

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PUBLIC COMMENT:

16.1

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, February 8, 2022, Chuck Boers spoke regarding the decision to vacate Caravel Lane.

ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH
CLERK OF THE BOARD

AGENDA NO.
16.1

Caravel Lane

9:35

Riverside County Board of Supervisors Request to Speak

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium), Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Chuck Boers

Address: 36321 Alta Mesa

City: Temecula Zip: 92592

Phone #: 760-267-8686

Date: 8 FEB 2020 Agenda # OPEN
Comment

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Boydd, April

From: Chuck Boers <chuck.boers@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 9:45 AM
To: Lantz, Paul; COB; Henderson, Roy
Subject: Chuck Boers' slides to present to RIVCO BoS on 8 Feb 2022
Attachments: Boers slide for BoS 8 Feb 2022.pptx

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Good morning,

Here are the slides that I will be presenting tomorrow at the RIVCO BoS during the open public comments. I will be in attendance and will be bringing addition information for the BoS. If I remember correctly, you need 8 copies. If I need to make more copies pls let me know or if there is any issue with my slides. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

V/r and best,

Chuck

Johancharles Van Boers
MSG, USA (Ret).
Lipan Apache War Chief
Email: Chuck.Boers@icloud.com
Cell: 760-267-8686

- Lancaster's emails dated July 3, 2018 to the RIVCO Director of Transportation (Patricia Romo), RIVCO Deputy Director of Building & Safety Department (Rendell Klaarenbeek) and others within RIVCO transportation did not address the real issue at hand; that an RCTC employee and her family had not only blocked the Boers' from part of their property, but two county dedicated roads.

- Lancaster in his first email (July 3, 2018 9:35 am) stated that he had a property owner approach him about a letter they received from an attorney representing the property owner on the east side of Cibola. Lancaster then asked the RIVCO Director of Transportation (Romo) if a permit would be required to install a fence or would access be a consideration for the County to approve the permit. Where was Lancaster's concern for the public's for the owner of the east side of Cibola Circle) need for a public turnaround on Cibola Circle during the vacation of Caravel Lane? Again some of the public land that was vacated could have been used for a public turnaround vs a private turnaround that the public has no access to.

- Lancaster's email instead focused on the Boers' trying to fence off their property and thought it might be a health and safety issue. Lancaster also expressed his concern about emergency vehicles being able to access the property on 36210 Caravel Lane. Where was Lancaster' concern for the encroachments into both Cibola Circle and Caravel Lane, or blocking off access to part of the Boers' property of an RCTC employee and her family?

- Lancaster did not attempt to talk with the Boers, unlike some RIVCO employees and CSA149 employees who did reached out to the Boers' and did discussed the issues with both parties to get a better sense of what was going on. Why didn't Lancaster reach out to the Boers to discuss some of his concerns for Cibola Circle?

- During the RIVCO BoS public hearing on the vacation of Caravel Lane Lancaster stated he did not know the particulars of the case and then read a letter from a former RCTC co-worker, or as Lancaster called her the applicant's daughter, to the BoS. Why did Lancaster choose her letter vs the applicant's letter and the Boers' letter?

Patricia Romo, Lancaster's email dated July 3, 2018 9:35 AM

From: Patricia Romo <prromo@rivco.net>

Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 9:35 AM

To: Lancaster, David <dmlancaster@rivco.net>; Romo, Patricia <prromo@rivco.net>

Subject: Cibola Circle to Caravel Lane

Good morning David and Patty,

I had a property owner at 36210 Caravel Lane approach me about a letter the registered from an attorney representing the property owner on the east side of Cibola Circle. The letter said the owner intends to install a fence at the property line, which they had staked by a surveyor. It appears from the stakes that the fence would extend across the existing dirt road that is Cibola Circle about 10' or 15' from the Court and about 10' at the southerly property line, where Cibola Circle turns into Caravel Lane. This fence would essentially render Cibola Circle too narrow to navigate and potentially block the parcel at 36210 Caravel Lane. As far as the property owner is aware, a 30' dedication for Cibola Circle on the west side of Caravel Lane was dedicated as part of subdividing a 10-acre parcel into four, 2.5-acre parcels, but there may not have been a dedication on the east side of Cibola Circle and now the owner wants to fence off the parcel to the east of the parcel at 36210 Caravel Lane.

