

Desert Edge Community Council Agenda
4:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 12, 2023
In-Person Meeting

70200 Dillon Road (Caliente Springs Resort, Rudolph Room), Desert Edge, CA 92241

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Approval of the Minutes:** January 10, 2023
5. **Councilmember Reports and Comments**
6. **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. Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Alexis Perez (760) 863-8211, AlexPerez@RIVCO.ORG
 - B. CAL Fire: Captain James Kinda, James.Kinda@fire.ca.gov
 - C. Code Enforcement: Kevin Bachant (760) 393-3344 <http://rctlma.org/ce/> , KBachant@Rivco.org
 - D. CHP: Officer Rafael Espinosa, (760) 772-5300, rafael.espinosa@chp.ca.gov
 - E. Sheriff's Department: Sgt. Christopher Gelinias, cgelinas@riversidesheriff.org
 - F. Emergency Management Department: Eric Cadden, (760)863-8318, eric.cadden@RIVCO.ORG
 - G. Riverside University Health System – Public Health: Daisy E. Ramirez Bell, DRamirez@ruhealth.org
 - H. Other Departments and Public Agencies
7. **Old Business:**
 - A. School bus accident - Dennis Acuna, Riverside County Transportation Department Traffic Division
DACUNA@RIVCO.ORG (Informational only)
8. **New Business:** *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.*
9. **Public comments:**

All persons wishing to address the Council on items not specifically on the agenda or on matters of general interest may do so at this time. Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes.
10. **Agenda Items for next meeting**
11. **Adjourn meeting**

2023 meeting schedule: January 10, March 14 (canceled), May 9, September 12, and November 14

Sharon Huddleston Vice-Chair wshud511@aol.com 760-992-4748 June 30, 2025	Ronita Taylor Secretary Ronitat25@gmail.com 760-422-9441 June 30, 2024	Paul Cipriani Chair zumasan@gmail.com 805-300-1009 June 30, 2024	Cindy Nance Member cyntheses@earthlink.net 760-251-1955 June 30, 2024	Dick Madison Member dmadisonjr@yahoo.com 714-271-5049 June 30, 2025
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Desert Edge Community Council Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023, via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Paul Cipriani at 4:30 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Paul Cipriani.
3. **Roll Call:** all council members were present – *Cindy arrived late, did not participate in minute approval.*
4. **Approval of the Minutes:** September 13, 2022 Moved Paul Cipriani to approve, seconded by Dick Madison, Cindy not present.
5. **Councilmember Reports and Comments:** Sharon Huddleston announced there will not be any more health fairs held at Caliente Springs.
6. **Staff Reports:**
 - A. Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Alexis Perez (760)863-8211, AlexPerez@RIVCO.ORG. Board liaison Alexis Perez. Michael Razo from the Census Bureau spoke on changes that were immediately effective for Desert Edge after 2020 census count. Desert Edge is now considered an Urban Area due to larger number of housing units. This designation is effective immediately with increased fire and sheriff presence available. *Mr. Webb inquired about urban designation and funding for Desert Edge.*

Board Liaison Alexis Perez announced that Community Cleanup day would be March 11, 2023 from 8 am to 12 noon, please take items to the, Sky Valley Transportation Yard on Bennet Road. Tour de Palm Springs will be held on February 11, 2023 from 8 am to noon.
 - B. CAL Fire Captain James Kindra, Available for CAL Fire was Timmothy Bingham who gave the statistics for the last quarter of 2022, October through December. Last quarter of 2022 station 56 had 350 calls: 300 medical. 5 fires, 5 vehicle thefts, 1 weapon and 1 traffic accident, and the other 42 were non-ambulance emergencies. There were reports that residents were concerned when engine 56 was called out of the area that Desert Edge and Sky Valley would be left without protection. Captain James Kindra said this was not the case. That engine 37 would be available to respond to any calls for the area. Captain Kindra was asked about the proposed new fire station at the north end of Long Canyon. He said that grading should start soon on the new fire station and when completed response time will be less than 5 minutes year-round. Council Person Cindy Nance asked if there had been any follow up regarding the firebombed truck on Silver Moon Trail just off of Dillon Road, *on March 8 – both station 37 and 56 responded but without a witness not considered a crime for investigation.* Cindy also asked about the cause of the fires on the perimeter of Desert Crest last Spring with one fatality and several homeless camp fires, and was advised that the cause of these fires was undetermined. *Further discussion about increased fires and potential arsonist in area, response more than likely homeless camp related.* Captain Kindra or Richardson asked for help getting maps showing unit numbers within mobile home parks. With maps of all park residences their response times would improve. Dick Madison volunteered to verify which mobile home parks the fire department does not have maps for and during COP patrol ask for those maps from those parks.
 - C. Code Enforcement: Kevin Bachant said that Code Enforcement now has 6 officers and was considered fully staffed. Kevin handed out a case report for Desert Edge showing as of

January 10, 2023 there were 63 open cases, and 25 closed cases. *A discussion about homeless camps, off-roading and illegal parking ensued.*

D. CHP: Officer Rafael Espinoza: Officer Espinoza said both the Chips for Kids and The Food Drive were a big success. CHP statistics for 5 Property damage collision, and 7 injuries, and 2 hit and run.

E. Sheriff's Department: Sgt. Howe – not available.

F. Emergency Management Department: Michael Ornelas said he had taken over this area from Eric Cadden and would be attending future meetings, but had nothing to report???

G. Other Departments and Public Agencies: Riverside University??? Health Services: Daisy Rameriz Bell, who lives in Desert Hot Springs, spoke on the need for public health in the area. Daisy also said that RUHS has a car seat program of \$30 dollars per car seat with a limit of 2 per family.

7. Old Business:

A. Riverside County Department of Transportation Traffic Division, School Bus

Accident: Dennis Acuna spoke on the approval of funding grant for ATP (spell out) mobility program of \$300,000. Dennis said points are given a rating up to 100% by State Department of Transportation - Desert Edge had the highest ranking 96%. The funding is set for the 2023/24 year but RSP spell out? are going to front all cost until July 1, 2023. This will cover the expenses of getting a consultant who will complete a comprehensive plan to cover all infrastructure dollars which will include not only sidewalks but, on-street parking restrictions, on Corkill, Langlois, Aurora and Dillon Road. This may also include reduced speed limits on Corkill and Langlois. Dennis said transportation did not feel it was necessary to reduce speed limit through Desert Edge. For more clarification contact Dennis at DAcuna@Rivco.org.

B. Revised Community Council Meeting Schedule – 2nd Tuesday, March 14, 2023

(Action Item). Motion by Paul Cipriani next meeting to be held third Tuesday on March 14, 2023, seconded by Cindy Nance.

8. Public Comments: Presenters must direct their report to the council. Abdelhak Bauzroud, Superintendent of Transportation for the Palm Springs School District asked County Transportation about installing school bus stop signs for the district, confirming locations for those signs. The district has not received a response, including Corkill stop sign at site of tragic accident. Dennis said he would contact him regarding where to install signs. Cindy requested Local Agency Formation Commission present to council at next meeting regarding incorporation or annexation, since Desert Edge is census designated an urban place based on both number of resort units and population exceeding 2500.

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Bureau of Land Management address off roaders, update on school bus stop signs, LAFCO county representative to address urban designation opportunities, such as funding for police presence and off-road enforcement for which CHP has no authority.

10. Adjourn Meeting: Meeting Adjourned at 5:44 pm.

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