

Good Hope / Meadowbrook  
MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

**July 7, 2015 at 6:00pm, Thursday**

**MOSES-SCHAFFER COMMUNITY CENTER**

**21565 STEELE PEAK DRIVE, GOOD HOPE**

**0.0 CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Chair, Carlos Lara. Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.0 Roll Call:** Carlos Lara (Chair), Diana Martin (Vice-Chair), Willie Moses, Giovanny Aguilar (acting secretary) - Present

**2.0 Approval of Minutes:** Giovanny Aguilar moved, Diana Martin seconded; Vote unanimous to approve.

**3.0 Public Safety Updates**

**3.1 Riverside County Sheriff's Lt. Joseph Pemberton** - June Stats: 248 calls for service: 15 arrests: 5 warrant arrests, 2 drug related, 2 trespassing, 1 caring a loaded fire arm, 1 discharge of a loaded fire arm, 1 chop shot (basically shot to a vehicle), 1 vehicle theft. As far as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July we got a lot of calls about 190 of the Elsinore station reporting fireworks activity and shots fired. Shots fired were a little less that day. They were about 31 calls in our response area alone. So obviously we can't get out to all those calls. So what we do is have people let us know if you want a call back or if you want a deputy to come by, ask for that specifically. The majority of people just say other than the rest is history, and I hear gunshots or I see fireworks. The deputies in the area that is over if they see activity they will take action if not, they go about their business and that's our normal protocol. We broadcast every call that goes out and reports fireworks so we are aware of it. If there is action need to take on or something we see than we will but unless somebody specifically asks for a call back to a resolution on what they called on we don't respond to everyone.

**3.2 Riverside County Fire Station #9 Capt. Steve De La Hoya, Jason Cart on behalf of Steve De La Hoya** – June Stats: 79 Responses: 5 Structural Fires and 43 other fires which included cancels, fires and other miscellaneous calls.

**3.3 Code Enforcement Officer L. Lyons** – Department now has a “How are you doing” card. I put them in the back and there is also the website on here. So if you are happy with us, hopefully you are, please fill this out. If you are unhappy with us, please do the same. We want to change we want to get our customer service where we are more friendly to everyone and we don't want people dissatisfied with us. So I want to make everyone aware of that and I am going to leave it here. So even if you do not pick one up tonight something happens and you are really, really happy and you want to share it come in and get a card or your disappointed do the same. June 24 we did a night

sweep of the Taco Vendors, which I know it has been a hot topic in this area. We started at 6 with environmental help. We had help about 6 of their officers there. We had 3 of our officers and a Sheriff went out and we only found 2 Taco Vendors, and they were set up on the same corner at Highway 74 and Sophie. So we gave them tickets, only one of them had an ID. They got citations from us, and citations from environmental health. Both of them lost all their food, and that's bigger hit for them than a ticket actually. So we got those 2 Vendors, and we drove around until 11 o'clock and that was it. We didn't find anything else in Meadowbrook or Mead Valley either.

As I was working out one day, someone had asked me about little houses. I don't know if you guys watched that show where they make these tiny houses that look like trailers. They were asking if they were going to be allowed in the county. I sent an email to our head person in the planning department, and I haven't gotten an answer back yet. How I imagine they will be treated is like an RV because they are not really installed. You don't install them like a trailer. So I think the county, at this point, will probably consider it an RV. If it becomes an issue, I am sure it's something that you work on, and as far as installing it. I am not really up on exactly what it takes to get the permit, because I do not work in the permits department, but I know that there is a size limit. "Tom, do you know that right off hand because I do not know what is available in size in to installing a mobile?" *Response: I don't know*" Yeah I usually believe they work like second units and all that, but I am sure size wise they would be too small to qualify as that, but if it becomes an issue I am sure it can be addressed at that time.

