

MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 6, 2016 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: Paz Trevino (Chairperson), Ali Mazarei (Vice-Chairperson) Shade Awad (Member), Rogelio Rawlins and Charles Romero (Alt) -- Present; Tania Garcia (Secretary) -- Absent (excused)

2.0 Approval of Minutes: March 3rd, 2016-Motioned by Rawlins and Approved by Mazarei

3.0 Public Safety Updates:

3.1 Riverside County Sheriff's Department:

- Deputy Thomas: In February there were 785 radio calls to our department and in March there were 819 calls. There were 17 arrests in February and 16 arrests in March. No robberies. Assaults are up and that is due to domestic violence, we had 10 in February and 5 in March. There were 5 burglaries in February and 3 in March. There were 13 vehicle thefts in February and 12 in March. We had 18 petty thefts in February and 14 in March.
- We have made arrests of people that are connected to vehicle thefts. Again if you see anything suspicious please give me a call to 951-210-1128. If it is an emergency call 911.
- Resident: *Comment*-Last month my husband saw a man on the floor of the Circle K with a bloody face and nobody came. *Response*-We cannot respond to something if it is not reported. *Comment*-I am concerned with how safe it is when there is helicopter activity since police cars seem to go very fast on the streets when this occurs. *Response*-I assure you it is safe. The helicopters help us know what is going on around here.
- ROMERO: *Request*-The citizen that lived down the street here that shoot a dog on his property, could you give us an update. *Response*-We arrested the gentlemen and this case is still under investigation. *Question*-So can we shoot a dog that comes on our property or not? *Answer*-If it comes in your house and tries to attack you; but this case is a different situation.

3.2 Riverside County Fire Department-(Station 59):

- Paul: We had 136 medical calls, 17 traffic collisions,3 fires, and 21 miscellaneous for a total of 177 calls in the month of March. Our weed inspection is going to start up again within the next couple of weeks.

3.3 Code Enforcement Department:

- Britt Starkweather: We have been working weekends and doing vending patrols. Over the last 3 weeks we have issued 18 citations for vehicles for sale. We will continue to work weekend until vendors are completely gone. Marijuana growth is starting to come back. So if you see something, call my office at 951-776-3233.

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Riverside County Parks Dept.: Center Updates

- We have a new federally funded food provider, Sodexo.
- I want to thank everyone who came out to our egg-tastic event. We had over 2,000 people.
- I am partnering with Citrus Hill High School on a few different programs. One of these programs is the Senior to Senior program. In addition to this I met with 2 people from the theater group and at the end of May there will be a Mad-Hater tea party.
- Next Wednesday is senior day commodities
- We are starting a walking club; it is open to everyone. M-F at 9:30am
- This Saturday we are having our community market. They occur once a month from 8am-2pm. If you are interested, you can come by our office.

4.2 Code Enforcement: Already Spoke

4.3 GRID Alternatives:

- Lisa Castilone: We are a statewide non-profit organization that was founded in 2001. Our motto, is people, planet and employment. Our outreach office is on downtown Riverside. We provide solar panels for low income homeowners at no cost to them. We free job training. We are really expanding our program. In Perris we have 36 solar installations. We have trained over 1,800 people. To qualify for our program, you have to own & live in your home, earn at or below our income limits, and live in certain areas. We have full funding for most of Mead Valley, Perris, Moreno Valley, and San Jacinto. Just call in or visit our website to see if you qualify for our program. Solar jobs are the 8th biggest industry in the nation. I am looking to partner with Mead Valley and those who are active in the community to help spread information. I am also looking for volunteers. We are helping families reduce their electric bill, increase their property value and we are creating a healthier environment. All of our information is in English and Spanish in these brochures. Help me give this service away.
- Yolonda Williams: Do the panels have to go onto a roof of a home? *Answer-Not always, we can install on manufactured home and we can put it on the ground (must own land).*
- Resident: Can it be put on top car parking structure? *Answer-It would have to be inspected and meet certain guidelines.*
- Resident: Are these panels going to be connected to the Grid? *Answer-Yes, these panels use sunlight so you would still use Edison in the night time.*
- Maricela Martinez: Do you guys sell the panels directly to the homeowners? *Answer- No, we are not selling anything. You have to qualify for our program.*

