

# MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 11<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

Moment of Silence in Honor of the Victims, Survivors, & Families involved in 9/11 as well as the Soldiers, past & present, that serve in hopes that the battle against terrorism will someday end.

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

### 2.0 Approval of Minutes: August 14<sup>th</sup> 2013 – Moved/Seconded/Approved

### 3.0 Public Safety Updates:

#### 3.1 Code Enforcement: Officer Kirchoff

Free Tire Disposal Event, October 19<sup>th</sup>, for the areas of Mead Valley and Good Hope.

Work crews from the Work Release Program are still being utilized to help cleanup dumping on roadsides in front of properties.

#### 3.2 Riverside County Sheriff's Department: Lt. Horton

Contact Email: JNHorton@riversidesheriff.org

Introduce Commander of the Perris Station – Capt. Mike Judge: Wanted to make an appearance so citizens can put a face with his name. Knows the area very well and states Communication is Key, wants to continue having open lines of communication.

Statistics for August 2012 & 2013, Residential Burglaries are down from 9 to 6, Thefts from a Vehicle are down from 11 to 8 \*Make sure to lock your vehicles and make sure valuables are not visible, Metal Thefts are down from previous months but the same as last year at 3, Petty Thefts are up from 6 to 9.

Feel free to contact Lt. Horton with any question or to review service and possibly find some other way to address any issues.

Resident asks about having a sobriety checkpoint in our area – That type of service is handled by California Highway Patrol in County areas.

#### 3.3 California Department of Fish & Wildlife: Warden Kyle Chang

Contact Number for Ontario Office: 909/484-0167

For unincorporated Riverside County, Ordinance 514 dictates what is allowed when it comes to the use and discharge of a firearm. Anyone who discharges a firearm must be a minimum of 300 yards away from any house.

Trespassing Issues, for rural areas it is recommended to have signs posted at every corner of the property and posted within every 1 to 3 miles. It is easier for Sheriff and Fish & Game to issue citations if signs are posted properly.

As of September 1<sup>st</sup> Dove Hunting Season starts and residents may hear a lot of gunfire.

No one can discharge firearms 300 yards from or over roadways and also cannot discharge in a negligent manner.

### 4.0 New Business:

#### 4.1 RCRMC: Jan Rem, Assistant Hospital Administrator

Riverside County has health care programs available for people that do not otherwise have access to health care services. Covers adults age 19 to 64 since January 1, 2012. Residents can enroll in this program until December 31, 2013. After January 1, 2014 everyone enrolled will be transferred over to Medical without having to fill out another application, at no cost and with no disruption to health care services received.

The County has a responsibility to provide health care to people that have no other means to get health care. The goal of this program is to get away from episodic care and using the Emergency Room as a primary care, which is 8 times more expensive.

Qualifications Requirements: must be age 19-64, a US Citizen (National or Legal Permanent Resident), resident of Riverside County, can't be pregnant (eligible for Medical if pregnant), can't be eligible for Medical or Healthy Families, and have to be at or below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (single person - \$1,200 monthly income).

All services and medications are provided at no cost under this program.

Applications can be submitted at the County Hospital & Clinics, as well as DPSS offices. The application is the same as Medical (MC-210).

Call 877/501-5085 or see [www.riversidecountyhealthcare.org](http://www.riversidecountyhealthcare.org) for more information.

#### 4.2 John – O'Reilly Public Relations/Majestic Realty

In 1988 the County approved a CFD (Community Facilities District) on both sides of Harvill Ave. from Harley Knox Blvd. to Cajalco Expy. Because of the economic situation in the late 80's to early 90's, most of the original owners stopped paying the property taxes and the district went into default. This default lasted until 2005.

In 2005 Majestic Realty refinanced all of the bonds for the property and brought it all current. Then they came in with a specific plan and an EIR, Environmental Impact Report for the project. 2-3 years ago, they received site plan approval for phase 1 of the project.

The project is being used for exactly what it was zoned for. Truck traffic will be able to come off the freeway and enter the distribution facility from Harvill Ave.; they will not travel through the residential community. Trucks that are waiting to unload are no longer allowed to sit and idle, they must shut off their engines; refrigerated trucks must plug into electric so the diesel engines will not be running the refrigeration.

