

MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 8th, 2015 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), Rogelio Rawlins (Alt) –All Present

2.0 Approval of Minutes: March 11th, 2015– Moved/Seconded/Approved

Volunteer Recognition: Supervisor Kevin Jeffries & Tom Ketcham-We want to honor some of our Mead Valley volunteers today. We will be giving out certificates tonight. So please come up when you hear your name. This will only take a couple of minutes. *Present-* Charles Romero, Corrin Condran, Gloria Hernandez, Elitania Rosales, Maria Franco, Wilbert Hills, Sandra Hills, Pearlie Wriggins and Elizabeth Sanchez.

Not present- Yolanda Tobar, Hilda Veronica, Christy Carpener, Maria Montes, Rosana Lthomas, Leana Wendel, Jean Crater, Caralina Rodriguez, and Helen Aldridge

Thank you again for helping the community. Hopefully we can do this on a quarterly basis.

DAVILA-We just wanted to make sure our volunteers know they are appreciated.

3.0 Public Safety Updates:

3.1 Riverside Sherriff's Department/Shooting Range Concerns:

- Sherriff's Dept.--Lt. Matthew Burmen: It has been pretty quiet here. The concerns of the valley is that marijuana season is approaching us. We do have a marijuana eradication team. We do eradication by priority (size). If you know of any marijuana grows in the valley, give me a call. Any questions.
 - Resident: What is the status of medical marijuana? *Answer-*You are allowed to have a certain amount of plants. I don't know the exact number, as it changes. DAVILA-Mr. Ketcham should be able to answer this in his section.
 - Pepe Del Rio: What is the status of the water trucks going up Salter Rd.? *Answer-*I am not sure what you mean. Resident-In the past thousands of gallons use to be taken for marijuana grows but this ceased once the Water District got involved. DAVILA-We will see if we can bring WMD here to give us an update.
- Shooting Training Center-- Lt. Dan Florez, Sgt. Steve Favero & Sgt. Rick Young: We are here to address any questions or concerns that residents have regarding the training center and some of the activities going on there. Sgt. Young-We want to be good neighbors to you, if there are any questions I am more than happy to answer them.
 - Gerardo Avila: I live 2 miles away from the shooting range. I want something to be done. Do not give us the runaround. The shooting is unbearable. They never stop, not even on the weekends. I invite you to my house so you can hear how it is. *Answer-*We are working on ways for mitigating/reducing the sound from the range. One of the things that we are looking into are sound suppressors (silencers) for our rifles. This is a possibility but keep in mind that there is a lot of research and money that have to go into this. Another thing we are looking into is adding a 2nd berm around the range. We are also looking into using technology by being able to shoot realistic weapons on screens.
 - Resident: Last year there was an agreement that shooting range hours be from 9am-9pm. Is it still being maintained? *Answer-*Yes.
 - Gerardo Avila- I still hear shooting around 10pm. I suggest maybe closing range at 3pm. *Answer-* I can assure you there is no shooting at 10pm. Range times are always open to discussion but like I said we are working on mitigating the sound.

3.2 Riverside Fire Department: Officer Shawn Arnold, Station 59

- Incident Reports: 39 fires, 151 medical aides, 4 other types.
- We are doing weed inspections at the end of May. The Fire Dept. only enforces occupied not vacant lots.
- Any questions or comments.
 - Resident: I just want to thank you for doing a great job all of last year.
 - Pepe Del Rio, Resident: Do you need to call in when having barbecues? *Answer-* It depends, if it is an open pit fire then you need a permit.
 - Resident: What should we do if we hear fireworks but don't have an address? *Answer-* Call 911 and give them an idea as to where you heard them.
 - Resident: Why not send weed abatement warnings after Easter? Religious people deem it as a holy week. *Answer-* You get 3 warnings. Let us not worry about when you get warnings but about getting rid of the weeds.
 - Resident: Why not give the County tickets to clean up their properties? You just give warnings to property owners not County Depts? *Answer-* If you have a specific issue call us and we will look into you issues.