The owner also told me that Cibola Circle south of Caravel Lane used to continue through to Pueblo Road, but the owners of the two parcels adjacent to Cibola Circle apparently had a portion of the road vacated, namely the portion that connected to Caravel Circle.

David - Can you do a little research on the history of Cibola Circle and verify what was dedicated?

Patty - Would the owner on the east side of Cibola Circle need a permit from the County to install the fence and/or gate and if so, would access be a consideration for the County to approve the permit?

I would appreciate any help you could give me on this issue. Thanks.

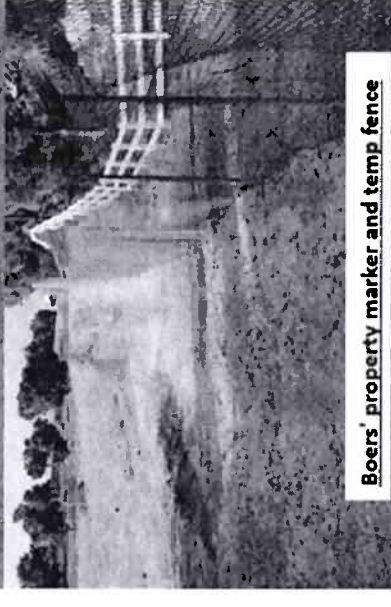
Mark Lancaster
Night of Way Manager

- The Boers installed a temporary fence along Cibola Circle (not fully on their property line) in August 2018 to stop further encroachments onto their (Boers) property, which did not hinder the use of Cibola Circle. The Boers did not put their permanent fence in until Cibola Circle was graded in the correct location by CSA149.
- It should be noted CSA149 could not fully grade the road because some of the encroachments and new encroachments added by the RCTC employee and her family.
- Despite the hard evidence that was presented to RIVCO transportation for the need of a public turnabout on Cibola Circle prior to both the RIVCO Planning Commission and RIVCO BoS public hearing for the vacation of Caravel Lane; RIVCO transportation or Lancaster made no recommendation for a public turnabout on Cibola Circle. Instead the question was poised if a private turnabout would meet the minimum requirements. Does RIVCO strive for the minimum or does RIVCO strive for excellence?
- The RCTC employee and her family where held to the minimum standards not for one thing but several things in order to fulfill the requirements to vacate of Caravel Lane. Again instead of requiring a public turnabout being required on Cibola Circle, using some of the land being vacated, it was instead waived for a private turnabout that the public has no access to.
- Again I ask where is Lancaster's concern for the need of a public turnabout on Cibola Circle?
- Where is Lancaster's concerns for the remaining encroachments in Cibola Circle that render the road less than 24' wide in some areas?
- As a Retired U.S. Army Combat Veteran and an enrolled Lipan Apache tribal member that owns property in RIVCO Temecula Wine County; I have lost my trust in Lancaster to be fair and I strongly believe that Lancaster has violated several RIVCO Code of Ethics standards.

Corner of Cibola Circle and Alta Mesa



Boers' property marker and temp fence



RCTC Employee's and family's encroachments



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PUBLIC COMMENT:

16.2

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, February 8, 2022, Vicki Van Leuven spoke regarding COVID mandates and sex trafficking.

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**AGENDA NO.
16.2**

COVID

9:38

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Vicki Van Lauren

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Date: _____ Agenda # public comment

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

16.3

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16.3

9:42

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Stephen Welch

Address: 39450 Solidago Rd

City: Temecula Zip: 92591

Phone #: 760-402-2690

Date: 2-8-22 Agenda # ~~STR~~ STR
Open Forum

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NA Support NA Oppose NA Neutral

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Thomas DeCarlo

Address: 39625 Anza Rd

City: Temecula Zip: 92591

Phone #: 310 971 3906

Date: 2/8/22 Agenda # N/A

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SPEAKER'S NAME: STEVE SAUNDERS

Address: 41419 CALLE TATO

City: TEMECULA Zip: 92592

Phone #: 951-401-7633

Date: 2-8-22 Agenda # S.T.R.