The EIR for this project was approved years ago and now that the economy is starting to come back, their goal is to get the facilities built so businesses can bring in jobs.

Resident asks if they have applied for a Building Permit – Currently applying for Site Plan Approval, then will apply for Building Permit once they have a committed Tenant.

Resident asks about the job numbers – Depending on the Tenant/Business that moves into the facility, will determine the number of jobs.

Resident asks what kind of landscape and façade are going to be used – The Supervisor wants more trees so they will put in a higher density of trees. Have to be careful of the types of grass they put in because of the water usage. See [MajesticRealty.com](http://MajesticRealty.com) for examples of the types of buildings they have built. The County has very stringent requirements for landscaping and they will meet or exceed all of those requirements.

Majestic Realty takes a percentage of funds they receive and gives it back to the community the money was earned in for health and education for children.

Resident brings up concern about diesel truck pollution – Every year the requirements get more and more stringent until 2020, when they all have to comply.

Resident asks about businesses hiring people from the community – Businesses can't be forced to hire people from the community because it is not the law. But as long as people are qualified for a job, they usually work in the area that they live.

Resident would like to see Majestic bring in more commercial development to help build up the community.

Resident of Temescal Valley states that this company was involved in a major corruption scandal in San Bernardino County 6 years ago and that all of this was presented to the MAC Board, in violation of the Brown Act, on July 26<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Harry's Café.

DAVILA – States that the meeting was not held in violation of the Brown Act, notice of the meeting was posted at the County Building, there was no other facility available at the time, and members of the public were in attendance.

John – Majestic Realty tells the resident she is out of line and warns her to be careful about slandering another person's company in a public forum. A presentation was made to the MAC Board and a small audience, after which, they were invited back to make the presentation again at a regularly scheduled meeting. They are happy to be able to address the citizens and their concerns.

BYRNS – Mentions that he works for US Foods and when they opened their warehouse in Corona, they brought the biggest tax base because every box they moved generated taxes on it. States that their trucks also have to operate on clean burning fuel and truck idle time is cut down because of the fuel cost factor. Also, their warehouse facility has over 350 employees.

#### 4.3 Chris Mann – Mann Communications/The O'Donnell Group

Are proposing a warehouse, 436,552 sq. ft. at Harvill Ave. and Rider Street; North of Placentia Ave. & East of Petterson Ave.

The proposed use is for Logistics but they do not have a Tenant at this time and are going to build the building on spec. Are currently going through the pre-application review process with the County and will be submitting a formal development application.

Project expected to generate approximately 500 construction jobs, because there is no Tenant yet, cannot say how many long-term jobs will be available (estimating 100-150).

Bob (Architect) – It is going to be build at a spec building to accommodate multiple types of Tenants, similar to the US Foods building in Corona. Building is oriented so that all of the truck traffic will come in off of Harvill Ave. The rear of the building will have a fire lane and 30' of landscaping, facing the residential area. The façade is going to be broken up with parapets being raised up and down as well as color changes.

Resident asks how many truck parking spaces will there be – 269 parking stalls / 175 standard and 94 trailer spaces.

Resident asks if there will be solar energy created on the roof – The building will be setup to have solar panels but the developers will not install them on a spec building without a Tenant.

MILLER – States, in defense of the warehouses, they say they have 200+ doc doors but that doesn't mean that they have 200+ trucks. Also, that the most traffic is a Yard Goat that moves the trailers around and that they have cut down truck traffic considerably with having longer trailers nowadays.