Recently we've been told we have money for abatements, and for the last 3 - 4 years we have not had any money for abatements at all. So we've been turning in a lot of cases and hopefully we'll be able to abate some of the abstract structures, mobile homes, and rubbish and debride itself of stuff. Vehicles, we've been always being able to abate vehicles because the state sets aside money to do that. So inoperable vehicles are just an old vehicle you want to get rid of. The county can remove those free at any time.

Does anyone have any questions about anything? *Question: I had called code about semis going up and down sharp roads.* Answer: Yes, I have been there and talked to those people. They were supposed to find another route in there while they were trying to find another place. That's my case, and I've been back there so I will start issuing cites. They said they were planning on being there short term, but I don't think that is the case, and I know they don't have planning department approval to be back there. Last time I talked to them was a while ago and they said they were going to stop it, and I wrongly assumed that they did. I am sorry. No. It's not your fault. It's their fault. Well they keep calling me. I mean I talked to you first and if they keep calling me I know what's going on out there.

#### **4.0 New Business**

**4.1 Riverside County Parks Dept. / District [Center/Park Updates] Stephanie:** Good evening everyone. My name is Stephanie I work for the community center. The programs we currently offer are cardio fitness class Monday thru Thursday from 9:30 am – 10:30 am if you guys are interested please sign up it's free. Also we have Senior days on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm right after that we have seniors' lunch and it's free. I have the permissions here if you guys want to sign up. If you know anyone who might be interested and might qualify, please let them know to sign up. You must be 50 and over to qualify. We are currently having loteria, which is Mexican bingo. It is a summer program for kids, and we are offering it on Wednesdays from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Commodities program and that is on the second Tuesday of every month from 10:00 am –

12:00 pm. Also we have a book mobile that comes by every Friday from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm and they park right outside. You are welcome to check out books. I believe its 25 books per visit.

I want to remind you all for those Seniors 50 and over that Monday, August 1, Farmer's Market Vouchers will be handed out, so please mark your calendars. They will be here at 10 am. Please don't forget.

I want to give a special thanks to Giovanni and his 25 church volunteers for helping out the day of our community performance event. I just wanted to thank you very much for helping out. I also want to thank someone else who isn't here today. This person has been very active in our community and so far very helpful and is very dedicated and been helping the residence of Good Hope. He is from the Grove Community Church. On Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> the Grove Community Church came out and brought their whole Medical unit on site. They brought free food, drinks, snow cones, and popcorn. They also provided grocery bags to all the residence. I know some of you were able to make it to the event. They also gave out household shoes and lots of giveaways. He also raffled of a large water slide. That was pretty cool. We had about 350 plus people attend that event.

**4.3 Eastern Municipal Water District: Donna Jackovich:** - On June 1 MWD Board voted to restore all outdoor water budgets so there in no longer a cut of 70% of your outdoor water budgets. That is very good news, even though el Niño was kind of a bust in Southern California. Northern California did well, and so the reservoirs up there are full enough up there so we were able to have the State control board lift their restrictions on us, which we then in turn passed it on to our customers. So there is no restriction. Of course if you go over your water budget, you are going to go to the highest costing tier, which is wasteful. So you go from a billing unit costing about \$1.76 to over \$11.00 a unit. It is a huge jump. So stay within your budget and you will be okay. That's the good news. We are still in the drought but we are in pretty good shape, as el Niño didn't hit us as we had hoped. We are back in business as usual; you can say. You can get all kinds of information about the rebates and workshops. We do have a workshop coming up this Saturday. A landscape designing workshop if anyone is interested they are free at the district. I believe this one starts at 9:00 am in our boardroom and you can get information on our website, which is [www.mwd.org](http://www.mwd.org). Water quality reports are currently available. We have to put together this report every year by law, and it gives you information about the sources and quality of your drinking water. *Question: We received a recorded phone call saying that we were losing water every hour, but we started watering our fruit trees, so are you guys monitoring us all the time?* Answer: What we have now is a program called automated meter readers and they are on real time. So now we get flagged when somebody uses more water than what has been used in the last 3 months. So that we can catch leaks earlier and come out and help fix them and identify them. We are not monitoring the use. We just get flagged if the customer who has the automated meter reader use of water goes up. *Question: What is the threshold on that? Is it a percentage or is it if you lose a thousand gallons or over you guys will be warned?* What I believe the system does is that it looks at your use of the last 3 months and the percentage is if you go over 45% or more.