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I give my 3 minutes to: TOM DECARLO

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Boydd, April

From: Alexandra DeCarlo <alex@twcvillas.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Aldana, Peter; Van Wagenen, Jeffrey; Perez, Jose; COB; cbianco@riversidesheriff.org
Cc: Alex DeCarlo; Andrea Carter; Anna Duitruk; Bruce Hoban; Harris VRON; Jennifer Hartman; Jessica Hinton; John Mayo; Kim Herrlein; Nikki Harding; Olivier Chaine; Olivier Chaine; Roy Holeyfield; Tom DeCarlo
Subject: VRON Riverside County Response to Grand Jury Report on STRs
Attachments: VRON Rivco Response to Grand Jury Report STRs July 2021.pdf

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Our group, Vacation Rental Owners and Neighbors (VRON Riverside County), is interested in helping develop a strong short term rental (STR) ordinance to protect our neighborhoods and communities. VRON Riverside County represents over 80% of the permitted STR properties in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County. We are the largest stakeholder group associated with this Ordinance 927 regulating STRs. We have detailed solutions that can easily be incorporated into the 927.1 revisions and offer more practical and effective solutions than is currently being considered. Up until now, we have largely been kept out of the loop in developing STR Ordinance 927.1.

We all have the same goal: peaceful communities where STRs can co-exist with our neighbors without being noticed.

We respectfully submit our response to the Grand Jury Report on Short Term Rentals that came out July 2021. It is attached for your review.

Sincerely,
Alexandra DeCarlo
951-331-1515
On behalf of VRON Riverside County

VRON - Riverside County

Vacation Rental Owners and Neighbors

February 7, 2022

Honorable John M. Monterosso
Presiding Judge Superior Court of California
County of Riverside
4050 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Re Civil Grand Jury Report titled Short Term Rental Response from VRON

Dear Presiding Judge Monterosso,

VRON Riverside County represents over 80% of the permitted STR properties in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County. We encourage responsible renting, sensible regulation and preserving the quality of life in the communities in which we operate STRs.

This correspondence is in response to the Grand Jury Report titled Short Term Rental. Below is VRON's position on the findings and recommendations in the Grand Jury Report.

Finding 1.

VRON agrees that the current draft revision of Ordinance 927.1 does not provide the protection needed "to ensure neighborhood compatibility and reduce conflicts within the surrounding residential neighborhood". VRON would like to require "Best practices" such as "Eyes and Ears" on-site at all times to be required of all STRs. This can be achieved via proven technologies as well as an on-site host.

Recommendation 1.1. Property Inspections

VRON does not agree with the recommendation to include on-site inspections of STR location. STR properties should be treated the same as non-STR properties. On-site inspections are not needed to validate occupancy, parking, and visitor limits. On-site inspections DO NOT address the problems caused by STR's and would drain resources from responsible, licensed STR Owners/Managers that are currently being used to control noise, occupancy, etc. In addition, on-site inspections by Riverside County would open the county to liability from STR guests.

Recommendation 1.2. Verification of 24/7 local contact number.

VRON agrees with the recommendation to verify the 24/7 local contact number.

Recommendation 1.3. Defense and Indemnification Agreement

VRON does not agree with the recommendation for the STR owner to sign a Defense and Indemnification Agreement. The only reason the County would require such an agreement is because of

the liability the County brought onto themselves by requiring on-site inspections. STR properties should be treated the same as non-STR properties. This indemnification agreement DO NOT address the problems caused by STR's.

Recommendation 1.4. Neighbor Complaint Form

VRON agrees with the implementation of a neighbor complaint form ONLY if complaints can be confirmed by authorities in real-time. And/or repeated unverified complaints will be penalized by the County. Some neighbors of responsibly run STRs had "complained" of excessive noise when a property had no renters. Neighbors such as these are trying to get rid of the STR in the neighborhood because of fears of what "might" happen if it gets out of control. This fear has them report unwarranted complaints to authorities. Responsibly run STRs are at-risk if the complaints are not confirmed in real-time.

Recommendation 2. Increase in STR Initial Fees and Renewal Fees

VRON does not agree with increasing STR licensing fees. Licensed STR's who pay licensing fees and TOT taxes should not subsidize the enforcement personnel required to manage and reign-in unlicensed STR's. Approximately 68% of STR's operating in Riverside County are currently unlicensed. Had Riverside County focused on better controls of unlicensed STR's, the licensing fees collected would be 300% higher without raising licensing fees. Unlicensed STRs do not remit TOT taxes. If they were licensed and, thus, required to remit TOT tax, the annual TOT tax collected by Riverside County would exceed \$5 million per year.

Recommendation 3. Rivco Planning Department MUST Collaborate with Sheriff's Department

VRON agrees that the Rivco planning department (who maintain a list of local contacts and STR addresses) MUST work closely with the Sheriff's department. Currently, too many Sheriff's resources are used to manage nuisance complaints that should be handled by the STR local contact within 1 hour of the complaint. Responsibly run STRs want to be notified if they are unaware of a nuisance on their property.

