

# MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

MEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Clark & Oakwood Streets, Mead Valley, CA 92570

## MINUTES

0.0 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

1.0 Roll Call: Tony Davila (Chairperson), Paz Trevino (Vice-Chairperson), John Byrns (Secretary), Douglass Miller (Member), Ali Mazarei (Member), Charles Romero (Alt), and Rogelio Rawlins (Alt)  
– All Present

2.0 Approval of Minutes: May 8<sup>th</sup> 2013 – Moved/Seconded/Approved

3.0 Public Safety Updates:

3.1 Riverside County Fire Department: Battalion Chief Barnett & Capt. Gomez

Fire Chief John Hawkins has put out a News Release Implementing a Proclamation Suspending All Open Burning in State and Local Responsibility Areas (No Outside Burning). Permits are available through Station 59 at No Cost, call 951/657-6711.

If you smell smoke near your home, call 911 to report the smell and the general area it is coming from.

Fire Fee (Paid to the State Board of Equitation) was collected for 1 year, but has been suspended and is currently caught up in litigation.

When visiting the Fire Station, hold down the button to get the Firefighters' attention (it's a buzzer not a bell).

3.2 Riverside County Sheriff's Department: Lt. Horton

Statistics for May 2012 & 2013, Residential Burglaries are on the rise (Lock your doors and windows). Thefts from a Vehicle have doubled (Don't leave anything of value in plain sight, including paperwork that could be stolen and used for fraudulent activity). Petty Thefts have dropped by more than half.

Call and report any suspicious vehicles (vehicles that you don't recognize) hanging out around your neighborhood. It is helpful information to the Sheriff's Dept. and the community.

The homicide on Mac & Carol is still under investigation, the Press Release has all the information that can be released at this time. *RiversideSheriff.org* lists all of the Press Releases coming out of Riverside County.

Riverside County Sheriff's Department is hiring. See *JoinRSD.org*

3.3 Code Enforcement: Could not attend due to cutbacks. (Excused)

4.0 New Business:

4.1 EMWD Representative: Donna Jacomet

A Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality Report) is sent out annually, informing customers about sources of water and what is in the water. Data from 45,000 tests and 65,000 samples of drinking water are included in the report. Customers can sign up to receive the report electronically; those who sign up will be eligible for a drawing to receive a \$25 Gift Card.

EMWD partnered with Dept. of Public Health, County of Riverside, & the City of Perris to put in sewer lines for Enchanted Heights. They were able to get Grant Money and other funding to do the project free of charge.

Bay Delta, Sacramento, supplies 70% of our drinking water. Levees are 100's of years old and it's predicted that a 5.0 earthquake in the San Francisco area could cause them to break. EMWD and most Water Agencies in CA are supporting a Conservation Plan to build a tunnel underneath the Bay Delta for the water to run into and not be contaminated by saltwater in the event of a natural disaster.

BYRNS asks how we can start a Grant for our low income areas that don't have water. Contact Bonnie Wright – Grant Writer for EMWD, Community Block Grants.

ROMERO thanks EMWD for their "Turf Buy Back Program". That and other rebate programs are available through EMWD.

- 4.2 MAC Meeting “Dark” for December: In consideration of the holiday season, it is proposed not to have a MAC meeting in December. Item to be decided at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- 4.3 Joint “Town Hall” Meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> (cancel 10/9/13 meeting?): There will be a joint Town Hall meeting with Woodcrest and Good Hope on October 10th at the new Mead Valley Community Center 6pm. All of the departments & the Supervisor will be there. Proposed that regular MAC meeting, scheduled for the day before, be cancelled. Item to be decided at the July 10th meeting.
- 4.4 Anna Fox (New Librarian): 43 computers available to the public, Library Card required. To get a Library Card all you need is ID and proof of address. Staff available to help find websites for any County or Public Agencies. Bilingual assistance available.  
DAVILA thanks Supervisor Jeffries & Mr. Ketcham for supplying the Library with a chiller to provide cool air until the A/C is repaired.