**4.4 Thomas C. Ketcham, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries** –It is that time of year again where we are going to rotate our MAC Board as is keeping with the rules and regulations. Chair who is Carlos rotates out. The Vice Chair who is Diana rotates in that is going to take place. Carlos said he was going to be resigning the board due to some personal issues. So he is going to be stepping down. Thank you Carlos for your time and dedication to the community. We also have Jackie McDonald whose term is up. So we are going to need to find a new secretary. Temporarily we have Giovanni, but we will have to find a new secretary. Rogelio who is not here also has resigned

the position of the board also due to some personal issues. So we are going to have 3 new members joining us on the Board. Two of which are here tonight, and I will introduce them shortly. We are moving Giovanni from Alternate 1 to full-time board member. Giovanni has been dedicated to the community here for the past year or so. He has been here in all of our events bringing 25 – 40 volunteers. So we felt it was appropriate to move Giovanni up to that spot. So thank you Giovanni for that. **Giovanni Aguilar:** Your welcome.

We do have Fabiola Beneviente is one of our new members, and her family owns the Briseño Tires & Towing on 74 and Theda. **Fabiola Beneviente:** Yeah, it is really nice to see the Sheriff, Code Enforcement and fire department come together and give us all this information. My parents have been in business for about 23 / 24 years. So we've seen everything grow, and we have had a lot of issues at our place also and it is nice to know we have the direct contact. I am really happy to know that I will be a part of the board so I look forward helping the community. If there is anything we can do please let us know. Thank you Fabiola.

Maha Harb: My family owns a Market in San Jacinto. I am looking forward to working with everyone and help out as much as I can.

So they will be joining us up here, and our other member, Veronica Rivera. She actually works with Pastor Giovanni. She was unable to make it here tonight but hopefully we will see her soon. With that being said, I want to present a plaque actually signed by the supervisors, not wet stamp, not computerized or anything for Carlos. Thank you. I have one for Jackie as well, and I have one for Rogelio, too. I want to thank Carlos, Jackie and Rogelio for everything you guys have done for the community and as always we are always looking for new people. This board is here made up of community and that is why we constantly want to have new people on the board. So we can incorporate new ideas, new thoughts, and new processes. If you are interested contact one of them, or one of the new people, or let me know.

**5.0 Public Comment: Javier Sandoval – Community member 1-** Male: All illegal taco vendors, along with the marijuana dispensaries and gun stores should be approved so that the government can collect taxes from them, as the shops and restaurants are taxed by our government. **Community member 2 –** Female: Between Mountain and Ellis there is a yard sale. It never closes. It is every day. Code Enforcement collected information and will investigate.

## **6.0 Legislative Reports**

**6.1 Field Representative to Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez, Deni Horne –** Good evening everyone. My name is Jeff Peterson. Session is on break for all of July. We are just hanging out waiting for them to be back. Last thing that happened was AB1176, which was the original Prop 47. Right now it's a misdemeanor maybe a felony. Assemblywoman teamed up with the Democrats to try to get both parties involved. It made all the way to the governor and he rejected it. Everything has been shut down except Legislative petitioner act made it to the senate position of probation. So it is just sitting there. Everything restricted on gun rights passed. There is a lot of gun restrictions laws and every single one passed. *Question: Don't we have restrictions on how much ammo we can buy?* At the top of my head I don't know what it is, but I know different stores have different limits a long with the state has limits. I don't know. Everyone is stocking up too. *Question: What about the ones that already have it do we have to get rid of it?* Answer: Possession of magazines have to be returned to get rid of. Background checks will be required to be passed by the dealer when purchasing for every transaction and then forwarded.