Additional VRON responses to other portions of the Grand Jury Report

VRON agrees with setting reasonable occupancy limits. VRON advocates occupancy limits based on lot size and size of rental unit. A local study has shown that 3 bedroom STR's cause the most nuisance violations with 1 and 2 bedroom STR condo's being a close 2nd. These units rent to fewer occupants compared to 4+ bedroom homes. Homes with 6+ bedrooms had the fewest nuisance complaints. The problem is not the occupancy limit, but the lack of controls on the occupants by poorly run, unsupervised (and most-likely unlicensed) STRs.

VRON does not agree with requiring STR's who already have Short Term Rental property insurance to add "Commercial/Business liability insurance with a minimum limit of coverage of \$500,000. STR owner's who are already covered with STR property insurance should be considered full insured and not need additional coverage.

VRON does not agree with the self-reporting process recommended in the Grand Jury Report. Self reporting will only work with the compliant STR's. The problematic STRs will not self report and will thus have a "clean" record on paper.

VRON does not agree with signage identifying the property as an STR. This will not help solve the existing problems created by STRs. It will, however, This will create a crime problem for STRs and their neighborhoods because the time the homes are vacant are readily available online. This endangers our

housekeeping and maintenance personnel who may be on-site during a home invasion brought on by the signage. STR owners with permits have personnel in-place to promptly respond to problems caused by their STR guests.

VRON agrees with Riverside County adding additional code enforcement personnel to identify and shut down "party houses" and repeat offenders of the STR ordinance, noise ordinance and event ordinance. VRON recommends that additional enforcement personnel be used to prevent the nuisances caused by poorly managed STRs.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding VRON's response, please feel free to contact me using the information provided below.

Respectfully,



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On behalf of VRON Riverside County Leadership Team

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Agenda Item # or Public Comment: Public Comment
State your position below: Neutral
Comments: Unpermitted Short Term Rentals are upwards of 70% of the Short Term Rentals that operate in unincorporated Riverside County. We must get these STRs permitted before adding restrictions and operating costs to existing STRs who are permitted.
Attachments (Must be .pdf, .doc, or .docx): [VRON-Position-on-927-DRAFT-Points-V2.pdf](#)

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VRON Riverside County Position on DRAFT Ordinance 927 (Rev Feb 2022) V2

Issue	VRON Position
Max Occupancy per lot (not per dwelling unit on the same lot)	<p>One (1) person per every two hundred (200) square feet of building area with max occupancy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2+ Acre lots Max Occ = 24. • Lots smaller than 2 acres Max Occ = 16 • Special Occupancy Variances for Large Properties <p>Properties that are greater than 10 acres and whose living spaces exceed 6,000 square feet, may request a special variance on the maximum number of overnight guests that will be allowed at the property. Any variance must be approved prior to increasing the occupancy to exceed 24 overnight guests.</p>
Parking	Allow parking on the property only
PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES	Events not prohibited but must be in compliance with the Temporary Events section of Ordinance 348.
Complaint Response Time	1 Hour to resolve complaint
Noise Levels	Refer to Noise Ordinance 847 (this is what everyone in Riverside County must comply with)
Sound Amplifying Equipment and Live Music	Refer to Noise Ordinance 847
Neighbor Notification	Keep notification to neighbors up to 100 feet away. Increasing this notification distance will not solve the STR problems.
Permit Fees	Keep permit fees as is: \$250 for new STR permit, \$100 annual STR permit renewal. This was a cost-based estimate of funds required per STR for proper enforcement. Enforcement needs to focus on non-permitted STRs to increase revenue. Permitted STRs should not be forced to subsidize the enforcement burden caused by non-permitted STRs.
Max STR's per Lot	<p>For 2+ Acre Lots = Allow up to 2 STRs in Separate Dwelling Units (second unit, guest quarters, ADU or Jr. ADU)</p> <p>For lots smaller than 2 Acres = Allow a maximum of 1 STR</p>
Require Eyes and Ears On-Site	Require non-hosted STR's to employ technology designed for Short Term Rentals to be alerted of excessive noise and be aware of the number of guests, parking issues and other nuisances that may be caused by their guests. Operators are required to actively monitor their guests to prevent noise and other nuisance violation in the community.
Unpermitted STRs	There needs to be a greater effort by Rivco STR enforcement to identify unpermitted STRs and require them to file for a permit within a short period of time (10 days?) of their notice of violation (of being unpermitted) or they will face fines if they continue to operate. These fines, if remain unpaid, may become liens on property. Fines should be significant and escalate: \$250/night rented to start then goes to \$1000/night rented.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PUBLIC COMMENT:

16.4

During the oral communication section of the agenda for Tuesday, February 8, 2022, Mercedes DeLeon spoke regarding COVID mandates.

