

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
November 4th at 6:00pm, Thursday
MOSES-SCHAFFER COMMUNITY CENTER
21565 Steele Peak Drive, Perris, Ca 92570

APPROVED MINUTES

0.0 CALL TO ORDER: Pledge of Allegiance

1.0 Meeting called to order by Chair, Victoria Bella at 6:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Victoria Bella (Chair), Giovanny Aguilar (Vice Chair), Maha Harb (Secretary), Willie Moses (Absent), Faviola Briseno (Absent), Jesse Rojas–Alternate- (Absent), Shepard Bielec –Alternate (Meadowbrook)

2.0 Approval of Minutes: Giovanny -moved, Shepard -seconded; Vote unanimous to approve.

3.0 Public Safety Updates

3.1 Riverside County Sheriff's Department – Capt. Matthew Sims/ Lt. Donovan Brooks

In the last three months we have had 36 arrests in this area. The multiple arrests were drug related, domestic assaults, theft, etc. We have been active during this time. There was a sexual assault and it was in the Good Hope area. I will stay after if you have any questions.

Question: Was there any sexual assaults?

Deputy: Yes, there was one sexual assault and that subject was taken into custody. I don't have the exact location but it's in Good Hope area.

3.2 Riverside County Fire Department-Fire Station #9

Good evening, I'm sorry I was late. I'm Mark, the engineer at the fire department. There were 126 calls, yearly total 1395. There was a couple of fires in the community this month.

Malika Davis: I smell smoke at night periodically, and I can't keep my windows cracked. This is during the week day. I usually smell it around 9-10 o'clock pm.

Mark: When the temperatures drop and it gets cooler an inversion layer settles over the valley and it keeps it low. This is illegal. If you smell than call us, it's a 1200 citation or 12 months in jail. Someone was burning trash and ended up burning 5 acres. We can't catch it because of the inversion layer. Also, If you have an emergency don't bring someone to the fire department, just call 911. There is delay if you come and no one there for help.

3.3 Transportation Department- Dennis Acuna (Traffic Engineer)- Absent

3.4 Code Enforcement- Jamison Cole (District Supervisor)- Absent

3.5 California Highway Patrol- Officer Juan Quintero

This is my first time at this meeting and I appreciate the opportunity. We have Cops Teams. We have 3, one that works in the morning and 2 in the evening. We send them to problematic areas. They are not able to come tonight because they are engaged with something else. We are a resource team. We are aware of the dirt bikes that we experienced when we came today. The root of the problem starts at home. We have to police our own children. We want to fix this problem so no one gets hurt. They were not wearing a helmet and haunting me to go after them when I arrived this evening. We are trying to come up with a strategy to help with this problem. We need to find a strategy so these kids don't get hurt or hurt anyone else. We need to find a strategy where these kids they can focus their energy on something positive. I will be in the back if anyone wants to talk to me privately- Thank you.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Community Center Updates – Tiffani Woods, Restoration Agape (classes & upcoming events)

I would like to begin we had an amazing Fall Festival. I want to thank Kevin Jefferies Office for their support- Thomas and Hashish, for being here. We had a safe environment for the kids to receive candy. We had Eddi and his team assisting us. We are planning the Drive -Thru for Christmas Dec. 11 5-9, we are planning to see you there. We will be decorating. We will be closed Nov. 11, 24, 25/ 2001 and Dec. 24, 31/ 2001. We are continuing our list, we still have our Senior Bingos, we have our Senior Birthdays etc. We have our Dog Vaccination clinic Nov. 12 9-12

p.m. We also want to share with you we had Eddie's Team fix all the outside lights and barbecue grills.

Question: Are donations needed for the Toy Drive?

Tiffani: If you want to donate a toy you can speak to myself, Veronica, or Giovanni.

4.2 2022-2023 CDBG- Sterlon Sims (Community Development Block Grant Application)

Good Evening, I'm here from the County of Riverside- Community Development Block Grant. I passed out to you a card it has a bar code where you utilize it to take you to a website to complete a survey. It asks you what you see is needed for the community. The county encourages everyone's participation and the importance of their feedback. You can also complete this form in which you write what you feel is needed. I will put it in the back. The county supports the citizens and your participation is important and needed so the County knows what is needed. The County has continued the 5 year plan. Your opinions will help with the plan. We have five supervisal districts. You are in the first district. The funding that was received \$8,066, 932. The additional funding has broken down to housing and there is funding for homeless funding. We are open to accepting applications from non-profit organization as well as County agencies. We will hold a Public meeting for the activities selected meeting somewhere in Feb. to March to approve an early nay for those projects selected. We are seeking feedback so we know those hierarchy needs. I really encourage you to fill out the survey. If you want to fill out the form your feedback matters and we welcome it.

