

MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 10th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

MEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Rider Street, Mead Valley, CA 92570

MINUTES

0.0 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

1.0 Roll Call: Tony Davila (Chairperson), Paz Trevino (Vice-Chairperson), Tania Garcia (Secretary), Ali Mazarei (Member), and Charles Romero (Alt) -- All Present; Rogelio Rawlins (Alt) – Absent (Excused)

2.0 Approval of Minutes: August 13th, 2014– Moved/Seconded/Approved

3.0 Public Safety Updates:

3.1 Riverside County Sheriff's Department: Absent (Excused)

3.2 Riverside County Fire Department: Absent (Excused)

3.3 Code Enforcement: Donna Payne, Code Enforcement Officer

- Clark and Cajalco “Welcoming Committee”
 - We are working with property owners to have “No Trespassing” signs posted on those properties. As well as getting Trespass letters that give deputies the right to make an arrest when someone is trespassing.
- Still working with EDA for free roll-off trash containers, please utilize this program.
- There is a Spay and Neuter Bus that comes to the center and it is free.
- John Byrnes: *Question*-What can we do to support your Department? *Answer*-Talk to Tom or our Supervisor Britt Starkweather, they will let you know.
- Gerardo Avila, Resident: *Comment*-Enforce no trash on properties. And they don't need more funding, they have enough. *Answer*-Enforcement can be a lengthy process sometimes. There is only so much we can do.

4.0 New Business:

4.1 October Town Hall/Health Festival Committee: Tom Ketcham, Legislative Assistant

- The Town Hall has been moved to Tomas Rivera Middle School.
 - The event will be from 7am-2pm on Saturday October 18th
 - The cancer walk will be from 7am-10am
 - The Town Hall will be from 10am-2pm
 - There will be free food

4.2 Halloween “Trunk or Treat”: Daniel Rosales, Event Committee

- Due to conflicting schedules, we still do not have a specific date chosen. We will let you know as soon as it is decided.
- We are working with Tomas Rivera to make this happen.
- If anyone is interested in giving out candy for this event, there is an application for volunteers.
- Flyers for this event will be on the bulletin boards, and they will be available at the Town Hall meeting.

4.3 RTA COA Report: Rohan A. Kuruppu, Director of Planning

- COA is a detailed analysis on service improvements, new routes, etc.
- Riverside is the fastest growing County in California.

- There were a lot of surveys given to residents, which let us know exactly what is needed. Some of the most requested improvements were improved frequencies, maintaining lifetime service, shortening travel times, enhancing connections, and later service hours.
- By October there will be preliminary suggestions presented to the Board and by December the Board should vote.
- Resident: *Question*-How do I put my foot in the door to get a change for service in my area? *Response*-To have a bus route added there needs to be at least a 20% return in passenger fares. Remote areas usually will not reach this threshold, which constrains us.
- ROMERO: I saw one of the buses with a broken mirror. It was out of service for over an hour. Maybe you could add a spring to the mirror, so this does not happen again.

4.4 EMWD: Donna Jacomet, Public Affairs Officer

- Eastern Municipal Water District was established in 1950
- We are a full service agency
 - Water, wastewater, recycled water; wholesale and retail
- 56% of water we serve is imported
- 27 years ago about 86% was imported, so we are doing well with this.
- EMWD is not a land use agency
 - No authority to manage or control growth
- EMWD's long range water supply is based on city plans.
- In January Governor Brown declared that California is in a drought and issued an executive order to reduce water use by 20%
- There is a Water Shortage Contingency Plan which is a progressive action toward possible elimination of outdoor watering.
- Agencies can issue up to \$500 in fines
 - 1st violation results in a warning letter, 2nd violation results in fines; fines can go up after that.
 - Southern California is really good at conserving water.
- We do have residential programs and rebates. More information on this can be found on the brochures at the flyer table.
- How can you help...
 - Water use between 9pm-6am
 - Short intervals of water use
 - Reduce irrigation by 1day a week
 - Report water waste
 - (951) 928-3777 ext. 3306
 - www.EMWD.org
- DAVILA: *Question*-What is being done to help prevent water theft on Salter Road? *Response*- EMWD is aware of this problem and is working on a key that cannot be duplicated and can only be used by the individuals on the water bill.
- Gloria Hernandez, Resident: *Question*-Can the Salter Rd. water tank be monitored more in the evening? *Response*-We do have a lot of facilities, there is a 24 hour line where you can report misuse and a security guard will be dispatched. Ext. is 4444

5.0 Public Comments:

- Rosa Vasquez, Library Assistant: There are flyers on the flyer desk with family programs and library hours. There is still a need for volunteers for the Veterans Resource Center.
- Bonnie Garcia, I'm Running for CA State Senate: I am running for State Senate and would like your support. I have lived in California for 29 years. I was elected to the California State Assembly. I have a degree in Education and Workforce Development. I have devoted my entire career to Workforce Development. Governor Schwarzenegger appointed me to work with people who were unemployed and/or disabled. Supervisor Kevin Jeffries and I have worked together before. My website and cell phone are on the bottom of my card, which I will leave.