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Dear Riverside County Board of Supervisors;

One of the of too many asinine state laws coming out of Sacramento is AB-481, the latest pro-crime and anti-law enforcement bill signed into law by California's hypocritical Governor Gavin Newsom ... you all know, the chief executive who regularly ignores the decrees and diktats he routinely inflicts upon the people of California.

This crime promoting AB-481 serves to only further restrict the use of non-lethal equipment and surplus military equipment by our local police and law enforcement agencies. It only stands to reason that if our police and sheriffs deputies are denied access to non-lethal equipment then they will have to rely more on the use of lethal equipment, i.e., firearms, resulting in even more serious injuries and death.

As the famous adage goes ... "If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail." AB-481 is just another attempt to further handcuff California police and sheriffs from safely and humanely arresting and securing dangerous criminals by only equipping them with *hammers*, i.e., firearms, in which their only response will be more uses of deadly force.

This fatalistic law will further sow the seeds of more public distrust, suspicion and outrage towards our law enforcement as well as more costly and frequent lawsuits to the county and incorporated cities.

Furthermore ... the denial of specialized surplus military equipment to our law enforcement officers has the real potential to further jeopardize officer safety and the safety of the surrounding community.

The hard truth is that it has always been the criminals who have spurred an arms race to further their criminal activity. This began decades ago by depraved radical criminals such as the Symbionese Liberation Army, a gang of domestic terrorists committing murder, kidnappings and bank robberies, as well as the local apocalyptic bank robbers who perpetrated the infamous Norco Shootout.

Nowadays there are highly sophisticated criminal and narcotics cartels operating just an hour or so from us here in Riverside County. These cartels operate with impunity throughout Mexico and are routinely equipped

with military grade weaponry along with uniformed troops with armored vehicles. To naively think that these weapons are not coming across our border into our country along with the tons of narcotics and deadly fentanyl is just whistling past the graveyard.

Despite California's draconian gun control laws burdening honest citizens and legal gun owners, criminals simply do not care about DOJ background checks and mandatory waiting periods. They merely acquire their weapons through the black markets, theft and burglaries along with other stolen property, and the illegal narcotics and human trafficking trade. This is precisely why they are called criminals and outlaws.

AB-481 bizarrely seems to come into conflict with another poorly devised recent state law, AB-26, which was also recently passed by our schizophrenic Legislature and then promptly rubber-stamped by our myopic governor.

In a misguided effort to curb excessive force AB 26 heavily restricts and curbs officer use of force while AB-481 seeks to take away those tools that would help alleviate an officer from using lethal force or what some would consider to be excessive force.

The stupidity emanating from our State Capitol is apparently limitless. It would be pure karma and true poetic justice if the Governor's own police protective detail and the Legislature's executive protection details would be subject to these same schizophrenic standards. Let's see the Governor's security detail disarmed of military grade firearms, protective vests, and non-lethal weapons. But as with California's ruling class, these too are surely exempted just as we see the Governor and his ilk regular practicing even more Covid 'rules for thee but not for me' hypocrisies.

In the meantime, as an elected Board representing the interests and safety concerns of everyone within Riverside County, you must ensure that our county law enforcement agencies are fully equipped for any emergency or contingency that our law officers may encounter. AB-481 allows the governing bodies of California police agencies the option to continue to equip our law enforcement officers with the fully array of lethal and non-lethal equipment. You must vote to circumvent the cynical intended purpose of AB-481 by continuing to equip our law enforcement according to their needs and best practices.

Don't just equip them with hammers. You must provide our officers with fully equipped "toolboxes" so that they may safely and humanely deal with any situation that arises whenever they are fulfilling their sworn duties.

Don't screw this one up.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I have Bcc this to various interested parties as well as media contacts.

Sent from my iPad

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2) CVMVCD Board of Trustees (Coachella Valley)
3) CVAG Executive director (Coachella Valley)
4) Animal services department

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