4.3 Moses Schaffer Community Center Senior Committee- Jackie McDonald (Senior Outreach)- The following was presented and written by Jackie McDonald:

“The Seniors Committee started September 21, 2001. The purpose of the committee is to connect with the County to voice our concerns and present our requests. So, the Center and the seniors receive the necessary supplies to adequately operate the Center. The seniors want a voice in the concerns of the Center. We need to know how much is the budget. How much is it? How is it being spent? When did the Agape contract start? Was it put out to bid? What are the terms? What is their obligation to us and to the Center? Were any community members involved in the selection? Of the \$90,000, how is it allocated.

The Center needs to be completed, it feels cold and impersonal. TV has still not been installed, and Seniors were advised they could not put anything on the

walls even though there are ways to do that without damage. We need a SIGN at the front door that “unvaccinated persons must wear face coverings to enter”. We need timely notifications of all upcoming events Seniors did not receive Farmers’ Market vouchers this year and have not have any interaction here from the Office on Aging. Will we be receiving Stater Brother gift cards this year? Seniors need clarification on Kitchen use, as we have always been allowed to use it on special occasions, such as birthday meals provided by the celebrant. Finally, Seniors would like Mr. Giovanni to come in, and introduce himself to them, and advise of his plans and goals for the operation of our Center. This year Perris Valley has the honor of recognizing one of our most cherished icons Willie Moses, who celebrates her 100th birthday in February, 2022. Mrs. Moses has been a stalwart community activist since she and her family moved to Perris in 1957, helping bring water, gas roads and other infrastructure improvements to Good Hope. She was a key force behind the construction of Good Hope Elementary School, and our own Riverside County Moses-Schaffer Community Center and fire station, essential services to Good Hope residents. Like a member of other African American leaders doing community work in the early years, Mrs. Moses was focused on ensuring equal opportunities for African American students and families, and building a community that valued and embraced all of Perris Valley’s populations.

The Moses-Schaffer Senior Committee would like to preserve the rich history of Mrs. Moses and other early African American leaders in the Good Hope and Perris Valley area. Doing so not only honors those who have paved the way for us, but also helps provide a roadmap for the future. Our committee is embarking on a project to collect and archive early African American history in Good Hope and Perris Valley. We would like to see that information made available to the public through various institutions and have reached out to our local historical organizations and museums in Perris as well as the bridges That Carried Us Over: Archiving Black History project founded by Amina Carter and the Riverside Civil Rights Institute (opening in 2022).

Today we are asking our MAC committee to support the Moses-Schaffer Community Center Seniors Committee and our project to collect and archive local African American history. We’d also like to make a recommendation that our County Supervisor provide discretionary funds to support this important project. Thank you for your consideration and ongoing support.”

4.4 2022 Good Hope/Meadowbrook MAC Calendar-MAC Board (January 6th, March 2nd, May 5th, July 7th, September 1st, November 3rd)

5.0 Public Comments - Speakers wishing to address items on the agenda should note the agenda item on the speaker's slip and will be asked to speak at that time. Speakers have a 3-minute time limit.

Mary Borders: I come out of the Willie Moses House. She has to be tortured with high party music. I read in the program how you have to be approved. The noise is loud because the dogs are jumping up and down. What she did for the area is for everyone. There are no consequences to these parties. They are using amplifying music. What are the consequences? Do they take away the equipment, do they put people in jail", etc. I need to give her an answer from the committee.

Giovanny: We will have the deputy answer this question.

Deputy: We try to focus on these parties during the Holidays. We give people the benefit of the doubt. We ask them to go inside and lower the music. Then we give them tickets. Usually that takes care of it. We do give a double citation. We try to show presence in these areas and try to stop them. If there is a domestic violence call we take care of that first.

Member: I don't think you give out tickets. It's a business, they are making money so they can afford to pay the tickets and they don't care.

Deputy: If you know someone who has parties, please call us before they start. We can stop before they begin. Once they begin it's difficult to shut it down. They are businesses from LA. We have a team assigned to this area. Please call us. First offense ticket is around \$1000. You are not the only community dealing with it. If you know one, hear one, see one. We have a team, call us.

James Isabel: I have gone myself and shut them down. They don't care about the fines.

Malaika Davis: Thank you for being here. This is the most people I have seen. I am the community code petrol. I'm going around from Mead Valley to Meadowbrook to see if there is trash and furniture, and I have been contacting the right personnel in Riverside County. There is a total of 44 that I submitted from Sept. 26- Oct. 10.