- Gloria Hernandez, Resident: There are ladies that use our facility for classes and charge money for these exercise classes. One lady does it for free. I think she should be the only exercise lady here. DAVILA-contact Parks or Mr. Ketcham and ask if instructors are allowed to hold classes for profit at this facility.
- Phyllis Manarcen, Resident: On September 9th I attended a Supervisors meeting. As of now the Fast Track policy only requires the approval of the Board of Supervisors. I presented a request to change the policy to require planning's approval before going to the Supervisors. The Board denied this request which means the Supervisors continue to have authority to overrule the planning commission.
- Eva Herrera, Resident: We need more people involved in PTSA. A person does not need to have children in school to join. Just get involved.

6.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' Office

6.1 Tom Ketcham, Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- Would like to thank EMWD. Take advantage of what they offer. One of their programs involved getting paid to replace your grass lawn. I participated in that program and in addition they even gave me sprinkler heads.
- Would also like to thank RTA for coming out.
- We need volunteers for the October 18th Town Hall meeting.
- We also need volunteers for the "Trunk or Treat", see Daniel Rosales to participate.
- Containers: right now we are in phase 2 which is the proposing of Ordinance 348. Phase 3 is having actual containers. By the way I forgot to mention this earlier but there was a correction that needed to be made in the last Minutes. Instead of being Ordinance 338 it is Ordinance 348.
- There are 3 bulletin boards at the center, each with their own function--building use, announcements, and community use.
- Fridge and microwave have been ordered. DAVILA-They might have arrived today.
- Renewed Hope was supposed to open September 4th (in the child care section of the Community Center) but due to inspection issues this was delayed. It should open in mid-October.
- Zumba: The facility is free to all that want to use it. All instructors have been told they cannot charge. But people can tip.
- Senior Center: There is no charge, it is free.
- Bonnie Garcia worked with Mr. Jeffries in Sacramento. Mr. Jeffries has endorsed both her and her opponent Mr. Jeff Stone. Please go to both of their websites and make an informed decision.
- Warehouses: Mr. Jeffries asked for anything over 250,000 square feet to go through planning commission first. Keep in mind he is only one vote downtown.
- Bingo: We need volunteers for this event to occur. See Daniel to sign-up.
- Mr. Kevin Jefferies is always driving around Mead Valley, looking at all the roads and figuring out what we can do. But you guys have to keep in mind that we can only do so much.
- Marijuana: Bill 1262 did not pass. Basically we are back to square one. We are still moving forward. We have closed down 4 dispensaries, 3 are still open.
- Board of Supervisors meetings are Tuesdays at 9am. But now that we are getting into the holiday season, there will not be a meeting every Tuesday. Check the website for accurate dates.
- There will be no MAC meeting in October or December. Next MAC meeting will be in November and the Town Hall is on October 18th from 10am-2pm.

7.0 Mead Valley MAC Board Member Comments:

- Ali Mazarei: You residents have the power to decide who is going to be in charge so please vote. Tomorrow at 6pm in Perris City Hall there will be Chamber of Commerce forum where

there will be a debate with 6 different candidates. Please show up and ask questions. The power is yours.

- Paz Trevino: I appreciate everybody's comments and want to hear more of them. We have all of these issues because we are a poor community. I want to talk about the direction that we want our community to go in. What do we want for the future of Mead Valley? I want to see Mead Valley grow. The current administration is doing a great job. We have a chance now under this administration to create business and prosper, don't let this chance slip by. Tell politicians what you want. You cannot wait for them to ask, tell them what you want. Come to the Chamber of Commerce forum at 6pm in Perris City Hall and let your voice be heard.
- Tania Garcia Avalos: Thank you for coming. Have a good night.
- Charles Romero: Thank you for showing up. Support our library. Check a book out, it is free.
- Tony Davila: I would like to thank Code Enforcement for introducing bins program & accepting tires. Mr. Ketcham & Supervisor Jeffries for working on getting the containers rule changed. I would like to thank Smooth Transitions for taking senior comments regarding lunches to heart & thank the seniors who took their time to make those comments. I would like to thank Ms. Corrin Condran for having patience with me when I take community issues home. Ms. Tania Avalos for doing such a great job as MAC Secretary, without her we would be in trouble. A friend and community leader asked me recently, what power do I have being on MAC? I told him the only power I have is the power to listen to the residents and pass that information to the County. The MAC is an advisory council. The MAC Council has no official power or authority and does not vote on issues. We simply conduct monthly meeting and are available for advice on issues pertaining to Mead Valley for both the county and the residents should they need it. Lastly, I would like to thank Parks Dept because even though they are going through transitioning in, they are still making themselves available to the seniors and keeping things running smoothly. There are 3 different senior groups in the Mead Valley. The Senior Club (Represented by Ms. Gloria Hernandez), Seniors Association (Represented by Ms. Britt Holstrom) and The Concerned Citizens of Mead Valley, Whom I would like to meet some day. Could use their input, please feel free to contact me any time 951-742-1607. I can take your concerns to the proper department, at a minimum I will get you a contact name and number we will try to get them worked work out for you.

8.0 Future Agenda Items:

- Transportation
- Fire Department

Date of proposed next meeting, November 12, 2014 6pm @ Mead Valley Community Center

Adjournment time: 8:00 pm

Attendance: 35