#### 5.0 Public Comments:

- Jacqueline Oveyedo, Catholic Church: (Spoken in Spanish)  
Claudia Cabrera, St. James Catholic Church: Concerned that when the temporary Community Center closes, they won't have any place to take Catechism Classes. Would like the community's support to make sure, when the new Center opens, there is a place for them and the kids can stay off the streets.
- Manuel Sanchez, volunteer, Boxing Club: Concerned that his group of 45 students won't have a place to train after the temporary community center closes. Introduced 2 youth champions from the class that won boxing belts. Asks the community for their support to keep the boxing program going and keep the kids off the streets. 951/442-2936
- Sidney Green, Property Taxes: Was informed that her property taxes are going up. Doesn't have a problem paying the taxes but wants to know where the money is going and what improvements are being made.
- Gloria Hernandez, 11 year volunteer, Community Center: Concerned that the groups and services under Family Services Association (FSA) won't be housed at the new Community Center. States that FSA has done a lot for the community. Would like the programs to continue running the way they have all these years.  
DAVILA thanks Mrs. Hernandez for all her years of service and hopes to see her continue as a volunteer.
- Tony Esquibel, Road Paving: Wants to know why they stopped paving at his street, Church St., when all of the gas and water lines were marked.  
MILLER informs that the County can only pave County Dedicated Roads.  
DAVILA informs that Dept. of Transportation will be on the Agenda in a couple months.
- Charles Harris, Street Improvement: Would like to have John St. improved. Wants to know why there is a Stop Sign at the 4 way intersection with a signal on Clark St. and Rider St. Wants to know if the MAC Board votes on anything and what the board does.  
BYRNS explains that the board takes community concerns and funnels them to the County.  
DAVILA explains that the Request to Speak Sheets and the Minutes taken from the meetings are turned in to the County; this is part of the process to get concerns addressed and comments heard.
- Alma Arroyo, Boxing: Has 3 kids involved in the Boxing Club. Hopes the community will support the program because it keeps the children off the streets, out of gangs, and gives them something they enjoy doing.
- Yolanda Williams, Mead Valley Community Center & Community Park: Doesn't want Mead Valley to lose any of the programs or services that have been provided by the Community Center. Has a vision for Mr. Charles Meigs, of enhancing this community by having a more developed Community Center.  
Request that Bill Brown from EDA attend one of the future meetings to discuss the Community Park. Hopes that the community will help support the park to give the kids a place and keep them in the neighborhood. 951/842-8598 or 951/657-7088

#### 6.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office:

- 6.1 Thomas Ketcham, Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries:  
FSA - The Community Center contract was put out to the public and several people submitted bids. Supervisor Jeffries' office is about transparency and will not award a contract just because it has been the same for years; the fiscal aspect requires that they choose the best bid for the services needed. The Community Center is going to open on July 27<sup>th</sup> and services will be provided.

Taxes - Home prices are going up 3-4% and therefore taxes are going up too. There is an appeal process that you can go through.

RDA Money - City of Jurupa Valley, City of Menifee, City of Eastvale, and City of Wildomar are all facing possible disincorporation. They are in Sacramento trying to keep their cityhood and services because all of the RDA money left. If they become disincorporated, the County will be responsible to provide services, which will strain County services even more.

Paved Roads - A new paving program is being looked at to create a simple road with no sidewalks, curbs, or gutters. It will make it safer for cars to travel and get them out of the mud and dust. This is a new concept and being piloted at this time.

Dedicated VS Private Roads - For private roads to be paved by the County, the land must be given to the County and therefore become a County Dedicated Road. Just because it is a road, doesn't necessarily mean that it belongs to the County but it can be researched to find out.

Community Park - Everything that was designed to be in the Community Park has already been included in the design of the Community Center. There is only so much money in the budget and we need to keep the Community Center open. If the community wants the park they must be willing to pay the taxes to maintain it.

Mi Familia Vota - Thanks the future voters from Mi Familia Vota and applauds them for their participation in the events for César Chávez week in Riverside. Also recognized that it is a great organization and hopes to see these youths as our future leaders.

Permit Fees - One of the first things Supervisor Jeffries did was make a Motion to lower the permit fees for Mead Valley. Now it is more inviting to developers and it is expected that we will start to see more businesses coming in; in turn creating more local jobs.

Open Fridays - Starting in July, the County will be open on Fridays.

#### 7.0 Mead Valley MAC Board Member Comments:

- Ali Mazarei: Sees that the community is proud to be Mead Valley, but that they need to understand they're part of a bigger picture. Considers the attitude of "We are Mead Valley" to be inappropriate and suggests the community think of Riverside County, not just Mead Valley. Recommends that the community get involved with businesses, show them they are here, and willing to spend the money. For a future Agenda, would like to see the involvement of Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- Doug Miller: Understands that the temporary Community Center will close at the end of June and the new Center doesn't open until July 27<sup>th</sup>. Who will be providing services in the meantime?
- John Byrns: Would like the community to support Supervisor Jeffries and Mr. Ketcham, and for residents to attend the meetings, look at the issues, and see what the community needs. At a future meeting would like to have someone who can help with Grants. Also would like to see the Boys Club of America to maybe sponsor a building and Dept. of Transportation to identify County Dedicated Roads from Private Roads, as well as explain the process of dedicating a road to the County.
- Charles Romero: Would like to see the County of Riverside send Amy Dodson, the Librarian that was in charge of getting the Library up and running, a certificate of thanks and appreciation for a job well done. On a future Agenda, would like to see someone from the Planning Dept. regarding the 20ft & 40ft. storage containers.
- Paz Trevino: Suggests that the community supports the increase in property values and the taxes that come along with it, because that is a sign of growth. But also sees it necessary to hold somebody accountable for how the tax money is spent. No Agenda recommendations at this time.
- Rogelio Rawlins: No Comment.
- Tony Davila: Has made it a point as a resident, to go meet and get to know our elected officials (Congressman, Senator, & Assemblyman) to educate himself so he can be a better Board Member. He is willing to inform anyone interested; who their representatives are, phone numbers, office location, and the topics they deal with.

#### 8.0 Future Agenda Items:

##### Public Suggestions

- Irene Morales from Inland County Legal Services
- Health Department

Date of proposed next Meeting, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 6pm @ Mead Valley Community Library