They are still in progress. Some did not open. Out of the 44 complaints pending code cases- One was sent to animal control, 3 to environmental health for illegal vendors, 2 to fire, 31 to code enforcement, 1 to hazard reduction. It seems they reached out to them and I can see someone is fixing it. I still have 4 to work on. There is a mix up with the addresses. I want to thank Hashish who invited me to the Town Hall. I really liked the band and the interaction with the people. The main reason I wanted to go was because I wanted to speak to Kevin Jefferies. I walk up to Kevin Jefferies and I promptly said my name and he turned around. And went back talking to the minister. I spoke to many city leaders and ministers and I never was disrespected this way. I got really disrespected. So, then I noticed he was talking to the minister about what they were going to order. This is a nice event so I wanted to try to talk again. So, I asked when will you come to Good Hope? He said he doesn't come out to Good Hope until if something. I asked when do you think you will come because this is what we need in our area. So, I said what will make you come? The minister just came up and pulled him away and I watched them walk away laughing. This is the guy representing this district.

Carlos Gutierrez- This is the first time I have been here and hear about these meetings. My father-in-law has been living in this area for 27 years. I was wondering what is the city doing to better the community? Someone from the community told me the city does not care about sewers, lights, sidewalks etc. Where does the funds go, who do we need to talk to? We don't get sewers, lights, etc. Where does the money go? Many of them don't speak English, so many of them don't come to these events. I will translate for them this time. One of the things I wanted to ask if there is someone who can come to translate. I'm here to benefit the community, Good Hope Area, Meadowbrook Area. I will translate what I said but someone is needed to translate at all times. I want to know where are the funds going to. (Carlos translated in Spanish). Who do we talk to, to make the community better?

6.0 Legislative Reports:

6.1 Field Representative for Assemblyman Kelly Seyarto- Absent

7.0 Good Hope/Meadowbrook MAC Board Member Comments- No comments

8.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jefferies' Office

8.1 Hashish R. Winstead, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries-

Thank you for being here tonight. I am very happy I have a big crowd here. A quick update that is happening very soon, we are going to have a Board Supervisor meeting in the upcoming Tuesday Nov. 9 9:30 am. at the Riverside County building. The meeting is to realigning the district lines. So, you might not be from District 1 but might be from District 2. If you want to go to the meeting this Tuesday or you can join on-line sessions. We are going to have another meeting for registering on this topic Nov. 16 9:30. Also, we have drafted maps that are already drawn if you want to have a clearer perspective of it. You can also call in if you want to be part of it.

The Community Center improvements might seem it is in slow motion, and it is in slow motion. The building just got new paint, the sound system is new and it took months. The TV we needed time. Everything is coming, the tv we had to wait and put the electrical through the walls. We will put 2 new TVs on the walls. We care about this community and we want to do so much. We got funds and we want to build a shaded area for the playground for the Summer. I try to put pressure, but it takes time. We want to put permanent structure because it was one of the requests. What you share with me I will try my best to get. I can't promise you everything but I promise I will fight for it. I listen to you and the supervisor also listens. Please take my card and talk to me about what you need. Our staff has been working on the area outside. We want to build a new Planter next to the gazebo area. This is some of the improvements. Thank you, Malika, you mentioned the Town Hall. We do it once a year in a different area. We chose the place because it is bigger. I do remember coming here and letting you know to join us. As for what happened at the Town Hall I wasn't there, I don't know what happened. I will bring it to the Supervisor's attention. Every time I come Giovanni is here and is happy to help you. I'm sure they can put a sign to remind those to put a mask cover. That's when I ask all the departments to join us. We do have it in one area because we can't do it there and here. We just recently had the Fall Festival. Jackie what you submitted for the senior's committee, I will set a meeting concerning the budget for you and whoever is interested to meet- I will set it up so you can ask. I will bring it to the attention of the department who is responsible for this area. Also, what happens in the community is the decision of the operator. They are the ones who got the contract and they who decide. I'm sure you can set up a meeting with Giovanni, and I'm sure they want to work with you. Mrs. Moses, we do know this community center and fire station land was donated by Mr. Moses and Mrs. Moses. Mrs. Moses is a great advocate for this center. Mrs. Moses birthday is in Feb. next year. We will be recognizing her, especially she will be turning 100 years

old. Thank you -Sheriff and Deputy, and CHP. I know you wanted them to come. As for the translation, I can bring the equipment.

Jackie- Seven years ago we came and we planned, a lot of money was invested for the playground. I get so upset because this County is treating us like foster kids and it needs to do better.

Hashish: I don't know what happened seven years ago but improvements are happening and are coming. If you want to address the program you have to address it with Giovanni and his team.

James Isabel: We needs a program to benefit ourselves and our children. These kids need ping pong tables etc, these kids need guidance.

Hashish: Thank you Carlos, I will bring the equipment and I need your help with translation.

Carlos: That is the responsibility of the County.

Hashish: You can talk to me and we can talk about it.

Victoria Bella: Happy new Year, will see you in January.

9.0 Future Agenda Items

Date of proposed next meeting, January 6th, 2022 at 6pm @ Moses-Schaffer Community Center

Adjournment: Maha Harb moved, Giovanni Aguilar seconded, vote unanimous

Meeting adjourned: 7:15 pm, Attendance: 40