## 5.0 Public Comments:

- Barbara Barber, Speed Bumps & Senior Commodities: Lives on the corner of Day St. & Nance St. and says there are always accidents caused by people driving up and down the street really fast. States that her fence has been knocked down three times and she has asked for help by maybe putting speed bumps there to keep the traffic at a good pace. Would like for something to be done before somebody ends up getting killed and possibly putting in a berm to keep the cars from hitting her fence. Asks what is happening to Senior Commodities.  
DAVILA states that the Commodities was not a County program but that we are looking into finding a non-profit group, like The Concerned Family, that can sign up to receive food and distribute it to the community.
- Mike Beaver, District Sales Manager – Recycled Aggregate Materials Company (RAM CO): They take used concrete and asphalt and recycle into road base. Lowest paying job is \$15/hr but there will only be 8-12 employees.  
Residents states that their site was issued a citation from Code Enforcement for excessive outside storage – Citation was issued because the company did start operation before they applied for a CUP, Conditional Use Permit, but are now in the process of doing so.
- Lee Cussins, Mead Valley Resident, Recycled Aggregate Materials Company: Has looked into this project and brought it up at the last MAC meeting. Mentions that RAM CO is a big sponsor of Salvation Army (that is across the street from the project) and the closest Mead Valley resident is three blocks away. Has weighed the pros and cons of the operation, wishes them luck and supports them.
- Gerardo Avila, Building Permit Fees & Community Center: States that the County should lower the Building Permits for this area. Doesn't think it is fair to charge homeowners the same rates as building developers. Wants to see people get involved and make use of the new Community Center.
- Carrie Sinclair, Traffic Light @ Brown St. & Cajalco Expy: States that the traffic is terrible at that intersection in the morning. Would like somebody can come out and time light.  
DAVILA mentions that Dept. of Transportation will be at the Town Hall Meeting.
- William Hills, volunteer since 1988, Commodities: Wants to know what the holdup is and why the people are being deprived of commodities.  
DAVILA thanks Mr. Hills for all of the volunteer work and support he has given the community. Suggest getting in touch with The Concerned Family because commodities were not a County Program.

## 6.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office:

### 6.1 Thomas Ketcham, Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries:

Speed Bumps – The speed limits are too high on Nance St. for speed bumps, but will talk to Juan Perez from Dept. of Transportation to see if there is something else that can be done.

Commodities – Will be handled by TCF (The Concerned Family) because it is not a County program. Second Harvest will be working with TCF to hopefully get distribution started again.

RAMCO – Was not on the agenda last month. That topic was brought up by Mr. Cussins, as a resident, during Public Comments. Thanks Mr. Cussins and Mr. Price for presenting their study.

Town Hall Meeting – October 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm @ the new Community Center. 5:00pm setup time for booths. A lot of County Dept.'s will be there and a lot of information will be available.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – 4,000+ people attended, went through 3,000 hotdogs, 3,000 drinks, and 3,000 chips. Thanks the MAC Board and Sponsors. Budget was cut from \$75,000 to \$7,500 and was able to come in under that thanks to community members that helped support the event.  
Mailbox – Will look into getting a mail drop box put in for the community, maybe at the Library.  
Traffic Light – Are having another signal put in at Alexander St and Cajalco Expy. Suggests talking to Juan Perez at the Town Hall Meeting and letting him know what the community needs.  
Paving on Rider St. – Had to fight a battle to get the road paved in front of the new Community Center, but got it done. A new bus shelter will also be put in by RTA.  
Senior Lunches – FSA is still under contract to provide Senior Lunches 5 days a week, working on getting that going again.

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

- Rogelio Rawlins: Suggest that the community members be respectful to the guests that are invited to give information and if anyone starts to feel angry, to take a deep breath and don't get confrontational.
- Paz Trevino: Appreciates everyone's comments. Would like to hear more comments about what we can do for Mead Valley to make it better for everyone.
- Tony Davila: States that he always preaches compassion and doesn't feel neighbors should pick on each other, whether they are poor or have money. Is proud of how everyone conducted themselves and mentions that the only person who was out of order and rude was not a resident of Mead Valley. Reminds everyone that they have the opportunity to make future Agenda Item suggestions after Board Member Comments and recommends that they do so. Thanks everyone for their comments and concerns.
- John Byrns: States that it is important to continuing building the audience and suggests that people tell their neighbors. Mentions that we have a window open for growth and it should be embraced, that is how we get jobs for our families and neighbors.
- Charles Romero: Thanks Brenda and Rosa, Library Staff, for keeping the Library open for our meeting. Asks the residents to support the Library.
- Doug Miller: Is glad to see more people attending the meetings. Disagrees with Mr. Rawlins and states that the guests we have don't have to be here. Suggests that everyone listen to the presentations, don't interrupt, and if something has to be said, wait until they are done.
- Ali Mazarei: Absent (Excused)

#### 8.0 Future Agenda Items:

##### Public Suggestions

- Future Agenda Items will be covered at the Town Hall Meeting

Date of proposed next Meeting, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 6pm @ Mead Valley Community Library

Adjournment

Attendance 45