

**Bermuda Dunes Community Council Agenda**  
**6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2024**  
Bermuda Dunes Community Center  
78-400 Avenue 42, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203

1. **Call to Order**

Call to order at 6:03 PM by Jacob

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Jason Cabanyog, Jacob Alvarez, and Leslie Locken. Absent: Jeff Wattenbarger and Michael Pierson

4. **Approval of the Minutes – January 11, 2024 – No Quorum**

5. **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 – Victoria Perez, (760) 863-8211, [Vicperez@rivco.org](mailto:Vicperez@rivco.org)

i. Update on property with blow sand (Adams St. and 41<sup>st</sup>)

Officer Mendez said a permit was pulled and the landowner is not in violation. Jacob and Cheryl Isen disputed this claim. They commented that, the dirt placed there is not native. The Bermuda Dunes overlay states that land that has been worked on must be PM 10.

ii. Update on homelessness issue near railroad track

Code enforcement stated, this is an ongoing issue and is being monitored.

iii. Updates on Washington Project

Victoria said this project is moving forward and should be going to hearing within the next 2 months.

iv. Grants for Urban Greening in Bermuda Dunes

Victoria investigated this. The grant is for trees. Jacob commented, due to inflation the cost to replace the plants is prohibited. Cheryl commented that the properties on 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave should be taxed to cover the maintenance cost of the center median.

v. Dispensaries/Cannabis projects in Bermuda Dunes

The permit for the dispensary on Country Club Drive is not moving forward. The new dispensary on Yucca Lane and C.C. Drive is moving forward.

vi. Ralphs left turns

Transportation department is monitoring the issue raised.

vii. Airport/REACH – Item will be covered by Bermuda Dunes Airport/REACH

Reach representative explained the purpose of REACH. He wanted to address any concerns from the community in regard to noise and flight path. They plan on community outreach to explain who they are. Jacob recommended they contact the Country Club.

viii. Short Term Rental/Noise complaint issues during special events – Contacts

There are no special events/permits planned. STR task force said they did shut down a wedding on Yucca Lane due to noise complaints.

ix. DCA/Park

Kirk presented a master plan with a park and new facilities, unfortunately there is not enough land for this project. He also announced, they will be adding a parking lot to alleviate traffic on Yucca Lane. Project starts May 1.

B. Sheriff's Department – Lt. Randy Vasquez, (760) 863-8990, [rvasquez@riversidesheriff.org](mailto:rvasquez@riversidesheriff.org)

Sgt. Porfirio Rubio, (760) 863-8805, [prubio@riversidesheriff.org](mailto:prubio@riversidesheriff.org)

Chris Macken.

379 calls for Service since last meeting. 9 burglaries and 4 assaults.. We have one deputy patrolling our area. There will be a 5 man team responding to party call during April events.

C. CAL Fire – Battalion Chief Timothy Bingham, [timothy.bingham@fire.ca.gov](mailto:timothy.bingham@fire.ca.gov)

No one present.

D. CHP – Officer Rafael Espinosa, (760) 772-5300, [rafael.espinosa@chp.ca.gov](mailto:rafael.espinosa@chp.ca.gov)

18 accidents since last meeting. 7 property damage 8 injuries. CHP had 3 abandoned vehicles removed. Officer Espinosa is still parking at the glass gate to monitor drivers running the stop sign. Officer Espinosa cautioned everyone to be careful on the I10 to Blythe. There have been several accidents, due to lane changes.

E. Code Enforcement – Ricardo Vazquez, (760) 393-3344, [rvazquez@rivco.org](mailto:rvazquez@rivco.org)

We welcomed Officer Vasquez to his new role in Bermuda Dunes. Vasquez is working on the food vendors that pop up on ave 42nd.

F. Bermuda Dunes Airport - Ann Goodwyn, (760) 345-2558, [agoodwyn@crownaero.com](mailto:agoodwyn@crownaero.com)

No representative

G. Desert Recreational District – Joe Peteque, (760) 564-9921, [Jpeteque@drd.us.com](mailto:Jpeteque@drd.us.com)

Joe informed us that the site is for rent. He also asked the community for any ideas for programs they would like to see offered.

H. Desert Christians Academy – Kirk Scott & Matt Die (760) 345-2848, [kscott@desertchristianacademy.org](mailto:kscott@desertchristianacademy.org)

Kirk gave us an update on the successful football event they had, Marshall Faulk was a participant. He also offered students from DCA to help within the community of needed.

I. Riverside University Health System – Public Health – Luis Garcia, [luis.garcia@ruhealth.org](mailto:luis.garcia@ruhealth.org)

Luis commented, there is a vaccine clinic in Coachella for covid and the flu. He also offered free Narcan for the community.

J. Other departments/agencies

No one present.

6. **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.

**Arend Family Project:**

Liz Howell, Sky View Designs LLC, [liz@skyviewhomes.com](mailto:liz@skyviewhomes.com)

Liz presented the Board with the rendering and upgrades being done to the triplex on 78601 ave 42. Jacob recommended that big trees be put in place of palm trees. He also asked that the back neighbors be notified about the privacy issues with the second-floor addition. The Board agreed the project looked great and had no issues moving forward.

7. **Old 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.

**Update on the Proposed Chuckwalla National Monument and Expansion of Joshua Tree National Park:**

Katie Barrows, Protect California Deserts Coalition, [kate.cnb@verizon.net](mailto:kate.cnb@verizon.net)

Katie gave us an update on the Chuckwalla project. She is hopeful that turning it in to a National Monument will add additional protection and bring in more resources.

8. **Public Comments:** All persons wishing to address the Council on items not specifically on the agenda or on matters of general interest should do so at this time. Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes.

Cheryl Isen commented on the palm trees dropping dates along Jefferson and 42<sup>nd</sup>.

9. **Councilmember Reports and Comments**

10. **Agenda Items for next meeting to be held on Thursday May 9, 2024**

11. **Adjourn meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm

**2023 meeting schedule: January 11th, March 14th, May 9th, September 12th, November 14th.** (Additional meetings may be added if needed). Please visit Supervisor Perez's Web site to access more information: [www.RivCo4.org](http://www.RivCo4.org)

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