

MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 9, 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), Charles Romero (Alt), and Rogelio Rawlins (Alt) – All Present; Douglass Miller (Member) – Absent (excused)

2.0 Approval of Minutes: May 14, 2014– Moved/Seconded/Approved

3.0 Public Safety Updates:

3.1 Riverside County Sheriff's Department: Lt. Jackie Horton

- June 2013 & 2014 Statistics: Homicide is down from 1 to 0, residential burglaries are down from 5 to 1, vehicle thefts are down from 10 to 7, grand thefts are down from 5 to 1, petty thefts are down from 9 to 2, and assaults are up from 10 to 12.
- Next month another Lieutenant will take over giving these statistics.
- Deputy Thomas: 3 people stealing cars are in custody right now. Also in custody is the person who has been stealing mail. If you see anyone suspicious around your neighborhood give us a call.
 - Resident: *Question*-What is the secret of getting loud noises go down? *Answer*-Give them a ticket. 1st infraction is \$500 ticket, 2nd infraction is 2,500 ticket and 3rd infraction someone goes to jail.
 - Resident: *Question*-There was an arrest by Old Elsinore and Church St., what happened? *Answer*-The guy stole a vehicle and had felony warrant.
 - ROMERO: *Request*-Can you clarify the law regarding animals and vicious dogs. *Response*-Any vicious dog on property give us a call and we will pass it on to Animal Control. DAVILA-You have the right to shoot a dog if it is attacking another animal.
 - Ana Gomez, Resident: *Comment*-Last time I was here there was an older gentleman that made some comments that were really disturbing.
 - Resident: *Question*-Why has crime gone up in Riverside the last couple of years? *Answer*-Inmates are released because of overcrowding. If you want to change this write to your Senator and Governor.
 - Resident: *Question*-Residents can pull all sexual predators list. Will we ever be able to have a list of murderers and robbers? *Answer*-You probably never have this list.

3.3 Riverside County Fire Department: Absent (Excused)

3.3 Code Enforcement: Officer Jose Cruz

- Now we have more officers working this area.

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Parks Department: William Cloake IV, Parks Superintendent-Community Parks

- Recently took over Community Parks from Economics Department (Effective July 1st)
- The plan is to continue with everything that is working.
- Resident: *Question*-What can be done about the Graffiti? *Answer*-If maintenance is handled by us then we will take care of it. If someone else takes care of maintenance then we will contact them.

- Resident: *Question*-Can you put a see through suggestion box? And is it possible to put up a bulletin board in the senior room? *Answer*-We can work on this.
- Resident: *Question*-Why can we not have a police officer here in the community center? *Answer*-I doubt that the Sheriff's Department has the resource. And if there is problem with security it will be looked into.
- Yolanda Williams, Resident: *Comment*-The association I am involved in is attempting to build a park. I would like to make an appointment with you to talk.

4.2 Family Fun Night: Tania Garcia, MAC Secretary

- I would like to invite everyone to our Family Fun Night on June 25th, 2014.
- It will be here at the community center at 6pm
- We will be selling tacos, drinks, and playing loteria.
- All of the money that made will be used to fund a Halloween event for the kids.

5.0 Public Comments:

- Yolanda Williams, President of the Inland Empire Buffalo Soldier Association: I want to thank supervisor Jeffries, Tom, MAC for everything. Now that we have a senior room lets work together to build senior program.
- Pepe Del Rio, Resident: It is all about building your community. We now have our senior room now let's do something with it.
- Chris McDonald, Tomas Rivera Assistant Principal: We have a Health and Safety fair which is a great way to connect our community. This district is big on bringing the community into our schools. Also our kids need to do their volunteer hours, so they can help in whatever is needed in this community center.
- Jim Hatfield, Resident: We only have Cajalco and Old Elsinore as escape routes of Mead Valley. We need the extension of Placentia and Harvill to be completed in order to have another escape route.
- Britt Holstrom, Resident: Do we have any security cameras. If not, we might need them. Also I think the 3 minutes for public comments should increase.
- Gloria Hernandez, Resident: We have a big water problem on Salter Rd.. There is a lot of misuse. The water district or code enforcement should get into that.
- Resident: What department do we go to find out the boundaries of Mead Valley?
DAVILA-Maybe Britt Holstrom or Tom can help with that.

6.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office:

6.1 Thomas Ketcham, Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- If you have any questions or concerns direct them to Inez or Ronald, not to EDA.
- There will be a bulletin board set up in the front. So if you need something posted ask Inez.
- Sheriff's department is allowed to stay here if they so wish. Whether deputies take advantage of that is their issue.
- Family Fun Night: There are 6 committee members. There are flyers on the desk.
- Working on Nandina being another exit to freeway. But keep in mind, the budget for paving streets is never enough.
- Water issues: Can invite the water company.
- Code Enforcement: We now have 1 full time and 1 part time officer here at the community center. We have to be fair. So before any citations are issued we need to see what is out there.

- Marijuana: Sherriff has identified 260 grows in Mead Valley. Our District has the most grows which is probably due to Mead Valley/Good Hope being most rural. The County is working diligently to get rid of current loopholes.
- Mead Valley Boundaries: Can see MAC map that we use to determine MAC's online at Kevin Jeffries website. Keep in mind these are the not legal boundaries.
- Senior Center: We opened the senior center on June 31st here at the community center. We will have a bulletin board in there. We are working on things little by little, so please be patient.
- Senior Lunches: The max admission is 60 for both Good Hope and Mead Valley. It is a first come serve basis. We are looking into allocating more slots for Mead Valley. Working with Smooth Transition to have Friday lunches. DAVILA-Friday lunches are now being served.
- Budget: There is no budget for senior room at the community center. Kevin Jeffries asked for a line item budget to allocate money to community centers. There was no such addition to the new budget. So Supervisor Jefferies voted against the new budget. The vote was 4 to 1, with Jeffries being dissenting vote. The biggest help would be to go to the next Supervisors meeting and make it known that centers, seniors and library need money.
- Security Cameras: On the blueprint for this center there was no plan for security cameras. So we had to hire a security guard. We can get cameras but have to go through a lot to actually get them installed.
- Jim Hatfield, Resident: *Question*-Can we get tumbleweeds on the roads scrapped?
Answer-We will take a look. I am sure that it can be handled.

7.0 Mead Valley MAC Board Members Comments:

- Charles Romero: I want to publicly welcome William Cloake aboard.
- Tania Garcia: No comment
- Ali Mazarei: Thank you for coming.
- Paz Trevino: We want you to bring us admission. Bring issues that concern you. Seniors kept on going with their issue and they got what they wanted. Give us what we need to help you.
- Tony Davila: May Dan Avalos rest in peace. If you want to help the family contact Gloria Hernandez. I would like to thank Smooth Transitions. I would like to thank Code Enforcement, Jeffries, and Tom for helping with code issues. I would like to thank the Supervisor for trying to get money for our senior center. Residents should attend Supervisor meetings and make your issues known. We depend on grandparents to bring in your children and grandchildren. I would like to also thank attendees for attending our community meetings.

8.0 Future Agenda Items:

Clarification: These requests are turned over to County and they contact the Department or Agencies requested. As soon as one Dept. attends a meeting the next one on the list is contacted by the County.

Public Suggestions

- 1st Five
- Planning
- Eastern Municipal Company
- RCTC-Riverside Transportation
- Department of Environmental Health

Date of proposed next meeting, August 13, 2014 6pm @ Mead Valley Community Center

Adjournment time: 8:05 pm

Attendance: 35