbers but the only current permits were the ones we recently approved. Desert Edge has the greatest percentage and highest density of mobile home parks in the Coachella Valley.

B. Sheriff's Department – Lori Hardcastle reported 90 calls for service, 16 written reports on fraud, drug issue, one unattended death, stolen vehicle, domestic and family arguments, burglary, vandalism, trespass and warrants.

C. Fire Department - None

D. Other County Departments - None

6. **OLD BUSINESS:** Cindy Nance summarized the Coachella Valley Water District's hearing on the replenishment charge for Mission Creek Subbasin – 24 letters in opposition and her oral testimony – the Board voted unanimously to approve the assessment, along with two other assessment districts: White Water and Thermal/Indio area. Those owning wells pumping 25 acre feet of water will be charged about \$90 per acre foot/month in Mission Creek, and \$17 for the subbasin north of the Salton Sea. Only parcels greater than 5 acres are impacted by the new fee.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Council voted unanimously to go dark June, July and August.

B. Joe Marsh motioned for Ellie Dullea to be the Chair, Walter was nominated to be Vice Chair and Cindy Nance secretary – all were unanimously approved.

8. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Coachella Valley Trails Alliance and General Plan 2009 Summary Report – None. Joe asked if the Supervisor's went dark over summer, Margaritta responded only 1 day in July, 3 days in June and 2 days in August.

B. Land Development Committee Meeting Work Agendas, developer applications and recent hearings – None. Joe Marsh reported on his attendance at the Planning Commission hearing in LaQuinta for the grocery/gas/liquor store (Golden Lantern) variance. The council recommended approval based on curbing completed, the commission was going to approve curbing as a condition along with landscaping, Joe objected and asserted that this request was to be done as soon as possible rather than 10 years from now when the next permit was up for renewal. Commissioners agreed, as did applicant, and therefore the work will be done by July 2010. Joe stressed the importance of attending hearings as the items go through many hands before the commissioners or supervisors hear them for approval and things can change. Joe will follow up with an email to Supervisor Wilson reminding him that the community wants curbing at the corner market before permit proceeds.

C. Desert Emergency Coalition (DEC) - Emergency Preparedness Report – Joe Marsh invited everyone to participate on the ham radio coordination through RACES. He will report status of citizens' committee during emergency preparedness meeting Jun 2, 10 a.m. at Corkill Palms Mobile Home Park.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ellie Dullea was praised for doing such a great job as substitute Chair.

10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Permit/Conditional Use spreadsheet status from Planning Department.

Ellie and Joe will confirm that we are able to continue to meet at Desert Crest Country Club 2009/2010.

Everyone invited to sign in and sign in sheet was returned.

Next meeting will be September 8, 2009, 4:30 p.m., at Desert Crest Country Club Library.

11. MEETING ADJOURNED 5:08 p.m.

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