

MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 13th, 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

There is a notice up here saying these meeting are being recorded. Should anybody request them give the County 30 days after the meeting. If you don't want to speak because of this then talk to Tom.

1.0 Roll Call: Tony Davila (Chairperson), Paz Trevino (Vice-Chairperson), Tania Garcia (Secretary), Ali Mazarei (Member), Charles Romero (Alt), Rogelio Rawlins (Alt)—All Present; Shade (Member)—Not Present

2.0 Approval of Minutes: April 8th, 2015– Moved/Seconded/Approved

3.0 Public Safety Updates:

3.1 Riverside Sherriff's Department: Deputy Ralph Rico, Perris Station

- Press Release: About 254lbs of marijuana and over \$70,000 was seized. 10 arrests were made here in Mead Valley.
- April (2014 & 2015) Crime Stats: Rapes went down to 0, burglaries from schools went from 1 to 0, residential burglaries remained at 4, vehicle thefts went from 5 to 14, metal thefts went from 1 to 0, assaults went from 12 to 11, grand thefts went from 4 to 1, petty thefts went from 9 to 7.
- Resident: *Question*- The community is growing, why is there no more officers on the streets? *Answer*-There is not enough funds to have more officers maybe make a request to the county to have more officers.
- Gerardo Avila, Resident: *Comment*-I was told that building fees were going to go up. The county seems to never have any money. Where are the fees we are paying going?

3.2 Riverside County Fire Department: Officer Shawn Arnold, Station 59

- April Stats: 157 medical assists, 8 fire, 1 hazmat(fuel spill)
- Jim Hatfield, Resident: *Question*-All my weed has been mowed down. It is going to rain tomorrow, will these new weeds count for next year. *Answer*-Unfortunately, no.
- Resident: *Question*-How well prepared are we for an earthquake? *Answer*-We do have a CERT team and if anyone would like to know more about this contact Corrin Condran.
- Resident: *Question*-Do we have go to exits in case of an emergency? *Answer*-There is no plan set in stone. It is in the works.

3.3 Code Enforcement: Officer Donna Payne

- There were issues with the “welcoming committee” on Cajalco. We spoke to owners of the land and got them to cut down some trees. They also have filled out a trespassing letter and have put up a couple of signs. We are trying to get a fence in place.
- The dispensary of Day is completely closed.
- Clean-up: This Saturday (May 16th) from 8am-12pm at Tomas Rivera Middle School. I encourage everyone to come.
- We still have free spay and neuter.
- Questions/Comments:
 - Jim Hatfield, Resident: *Comment*-I have noticed that more people are starting to live in travel trailers and is becoming a huge mess out here. *Response*-What we need you to do is call this in.
 - Resident: *Question*-The area I live in runs on propane, is it possible that we get natural gas instead? *Answer*-I would not know maybe contact the gas company.

4.0 New Business: (Item 4.4 moved until the end of this section)

4.1 Riverside County Parks Dept.: Ronald Donis, Area Park Manager

- We have a new recreation coordinator. We expect to have her on site as early as next week. She worked at YMCA and was in charge of all the afterschool programs. We are going to expand the afterschool activities we offer kids at the center. The senior programs are still going to keep going.
- Acoustics: We need 1 more bid and expecting it over the next couple weeks.
- Basketball Court: We are installing nets behind court to prevent balls from going to the neighbors.
- Senior Center: Gloria Hernandez, Spokesperson for a group of Mead Valley Seniors
 - We've had several events happen thanks to Parks and the seniors. We had Cinco de Mayo, Dia de los Ninos, and several birthday parties. Our next event will be in dedication of our fallen soldiers. We would like for all of you to attend. It will be on the May 22nd. We also invite you to Father's day barbecue on the 18th of June. Also join us for the 4th of July, we are having a picnic.
 - Maria Franco, Resident: We have many events for the seniors thanks to Tanya and Ron. We want this to continue but we have to not just want but also give in order to receive. I would also like to invite Mr. Ketcham to the Fallen Soldiers event.

4.2 USPS: Brad Barnes, Postal Inspector

- My job is to investigate crimes involving the postal service. Some of those crimes involve mail thefts, mail fraud, and identity theft.
- Linda Crawford is here and she is with the postal service. The postal service is different than the inspection service (federal law enforcement).
- If there are issues with mail delivery or anything of that nature contact the postal service.
- If there are issues concerning external mail theft than that is when you contact the inspection service. If it is internal (inside the home) mail theft that is dealt by a different agency.
- People involved in mail theft are creating identity profiles that include social security numbers, date of births, and credit card information. These profiles are usually sold.
- To protect yourself from this do not put checks, identifying information into the blue community boxes. If mail fraud does occur contact the inspection agency. 1877-876-2455
- We have 6 inspectors that cover San Bernardino and Riverside County. So be patient. If there is any credit card or checks that are used. We will follow this up and let you know where and when it happened.
- If you witness someone stealing your mail don't confront them get their license plate number and a good description of the person and vehicle, then call local authorities.
- Prop 47: States that previously considered nonviolent felonies will now be considered misdemeanors. So as of now if a person uses your check under and spends less than \$950 it will be considered a misdemeanor. The individual will be fined and will not go to jail. This is why it is important for you to contact us if mail theft occurs so we can build cases on them and prosecute them through the federal courts.
- I work closely with Perris Sheriff's station. Every time there is an arrest made and mail is found they contact me. I get the mail and send out letters to the individuals whose mail has been stolen.
- If you find mail just take it to your local post office.
- If your mailbox was broken into you are responsible for replacing it.
- If you know someone involved stealing mail, call us.
- Questions:
 - Resident: My mailbox is about half a mile away from my home. Are you involved with mailbox placement? *Answer*-No, but go your local postal service and find out who your postmaster is. Let them know you want to discuss having your mailbox moved.
 - Resident: What to do with your mail? *Answer*-Shred documents.