3.3 Code Enforcement: Officer Cruz

- We have recently started a volunteer group. It is a good a way to be involved in the community. One of the positions available is here at the community center and the other at the administration building. Do you have any general questions?
 - Resident: I am not sure if you are in charge of this but we have been told to use water to suppress dust when taking care of our weeds. But due to our water shortage have not been doing so. *Answer-* I think the agency in charge of this is AQMD. We can help you get ahold of them.
 - Yolonda Williams, Resident: Why send another notice for weed abatement when the inspector from the other side of Rider St inspected in January. Notices were sent out saying we have until the end of month to clean our property up. He hasn't been out to inspect to see if any of the properties are being cleaned up. I asked the inspector why there was no inspections yet? He said that he was going to inspect all of the properties by the end of April. What is the delay? *Answer-* This is a question for the fire department.

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Riverside County Parks: Ron, Tania, Inez

- Senior Center: The St. Patrick's Breakfast was a success, over 70 seniors attended. We went thrift store shopping on March 11th and LA shopping on March 20th. We had our first Smooth Transition nutrition class and it went well. We are planning another one on April 28th.
- Spring Extravaganza (April 4th): It was a success. We had over 1,000 participants and over 500 surveys turned in. I would like to thank the library, family resource center, school volunteer group, and YAC members. We also want to thank our vendors. We will advertise this more next year and make it even more successful.

4.2 Office of Aging: Renee Dar-Khan

- We provide services and support for long-term care. Anyone in the community can contact us and we will help. I have left brochures on the tables and you will see what programs we have to offer. We promote independence. We can provide home delivered meals and transportations services. You can call us at 1-800-510-2020. I also left at the tables a flyer that tells you about a special funding source for individuals 60+ that are in need of emergency services (repairs, major appliance failure, and assistant devices). We offer other services as well just give us a call and we can inform you.

4.3 Marriot Fairfield Inn:

- Tom: As was done with the Farmer Boys project last month this presentation is on a new project that is going to be on Harvill. They will be available after the meeting for specific questions.
- Quan Tang, Representative of the builder
 - Picture slideshow of the design of the Marriot Inn.
- Questions/Comments
 - Resident: How many rooms? *Answer-* 103
 - Resident: Is there going to be outside lighting? *Answer-*Yes.
 - *Answer-*Yolonda Williams: How many job positions are available? Are you going to hire locally? *Answer-*We are hiring locally. There is a total of about 28 positions available.
 - Gloria Hernandez: There was a lot of grass in the pictures. We are in a drought and need to conserve water. How are you guys going to go about this? *Answer-*We designed the landscape according to Riverside County standards.
 - Everett Price: How much solar power is going to be used? *Answer-*It's not part of the design.
 - Jim Hatfield: Is there going to be on-site food services available? *Answer-*We have a banquet hall at community center, Will there be competition between the two?
 - Shade: Do you have a timetable as to when construction is going to start and end? *Answer-*A tentative start date would be around 6 months from now.
 - Resident: What is going to be done to prevent ladies of the night to roam around? *Answer-* DAVILA: maybe having security will help.
 - Yolonda Williams: The sign on the lot says it would open in 2014 and we are now in 2015. When will this project be done? *Answer-*The tentative date to start is 6 months, can't give an exact date for when it will be done. RAWLINS: Yolonda you know how Riverside County works.

