

**SKY VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Sky Valley Chamber and Community Center
January 13, 2009**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Robert Reeves called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by John Flanders.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Robert Reeves, Barbara Hall, Stephanie Greene, Julie Casserly, John Flanders present.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. The revised Minutes from the October 14, 2008 Community Council meeting were reviewed and approved; Hall/Flanders.
 - b. The Minutes from the November 12, 2008 Community Council meeting were reviewed and approved; Hall/Flanders with Casserly abstaining
5. **STAFF REPORTS:**
 - a. County Supervisor: Lynda Gregory
 - The Tour de Palm Springs is set for 2/14.
 - Nothing else to report.
 - b. Sheriff's Department: Lori Hardcastle, Community Services
 - Gave a recap of calls for 2008:
 - January - 65
 - February - 59
 - March - 64
 - April - 56
 - May - 68
 - June - 93
 - July - 78
 - August - 61
 - September - 65
 - October - 68
 - November - 81
 - December - 99
 - c. California Highway Patrol: Officer Craig Rentle
 - Gave a report on recent activity. 490 tickets on Dillon, 1300 Citations, 45 collisions, and 18 complaints. All numbers are down.
 - d. Fire Department: The representative reported 72 medical, 3 traffic and 2 structure fire calls for December for a total of 83 emergencies.
 - e. Code Enforcement: Jackie Fogh - A report was submitted. There are 60 open cases and 5 closed cases from December. Residents are asked to call 760-343-4150 to report violations. Betty from Community Services reported:
 - Community Clean Up is set for 3/21 (flyers to come). Same spot, includes the Shredder, ties, appliances and electronics. Does not include hazardous waste. There will not be dump passes.
 - Clean Money Campaign; looking for sites to clean up, at no charge, to provide the fundraising opportunity to various groups. Call 343-4150 to suggest sites.
 - A newsletter was distributed.
 - f. Animal Services: Not in attendance; no report.
 - g. Other County/State Departments: Not in attendance; no report.

- h. CSA 104: Lynda Gregory
 - Next meeting is set for January 17 at 9 am. There are 2 vacancies on the Advisory Committee; applicants should call 863-8211 to apply.
 - The Supervisor is investigating if this should be merged with the Community Council. Comments on this from the Board and residents included: Overall sounds like a good idea, Council members would be required to fill out an in-depth application and submit personal information, Could make meetings longer as all CSA items would be added to agenda, Might make it harder to fill Council seats.
 - A recent court decision regarding the County working on any roads has added liability issues for the County. Therefore many projects are now on hold and it is affecting the completion dates. All roads are now being surveyed to determine if the County wants to include them in their plans for ongoing maintenance.
 - During this survey process, the 33' -easement attached to most properties in rural areas will be reviewed and residents will be asked to move any structures or improvements back to their approved lot lines. Utility easements are different from the land patent easements.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Citizens on Patrol: John Flanders – reported that there are currently 8 drivers and more are needed. Thank you to Vera for donating monies for fuel. The program still needs more volunteer drivers.
- b. Sky Valley Emergency Team (SVET): Barbara Hall – Meetings are set for the third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm at the Fire Station. There will be an Open House on 3/12 from 8 am to 12 pm, with food, refreshments and a visit by the Blood Mobile. Flyer to come.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. General Plan Amendments:
 - Amendment 993/sub-dividing 59 acres into 1-acre lot development: This has been moved to New Business as the applicant has made a change to the amendment.
 - Amendment 899/Dillon Rd. at Ford; The Planning Director has recommended a tentative denial for this amendment. The applicant, Ed Galastian, presented to the Council, asking for their reconsideration of this action. He noted that there are not many services on Dillon Road, it is a small parcel with a proposed Mini-Market and Gas station, and will provide local area job opportunities. Several questions were raised in regards to the difference in this site and the current Golden Lantern (none), and that the Rural Village Overlay does not allow for this. There was an overwhelming perception that this is not needed as the Golden Lantern provides the same services, the lack of population may cause it to fail, and that the Community does not want more commercial projects. The Council reaffirmed their vote from the September meeting to oppose this amendment.
 - Amendment 938/Sky Ridge Rd. at 20th Ave.; this amendment has been withdrawn by the application. No action necessary.
- b. Plot Plan PP23328/Cell Phone Tower: Tim Coleman, representing the applicant Verizon, presented information including renderings, site plans and other pertinent information. The height will not exceed 57', fencing is a block wall, it is located in Sky Valley Resort, Verizon will handle all maintenance and will be

for Verizon customers and 911 emergency calls only. Many residents of the area were in attendance to support this. It will go before County Staff within 20 days and then building permit phase will begin. Under the best scenario, it can be completed as soon as June. A motion was made to support the Plot Plan; Casserly/Hall. APPROVED.

- c. Results of Sunline Transit Survey: Eunice Lovi from Sunline reported that there was a low response rate to the mailed survey regarding transit service to the Sky Valley area, 1000 sent out, and only 70 returned. Sunline must see 20 riders per hour for this line to be instituted, and that does not seem feasible at this time. Ideas include a seasonal route, smaller buses and maybe sending out another survey next season.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Revised Amendment regarding #993: Property Owner George Markel and Ed Schiller presented to the Council to determine the community's opinion of applying to spoor their request to the County to change the current 10-acre parcels to 5-acre parcels. It was designated Rural in the general plan in 2003 with 10-acre minimums. The Desert Edge Council has recently supported this. Mr. Markel wanted to share these points:

- He has owned the land for over 40 years and considers himself to have been a good neighbor.
- The land was originally planned for a large mobile home park.
- The land has been improved over the years and kept clean.
- It is not economically feasible for him to try to maintain the 10-acres for sale in this economic climate.
- He really wanted to build the green sustainable community that was originally presented.
- He was not happy with the 2003 decision and feels that the 12 5-acre lots can be successfully sold.
- He appreciates the Council's position and believes that asking for consideration for a rezoning to 5-acres preserves the wishes of the residents.

The overwhelming opinion by residents and the Council is still the density issue and most seemed to favor leaving the lot sizes as stated in the 2003 decision at 120-acres. There were a few that felt the 5-acre request stayed within the overall plan for the area. This was a fact-finding mission by Mr. Markel, no official paperwork has yet been filed.

- b. Sky Valley Request for a New Community Park – Continued to February.

9. **COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:** Nothing to report.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Moved to end of agenda. None at this time.

11. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- a. New Community Park

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Flanders/Casserly. APPROVED. The next regular meeting will be February 10, 2009 at 6 pm.

END

*Respectfully Submitted by Stephanie Greene, Recording Secretary
February 4, 2009*