- Resident: How much time before you can get video surveillance before it is gone? *Answer*-Typically between 60-90 days. So the sooner you contact us the better.
- ROMERO: Can you give us an update on an arrest that happened 2 months ago of a man dressed as a woman. *Response*- I don't have details on this.
- We just got a new inspector in charge and our agency focuses now is on mail theft prevention. This means getting hanging these community blue boxes for more security.
- DAVILA: My mailbox is a lock mailbox. It got damaged from someone trying to pry it open. What worked for me is leaving the locks off and door open so thieves see nothing is in there.
- Never leave mail overnight.

4.3 California Highway Patrol: Sergeant Steven

- With all the construction going on in the freeways since January we have had 22 traffic collisions involving fatalities.
- The county roads have had 8 collisions
- The city roads have had 3 collisions.
- Rule of thumbs is to have a 2 second gap from the vehicle in front of you. When vehicle in front passes a fixed object by the road count 2 seconds and you should not reach the fixed object before you count 2 seconds.
- We have two officers at the schools as much as we can.

4.5 Waste Management Inc.: Carolyn Corrano, PSS Manager

- We are the largest waste service provider in the County. We serve 65,000 costumers. 3,754 of these costumers are from Mead Valley.
- Senior Discount Program: You get 9% of monthly bill if you are over 60+ and the head of household.
- Bulky item collection: Twice of year only. Have to call it in at least 2 days in advance.
- Clean-up programs: Next clean-up will be at Tomas Rivera on May 16th from 8am-12pm.
- Billing Issue: GIS system glitch
 - We are currently correcting this. People incorrectly billed will receive credit. Letters have been sent out. You will see a change anywhere from May-September. Your invoice should reflect the change. We are updating GIS software so it does not happen again.
- Gerardo Avila, Resident: *Comment*-The Moreno Valley transfer station needs a digital scale to indicate correct amount in order to prevent any errors. *Response*-speak to me after.
- Resident: *Question*-When are we getting green bins? *Answer*-We are working on it.

4.6 MAC meeting date: Tom Ketcham

- DAVILA: Meeting will be changing from the 2nd Wednesday to the 1st Wednesday of each month. So meeting from now on will be on the **1st Wednesday**. Are there any comments on this change?
 - Gerardo Avila- Why? *Answer*-So we have more time to prepare for the next one, and to allow for seniors to not have such a long day with commodities.
- DAVILA: If there are no objections then meeting will now be on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

4.4 Rotation of Board Members:

Every member of the board will vote. Charles will vote for Shade (member) who was not present.

- Chairperson: 5 votes for Paz. Paz will be Chairperson starting our next meeting.
- Vice Chairperson: 4 votes Ali, 1 vote Shade. Ali will be Vice Chairperson starting our next meeting.
- Secretary: 4 votes Tony, 1 vote Tania. Tony will be Secretary starting our next meeting.
- We will vote again in a year from our next meeting.

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries: Thank you all for coming tonight. We were able to get through Community Revitalization efforts. It took 6 months to get it through the process but as new sales taxes are generated from new businesses the county is going to capture a good percentage of that sale tax revenue. The revenue will be kept here in Mead Valley instead of getting lost. It will take a while for it to build up. We are going to start seeing it in small things such as bus stops and sidewalks. Then we will move on to bigger things. We do listen to what the community wants in infrastructure improvements and then take those to the board for consideration. I apologize it took 6 months but we finally got the approval just before the new budget and buildings of new businesses. I would like to congratulate the new board members. Thank you all very much.