4.4 Environmental Health (Vector Control Assessments): Dorothy Merki, CHA Program Chief

- A vector is an insect that can transmit disease to a human. What our vector control program looks into are thing like plague, Lyme disease, hanta virus. We are going to focus on mosquitoes tonight. Mosquitoes can transmit the Hantavirus to both humans and horses. There is a vaccine for horses but not for humans. Not every mosquito can transmit a disease to a human but we are also concerned for nuisance mosquitoes, nobody likes being bit by mosquitoes whether they transmit a disease or not. We respond to complaints, so if you are bitten by mosquitoes inform us. We will do an evaluation of your property. We can also provide free mosquito fish, they eat mosquitoes. In the beginning of June if you are a property owner you will be getting a ballot in the mail. This ballot is for a continuance of these services to be possible. In the past we were funded by property tax dollars but due to budget cuts funding was reduced. So the Board of Supervisors allowed us to explore other funding options. We have flyers that explain this and go into a little bit more detail. Those flyers are on the entrance table and at our website.
- Questions/Comments
 - Resident: When new businesses started coming here new types of animals started to come. What are you guys doing about this? *Answer-*We deal with mosquitoes that come from the water already in place. Other animals coming is another department.
 - Resident: Are there any yellow fever mosquitoes? *Answer-*They have not yet been detected here.
 - Gloria Hernandez: Do you deal with tick infestation? Do you charge for your services? *Answer-*We don't do any private tick control. But you can certainly call us and we can educate you on how to handle the situation. Ticks can carry Lyme

disease and one of the programs that we have where we send ticks to be tested and see if they have Lyme disease. We do not charge.

- Shade: I have a vector control package. Is the ballot just for business owners or everybody? *Answer-* The ballot is for everybody in the areas that we service.

5.0 Public Comments:

- Elitania Rosales: There are 2 bumps on Cajalco rd between Wood and Brown. I just want something to be done about them.
- Maria Franco: The Extravaganza event went wonderful. The next festival will be even better. I would like to thank Ron, Tania, Inez for everything they have done for us the seniors.
- Gloria Hernandez: The senior room is very good. When Smooth Transition took over they set some rules. One of the rules was that no other food but theirs could be served and children in the room between 12-1pm must be attended. These are Office of Aging and Smooth Transition rules, so please respect the rules so we do not lose programs.
- Yolonda Williams: I see a lot of non-profit organizations out here. There is a car raffle going on. Tickets are only \$2. \$1 goes to the raffle organizers while the other \$1 goes to the non-profit participants. The drawing will be on December 12th. Another thing I want to bring up is the Charles Miegs sign. We are still waiting. I suggested using the same contractors the Sherriff's Department used. The family is calling and would like to know when the sign is going to go up.
- Gerardo Avila: We need containers. I want to thank Tom for pushing the container issue. I don't want Code Enforcement to give citations for not having anywhere to store valuables. I also want the fees for building to be lowered for everyone's sake.
- Pepe Del Rio: There is graffiti all over and water fountains have sand. We need to clean this place up. We need to start here so we can help other people. We can't fight among each other. We have to work together.

6.0 Report from Supervisor Jeffries:

6.1 Tom Ketcham, Legislative Analyst for Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- EMWD: We had them here to address to issue of people stealing water. There was a chip program implemented and it helped out a lot.
- Nacho's with seniors: CAP put on this program. They are looking for input from seniors.
- Marijuana ordinance: The maximum amount of plants possibly per parcel is 24. A person's prescription has to be validated by the county doctor. After prescription is validated you will get an ID that gives you the ability to grow 12 plants. Keep in mind that code can still give a \$10 citation and \$1,000 citation if there are over 24 plants in your property. Most grows here are commercial and those are the people we are after. The ordinance has been reviewed if you would like a copy ask me. The next step is for the ordinance to go to the planning commission. If it passes there will be a 30 day implementation. The dispensary on Day & Cajalco is closed.
- Charles Miegs sign: We are county and there is a process. I will continue to see where we are at.
- Translation Device: I brought them and nobody used them. If you need them let me know.
- Storage Containers: I have set up a meeting next week with the Director of planning. Hopefully I will have an update at the next MAC meeting.
- Recycle Bin Containers: We are in conjunction with Perris and Lake Elsinore to put an ordinance together. This will help where they can be placed and when they should be emptied.
- Family Resource Center: They are having a Resource Fair on May 6th from 12:30-3:30pm.
- Hiring Event: There will be on the spot interviews here at the center on April 30th from 9am-1pm. There are flyers at the table.
- MAC: We will be voting officer's positions soon and there are expiring positions. Please apply. Current members are welcome to re-apply.

