

**SKY VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Sky Valley Chamber and Community Center
June 10, 2008**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Barbara Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by John Flanders. Followed by group introductions.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Barbara Hall, Stephanie Greene, John Flanders and Julie Casserly. Robert Reeves was absent and excused. The election of officers was held; Robert Reeves was nominated for Chairperson, Julie Casserly for Social Secretary, Stephanie Greene for Recording Secretary, John Flanders as Vice Chairperson and Barbara Hall as councilperson. A motion was made to accept the slate as presented; APPROVED. Greene/Casserly.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the May 8, 2008 Community Council meeting were reviewed. With noted corrections, a motion was made to approve the minutes. Casserly/Flanders. APPROVED.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
6. **STAFF REPORTS:**
 - a. County Supervisor:
 - Council Business Cards: Lynda advised that Council members could have business cards printed and to send her the names and spellings.
 - Council Award: Lynda reviewed the recent award received by the SVCC from the Inland Empire Chapter of the APA. Award was presented to the Council at a dinner in Riverside.
 - b. Sheriff's Department: Lori Hardcastle read a press release about the recent homicide on 5/11 and reported on a car jacking on 5/10, a robbery on Rudder Row, and a rape on Dillon Road and that there had been 15 calls for service. Residents asked if this increase was abnormal, and the Sheriff reported that these were single incidents however crime is on the rise everywhere.
 - c. Fire Department: There were 90 calls in May, with 50 medical, a few traffic accidents two structure fires that are under investigation.
 - d. Code Enforcement: Many cases were discussed, including
 - Vee Bee house: demolished and being replaced;
 - Shane Grading Project at Holmar Road: 40 acres, going to county as an environmental crime as it encroaches on BLM land. BLM representative spoke about the status of this. This was reported by the COPS driver and the Council and County reps thank the COP driver for being so diligent. After much discussion, it was noted that this case is ongoing and a report will be given when available on the status.
 - A report was submitted noting all open cases for review.
 - Vera asked about how many wind turbines will be installed as she remembered that Corky Larson stated long ago that they would never be visible from Sky Valley, which of course they now are. Lynda noted that this was probably wishful thinking and that the County could not speak to that comment,
 - Next Clean-Up Day: March 31, 2009
 - Tire Pick-Up: Trying to get a date in the Fall.
 - e. Other County Departments: Animal Control representative, Frank Corvino was present, and reported on:

- The open case of equine abuse on Vee Bee is getting better and the horses overall health is improving.
- This department is still trying to form a local committee to generate donated hay for distribution by Animal Control to residents that cannot afford feed during this economic downturn. Officer Ritchie will contact interested residents over the Summer to arrange. A report will be given at the September meeting.
- Stephanie & Julie offered thanks to Officer Duchene for help in capturing the stray Jack Russell terriers.
- Vera reported stray puppies on Hwy 62; Animal Control will check it out,
- The Shelter is at capacity, any help is appreciated.
- Barbara inquired into large animal rescue programs, Animal Control to report at next meeting.
- Bob Greene expressed concern about the economy causing more cases of equine abuse, and wanted to know if the County was aware. Lynda to investigate and noted that the budget for Animal Control is not likely to increase.
- Any interested residents with suggestions for working on these issues are encouraged to contact Betsy Ritchie at Animal Control directly.

f. CSA 104: The next meeting is set for 7/19 at 9 am at the Chamber building.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Citizens on Patrol: John reiterated that this program needs more volunteer drivers. Funds are OK at this time thanks to the recent grant. Thank you to Jim Sullivan and Lynda Gregory for responding so quickly to the call on Holmar grading problem.

8. OLD BUSINESS: None.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Fire Prevention and Weed Abatement: According to Cal Fire, it is important to keep a defensible area around structures of at least 30-feet wither completely clean or landscaped and maintained. Homeowners cannot drag natural land without permits if the area fits those requirements. Residents are encouraged to check with Code Enforcement and County offices for actual rules and regulations prior to clearing open land areas.
- b. BLM Report: To be added to the September agenda. To include Wind Energy report and grading projects updates.
- c. Council Summer Meeting Schedule: The July and August meetings are cancelled as approved at the May meeting. The next meeting will be September 9, 2008.

10. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Trails Committee Meeting: Julie attended the introductory meeting and will keep the Council apprised of information on the proposed Whitewater Trail, which is currently in the Feasibility Study phase, and other proposed projects. For the Whitewater Trail, which is planned to go the length of the Valley, input from residents is being sought at this time, and if approved, could start in 2 years and take years to complete as the funding needs to be determined plus maintenance costs. This topic should be added to the SVCC Agenda each month for updates.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- a. Clean Up Date: Set for March 21, 2009
- b. Fall Newsletter: Lynda has asked for articles and suggestions. Target distribution date is October 9.
- c. Joint Council Meeting: Suggested dates are 12/9 or 12/16. Lynda to confirm.
- d. Animal Control: To be added to all future agendas for updates on open cases and the Hay Donation Program.
- e. Sunline: The GM is attending the September meeting for a presentation.
- f. Trails Alliance: Update.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**: With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Flanders/Cassery. APPROVED. The next meeting is set for September 9, 2008 at 6 pm.

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*Respectfully Submitted by Stephanie Greene, Recording Secretary
August 31, 2008*