SKY VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MEETING MINUTES

Sky Valley Chamber and Community Center * 20905 Hot Springs Rd, Sky Valley CA 92241 November12, 2024

- I. Meeting to Order: In the absence of Co-Chair J Casserly, N Ragsdale called the in-person meeting of the Sky Valley Community Council to order at 6:00PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: M Astorga
- **III. Roll Call: 4** council members present (J Casserly excused absence), 13 community residents, 9 county reps
- IV. Approval of the Minutes: Sept 10, 2024 minutes approved as is, E Holmberg / S Tosti seconded
- V. Council member Reports and Comments:
 - a. **Community Center Postings:** New postings include regular meeting information and info on how to rent the facility.
 - b. **Recycling event:** Sat Nov 30 7:30-noon at the Community Center; 9 tires per trip with or without rims and electronics will be accepted.
 - c. **Regional Park effort:** 4 sites have been identified, 3 in DHS and one on North Shore, have been identified as a possible regional park. Take a survey where you can rank your preferences at: exploreD4parks.com
 - d. Native Plant sales and Info:
 - i. Dec 15 Community Center noon-1pm presentation, Q&A, and free plants
 - ii. Sat Nov 16 plant sale and info, Desert Wildlife Center, 46500 Van Buren St, Indio CA 8:30-noon
 - e. Food Bank: every 3rd Tuesday Community Center 4-5:30pm

VI. Staff Reports:

- a. Code Enforcement: Lamont Reed, <u>Lareed@rivco.org</u> 951-529-7412, 760-393-3344 https://www.rctlma.org/ce/Report-a-violation, 760-329-1700
 - Short term Rental and Special Events Report Issues: 951-955-2004, 951-955-3200.
 - Position Filled: Code Enforcement Supervisor Aaron Acevez introduced Lamont Reed who is the new officer assigned to the area which includes Sky Valley. Officer Reed is retired after serving 30 years in the US navy.
 - ii. **Stats:** 37 open cases/ 11 closed cases; The open cases are in the following categories: 8 excessive storage/rubbish; 5 construction without permit; 13 zone violations; 2 substandard housing; 2 abatement, 10 excess vehicles, 5 neighborhood enforcement
 - iii. **Dumping:** Use Riverside County Waste Resources for pickup contact at rcwaste.org. Use code enforcement when a case needs to be opened.
- b. **Sheriff's Department**: No representative
- c. **CHP:** no representative
- a. CAL Fire No representation due to fires
- b. **Economic Development Agency/CSA 104**: David Alvarez 951-955-3313 <u>dalvarez@rico.org</u>.
 - i. CSA 104 Funds: \$620K current plus 183K to come, less 75K for Larsen improvement, and 50K outstanding maintenance work on 19th, Belleview and Marshall = 643k available for projects next year: Wide Canyon and Kris chip seal
 - ii. **Larsen Lane:** Prior approved work completed and will put a 4-inch asphalt base on transition from Dillon over the 3 culverts
 - iii. **Equipment:** 25K contributed to purchase equipment that can be used for

- emergency maintenance, so we don't have to pay contractors.
- iv. **Prospect and Quail:** May be considered for upgrade next year.
- v. **FEMA Emergency reimbursement:** May take 3 years to get reimbursement for 2023 storm damage
- d. **Public Health:** Luis Garcia filled in for Daisy Ramirez Bell, dramirez@ruhealth.org (760) 898 6163; RivcoHealth.com
 - i. Vaccinations: Continuing availability of clinics for free shots flu and RSV Nov 20 at Olive crest in Palm Desert; also check local CVS or Walgreens through the fall and winter months
 - ii. Car seat program: 2 per family available with 1 hour installation instruction class
 - iii. Free COVID home tests: Garcia had to distribute
- c. **Emergency Services Department:** Joshua Holkesvig, <u>Joshua.Holkesvig@rivco.org</u> 951-955-4700
 - i. **5 year County Emergency Plan:** Plan has been approved. Multi-jurisdiction local resource plan is taking into account lessons learned from last big flooding; assessing new water drainage due to conditions caused by 2023 storms
 - ii. **Community Response Team Training** Desert Crest Club Oct 18-20; 20-hour commitment; had 25 people. Upcoming classes 11/15-17 and 12/6-8. Preregister for future training 952-358-7100 or EMDTraining@Rivco.org
 - iii. **Incident Reports**: Reviewed all the emergency incidents being dealt with including the Airport fire debris management, instituting a public notification system about outages and shelters made available during outages, and toxic smoke from a Nov 7 structure storing lithium batteries.
- d. County TLMA Transportation and Land Management Agency
 - i. **Containers:** Angel Arias advised on when and how can they be used. Angarias@rivco.org 760-863-7579. 760-863-7536
 - **ii. Manufactured homes**: Discussion about the proliferation of manufactured homes being put on lots without proper permitting. Continue reporting suspected non-compliance.
 - iii. Betty Sanchez Ombudsman/Liaison for Code Enforcement, Planning and land Use. Beasanchez@rivco.org 760-393-3217, cell 760-262-7569. Sanchez person to contact if there are questions about where to take concerns/complaints.

VII. New Business:

- a. **IID:** Antonio Ortega and Guillermo Barraza 760-339-9041, AOrtega@IID.org
 - i. Presentation provided information about completed projects that specifically upgrade services to Sky Valley. Also covered wider area improvements that will make their troubleshooters more efficient. Advanced Distributions Management (ADM) will pinpoint houses affected by an outage and minimize outage time. IID received \$18million from US Department of Energy and matched this amount to complete the ADM improvements.
 - ii. **Discounts:** Check IID site for pricing discounts available for seniors/income qualified people and for appliances and energy saving housing upgrades
 - iii. Resident asked about possibility of Southern California Edison buying IID. It was stated that this is not a likely scenario. Information provided concerning upcoming IID Board meetings which are open to the public.
- Animal Control: Sgt. Miguel Hernandez and Lt. Rosas, <u>LRosas@rovico.org</u> 760-343-3644
 - i. Stats: 63 calls from June 1 to present, 4 bites with 77 follow-up visits;

- encouraged residents to call as soon as possible for service; there is only one Animal Control officer for a very extensive area countrywide
- ii. **Shelters:** 4 shelters have too many animals for the 82 spots they have available. Discussion of the role of pet support counselors and support staff to work with people who are bringing in animals and those who are adopting. Nov 30 adopting event at the 1000 Palms Shelter at which adoption fees will be waived. volunteers needed, help to catch stray animals.
- **VIII. Election of Officers** E Holmberg-Rowland moved appointment of J Casserly as Chair and N Ragsdale as Vice Chair. S. Tosti seconded. Unanimous. N Ragsdale moved appointment of E Holmberg-Rowland as Secretary. S. Toste seconded. Unanimous.
 - **IX.** Approval of 2025 Meeting Dates: Approved January 14, March 11, May 13, September 9 and November 11, 2025.
 - X. Public Comments
 - a. Animal Control Issue: Resident brought attention concerning issues relating to newly hired Animal Control director and to Animal Control being sued for violating payments law. Protest are planned for this Fri/Sat.
- **XI. Adjourn meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Minutes recorded by E Holmberg

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