- Park Issues: If you guys see anything wrong let us know. There is a new maintenance team taking over. They will start on Monday and a long to-do list will be handed to them.
- Marriot Hotel: This is a great opportunity to create local jobs. We met with Quan and addressed some issues. We thought they did a very good job at addressing the issues. They move the banquet room from the front to the back of the building. They have also addressed some of our landscaping concerns. Please let the Mac know your concerns on this and talk to Quan. This is going to the planning commission and the supervisor wants your input on this. Just a point of clarification the MAC's do not vote on this. They only vote on Council officer positions. The MAC is a conduit to the supervisor.
- Bumps on Cajalco: I will talk to Mrs. Rosales and get the exact location and look into this.
- Cajalco Expansion: This project is underway. Letters have gone out to 1st property owners.
- Clean-up: Due to a conflicting schedules clean-up date is changed from April 25th to May 16th at Tomas Rivera.
- Tumbleweed Issue: Code only handles uprooted tumbleweeds. The Fire Department deals with residencies that have rooted tumbleweeds. The tumbleweed on vacant lots are dealt with by fire inspectors.
- Tax bill: There is now going to be a fire fee on your tax bill. Jeffries fought to eliminate this but was outnumbered. This is a state fee so you can contact assemblymen Jose Medina's office. I will invite him to speak on this fee.
- Questions/Comments
 - Resident: There have been a lot of problems with the senior room.
 - Gloria Hernandez: Parks is working on Senior Center rules of conduct. They are still working on a draft. They will post it as soon as they can.
 - Gerardo Avila: Why not hold parents responsible for kids' graffiti? *Answer*-It is a great thought but unfortunately we are limited to only one security guard.
 - Resident: What about security cameras? *Answer*-There was no budget for this when this center was designed. We are trying to figure out what can be done. It would be a deterrent. Maybe parks can get it for us. Mr. Shade Awad: I would like to donate some cameras to the community center.
 - Yolonda Williams: What is happening with the acoustics? *Answer*-Ron: We are still waiting for 1 of 3 bids.
 - Pepe Del Rio: Jim and I took care of the center back in the day and did not need so many people. *Answer*-I agree. I have to default to Parks on this one. Ron: We have a new maintenance worker starting.

7.0 Mead Valley MAC Board Member Comments:

- Paz Trevino: I want to remind everybody why we are here. We are a conduit from you guys to Supervisor Jeffries and Supervisor Jeffries to you. Everything you say is recorded and goes into the minutes. The supervisor reads those minutes and decides on courses of action. It is important for you to get your concerns and points across because those minutes (your opinions) help shape the community. We have 14,000 residents, so we should have 14,000 speaker slips because your opinions matter and shape this community. If you don't speak, you can't complain about things going wrong here. This is your community and you shape it. Thank you for coming and keep speaking.
- Charles Romero: Property taxes are due April 10th. Do not forget, there is a penalty for being late.
- Tony Davila: I am glad that the volunteer recognition happened. I want to thank Mr. Ketcham and Mr. Jeffries for making it happen. I want to thank Yolonda Williams for helping Smooth Transitions and Mr. Jeffries office regarding meals. There will be a voting of MAC officers in July. I am hoping that before we have any vote for MAC officers a replacement for Mr. Miller's seat on the MAC is appointed. I would hope to have a 5 sitting member MAC before we vote on officers, so that all who wish to serve will be eligible and we are not just changing seats. I want to thank Mr. Ketcham and Mr. Jeffries for bringing in the speakers you residents ask for. I want to thank the residents for getting involved in MAC. I consider you all community leaders for showing up and speaking out. I would like to thank Ms. Avalos and Ms. Condran because without them working together with me these types of minutes would not be possible. These are detailed

minutes and I don't see such detail from other Councils. I thank the past MAC for their service and continuing to show up to these meetings.

8.0 Future Agenda Items:

- New 76 Gas station owner (Brown & Cajalco)
- Animal Control
- California Highway Patrol

Date proposed next Meeting, May 13th, 2015 6pm @ Mead Valley Community Center

Adjournment time: 8:40pm

Attendance: 48