## **7.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office**

**7.1 Thomas C. Ketcham, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries** – Couple items in June. If you would like your newsletter emailed, please sign up, or give your email to Giovanni. Last month's newsletter featured Mrs. Willie Moses. We talked on the phone for a couple of minutes as I was able to interview her.

The top success story we have on there is Mr. and Mrs. Ryder. They own the gray building on Highway 74. Rezoning of highway 74, they attended one of the meetings and they were very upset and rightfully so. They began a process 10 years ago, and going through zoning they got lost in the black hole. The county promised some things and the promises never came through. We were able to take care of the issue, and they were very happy and appreciative.

Mountain Ave between Theda and Baxter got repaved. Starting next month, we will pave Mapes and Norma too.

More good stuff is that you guys are stuck with me for another four years. That's bad stuff, too, maybe, just kidding.

The budget is not really good right now, and that is an understatement. Go online and see the meetings. You can watch them live every other Tuesdays 9:00 am / 9:30 am. We are facing about \$110 million short fall as of now. We do not know how we are going to make that up. The majority of the budget is eaten up by Public Safety, Fire and Sheriff. We have to figure how we are going to do this. You have so much money going out and not so much coming in, so we have to figure out what will be cut. That is what we are in the process right now on figuring out if there will be cut and to what departments and how much of a cut will be done. It will be pretty dramatic. We don't get a say in the overall budget as we just pass it right through when it comes from Washington. Out of the 500 million we have a say in goes towards to pay public safety, fire, Sheriff, staff, code enforcement, planning, building, and safety. There is a lot of moving parts in how and where we spend the money. A lot of the road paving has been done through grants or our CID fund. We usually give our CID to non-profit organization, which is a process that each organization must undergo. County transportation receives 50% of our money from us to pave the roads. We suggest what roads to pave, but transportation ultimately decides which roads will be paved first, which is done by vehicle counts, homes, etc.

CDBG is a fund that is specific and cannot be spend in other areas. So CDBG and CID money were used to pave some roads. We are proposing to cut the CID Funding to help with other departments. We want to make sure the departments stay active. Follow the budget it's in the paper. I would advocate to please go down to the county board and if you are unable to make it, listen to it online.

Illegal vending, we have code enforcement working on Friday and Saturday nights. They are only out till dusk. We are reaching out to the vendors to come and sell their items at the Mead Valley community center. It is \$10.00 for a booth where you can sell whatever you want to sell, except food. Would like everyone to get permitted and I am working with Environmental Health to get everyone licensed in order to be able to sell food at the community center. Not only are they going to be allowed to sell food there, but the food will be inspected.

Marijuana, we are actively pursuing the dispensaries, and there are rules and regulations that we will obtain from Sacramento and push in our community in February of 2017.

New soccer field at the park next door will be completed right around Christmas time. We will have a walking trail and a couple areas for benches for a BBQ.

**8.0 Good Hope/Meadowbrook MAC Board Member Comments Diana Martin:** Thank you to the community at large. I will do my best as president. I ran into the new director of Office On Aging last month. Their number one focus is transportation for Seniors, second is food and they are concerned and they want to make it better for us seniors. I know networking with them will get a lot done in our center. I am sure the Rodeo will be contacting Code Enforcement or whoever they need to contact to pull permits, because they are too big to not to, everyone knows about it. Now other than that, I will be taking over as President next month, and for those that don't know me, my name is Diana Martin. Thank you. **Carlos Lara:** Thank you for the opportunity of being Chairman this year, and I hope the community will grow in unity and do something better with Diana and the rest of the people. Have a good evening.

### **9.0 Future Agenda Items**

Date of proposed next meeting, **August 4th, 2016** 6pm @ Moses-Schaffer Community Center

Adjournment: Diana Martin moved, Giovanni Aguilar seconded, vote unanimous

Meeting adjourned: 7:55pm

Attendance: 23 and others