5.0 Public Comments:

- Maricela Martinez: My concern is with the existing facilities for new business usually being big warehouses. The average new business owner may need a smaller location. I want to know the possibilities of having smaller buildings for people that are just starting out. I would also like to have the ability to construct an addition to my home to be able to rent it out. *RAWLINS-You need to go to the County and get a permit. The septic system will not function if you have a condensed area. The saturation will take over and then you would be without property.*
- Yolonda Williams: I am glad to see more seniors here tonight and hope that more come to these MAC meetings because we really need your support here. Tom how much further along with the communications tower being painted. In the last Minutes I did make reference to the communications being painted however in the Minutes it did not reflect communication tower. The welcome sign on the communication tower is what I am referring too. Population signs need to be updated. Tom how far along are we with the community being able to use the kitchen here at the Mead Valley Community Center. I want to thank the sponsor, Trammell Crow Corporation, for our sound system. I also want to thank Parks and Rec. for all they do. All I want to see is the community happy and everyone trying to get along.

6.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' Office:

6.1 Thomas Ketcham, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- Community Clean-up: May 21st from 8am-12pm in Tomas Rivera Middle School
- Newsletter: Get a copy. Money allocation for the Cajalco widening.
- Population signs: They have been fixed. We are getting a third one.
- Speed Bumps: We are having them put in in at entrance of center.
- Gates: We are having them put in, so cars will not be able to come in afterhours.
- Kitchen: I do not have control over the kitchen, Parks Dept. does.
- Cell Tower: The tower has four different carriers on there. They do not feel like it is their responsibility to paint the tower. We are working on this.
- Trash on the streets: I drove around last weekend and saw a couch, a mattress, a TV. It is up to you guys to inform code enforcement of illegal dumping.
- Charity Bins: They are not allowed here. So if you see someone drop one off, please call code enforcement or me. We are working on an ordinance to allow charity bins.
- Homeless camp off of Oakwood: If you see people squatting/occupying on/a piece of property call code immediately.
- Resident: I had my neighbor dumping trash on my property and I called the police and they did not do anything. The police told her it was a civil issue. *Response- This is something both you and your neighbor need to work out with the help of Code Enforcement since it is a civil suit.*
- Resident: I would like to thank you Tom, for helping our community. Whenever you need help just give me a call.
- Resident: I live off of Una St. by Markham and want to know why my street is not being paved. *Response-We actually looked into this the problem though there are big boulders in the way. We had transportation look into this with a result of at*

least a \$2 million cost, and this does not even cover the paving. We only have so much money and we have to allocate that money properly. If we have \$2 million are we only going to pave one road or pave 10 roads. Roads fall in three categories: dedicated, dedicated & accepted (public use), and dedicated, accepted & maintained. Just because you have a road does not mean it is a county road. For instance, the south section of Day St. is dedicated. It still has to go to the Board for it to be accepted. For it to be maintained, the county has to come in and make sure it is up to county standards. Once this occurs the county then maintains to road. After this the road has to qualify for funding in order for it to be paved.

- Resident: I go to Morongo Casino and there is a lack of lighting. *Response-That is District 5, you should call Supervisor Ashley's office.*
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7.0 Mead Valley MAC Board Member Comments:

- Charles Romero: Please support the Mead Valley library. They sell books. Any profit goes back to buying more books and DVDs for the kids of Mead Valley.

8.0 Future Agenda Items:

- Inland County Legal Services
- Planning

Date of proposed next Meeting, May 4th, 2016 6pm @ Mead Valley Community Center

Adjournment Time: 7:06pm

Attendance: 28