5.0 Public Comments: (No rebuttals or questions. Only 3 minutes will be given)

- Isabel Florez: My son was being bullied at Columbia Elementary. There was not incident report. I called the district and I was told that it was up to the Principal in ow he wanted to deal with this. I am asking for your help in asking the superintendent to come here. We want more safety for our kids. We need at least one more yard duty.
- Mark Lilly: Residents on Hunter St. want the road paved. We also want the mailboxes in front of our homes. If anyone knows what to do about this please help me.
- Giovanna Sedwick, Family Resource Center: Last week we had our first child and resource fair. It was a success. 747 people attended. We had people from a group home come. We would like to do this again next year. I would like to thank Ali and Rogelio for coming and cooking hotdogs.
- Junior Valencia: There are a lot of potholes on Hunter St. It is a struggle to pass with our cars. We want this street paved. We want the mailboxes in front of homes.
- Yolanda Williams: For people who were thinking we had no representation in the Chamber of Commerce, I would like them to know we do. 3 Board members are Chamber members. I am a member as well. I would also like to let everyone know that I am the designated senior food representative. If you have any issue tell me. I report to the supervisor's office. I would like to encourage seniors to make reservations for senior lunch. If there is no reservation then those individuals will have to wait until people with reservations are served first. One last thing Smooth Transitions have coupons, please support them.
- Gilbert Williams: There has been cutting the senior food line. If this continues to happen I will take it to the supervisor's office.

6.0 Report from Supervisor Jeffries:

- Eastern Municipal Water District: Kevin Pierce, representative
 - There are new regulations in response to the drought. We are asking for a 50% reduction in usage is the only way to comply with state regulations. We will have letters in the mail in the next few weeks stating these new regulations. We need everyone to step up and conserve our water.
 - Jim Hatfield, Resident: What is being done about all that water being dumped into the San Francisco Bay. *Answer*-This is done to have a certain amount of outflow to prevent water inflow. Do this to keep pressure and balance.
 - Resident: What if you have your own well? *Answer*-We ask for you to conserve but not you are not our costumer so we can't tell you what to do.
 - Gloria Hernandez, Resident: We are still having issues with the fill station in Salter. *Response*- Ok keep in mind that we have Menifee costumers that use this fill station. But we will monitor it more. Has it at least improved? ... Yes it has. ...

6.1 Tom Ketcham, Legislative Analyst for Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- Environmental Health issues: Greg Williams can help.
- Sheriff's release: There was a bust for marijuana growths.
- Hiring Event: 222 people attended the event. 152 people were hired. There will be a 2nd event here. We will keep you posted.
- Code Enforcement: There is a flyer on the entrance table. There is a link there for the volunteer program. You will not be assigned your area.
- News Release: Talks about the revitalization which Supervisor Jeffries mentioned.
- Clean-up: It will be this Saturday May 16th at Tomas Rivera from 8am-12pm. There will be 2 lines. One for trucks/trailers and the other for cars. Anyone who would like to volunteer

just how up early. Thank you to WM who will take the bins. Remember you have 2 bulky item pick-ups per year.

- Senior Cinco de Mayo Event: It was a great event. Thank you seniors, Parks and Tanya.
- Town Hall: It will be here in July. It will be a joined event with DPSS and the nearby schools.
- Office of Aging: They will be here in July and talk about senior lunch programs.
- Marijuana Ordinance: On May 19th the final reading comes to the board. The first time it passed 5 to 0. It passed 5 to 0 in the planning commission. It should pass and it will take about 30 days to start this enforcement. Code and the Sheriff's Dept. are going to coordinate how to deal with this. So remember more than 24 plants expect code and sheriff's.
- Hunter Street: this road is on the list submitted to Transportation to be paved. Transportation have the final say.
- Mailboxes: Talk to Linda Crawford from postal service
- Everett Price, Resident: *Comment*-I appreciate the dispensary on Day and Cajalco being closed. *Response*-Thank you. It was a team effort.
- Jim Hatfield, Resident: *Question*-Has the Markham to Washington construction been completed? *Answer*-Not that I know of.
- Yolanda Williams, Resident: *Question*-How is the Charles Miegs sign going? *Answer*-I will default to Ron on this one. Ron: We will talk about this in the meeting I have set up with you next week. *Question*-How is the Water Tower sign going? *Answer*-working on this.

7.0 Mead Valley MAC Board Member Comments:

- Paz Trevino: We are supposed to be representing Mead Valley and everybody left early. This is the time when we are supposed to be making our points. All these people that left won't be able to give their suggestions for future agenda items. This is the only way you can get your point across. If you don't care then why should others care? We need more people here that care. I appreciate your comments. Everything boils down to money so let's try to get more business in this area.
- Charles Romero: 700 students graduate this June. Write letters to businesses ask for scholarships for our students.
- Tony Davila: I would like to congratulate Mr. Romero for being reappointed as an alternate. I would like to congratulate Mr. Paz Trevino for being elected Chairperson and Mr. Ali for being elected Vice Chairperson. I would like to thank Tania for serving as the Secretary and putting out these outstanding minutes that I will try to keep up myself. She will continue to be an active member on the board but will get a well-deserved break from the minutes. I would like to welcome Mr. Shade, who is not here tonight, for being appointed as a member replacing the position Mr. Miller held. Thank you Waste Management for bringing the snacks and giving us an update. I would like to thank Supervisor Jeffries for making these Clean-ups possible. I would like to thank the security team who works at the center for keeping this center safe. My last thanks is to you all. You are community leaders.

8.0 Future Agenda:

- Assemblymen Medina
- Owner of new 76

Date proposed next Meeting, July 1st, 2015 6pm @ Mead Valley Community Center

Attendance: 53