

Good Hope / Meadowbrook MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 7th, 2017 at 6:00pm, Thursday
MOSES-SCHAFFER COMMUNITY CENTER
21565 Steele Peak Drive, Perris, Ca 92570

0.0 CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Chair, Giovanni Aguilar Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Giovanni Aguilar – Before we get started on the roll call I just wanted to go over a few things if you ever have any concerns and would like to bring them up during the meeting please fill out the speaker form. We have a few of them in the back, this allows you to come up in the front and you'll have two minutes to express whatever you need to speak for that moment. It also allows Thomas to hear about it, it is a moment where we could help you with whatever you may need. Also, when you do speak, please keep it short, two minutes that would be awesome. That way it allows others to speak to too, since we are limited on the time we have here and we meet here every other month.

1.0 Roll Call: Giovanni Aguilar (Chair), Faviola Benavente (Vice Chair), Willie Moses, Diana Martin, Alternate(s) – Victoria Bella, Vacant. Maha Harb (Secretary) – Absent.

2.0 Approval of Minutes: Giovanni Aguilar moved, Diana Martin seconded; Vote unanimous to approve.

3.0 Public Safety Updates

3.1 Riverside County Sheriff's Lt. Joseph Pemberton – Good evening my name is Deputy Wicketts with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. I'm fairly new to this process so please bear with me. I can try and answer some questions for you, they gave me some limited stats for the Good Hope area. August we had 20 calls for service. Our deputies out here made 5 felony arrests and 9 misdemeanor arrest. We're actually in the community trying to move forward. Again I do apologize they gave me limited stats. Anything else, if you guys have any questions I'll try to answer them for you. Anybody have any questions?

Q: Do you have any stats for July?

- The July stats were 155 calls for service.

Q: In two months that is all the people that were arrested? How would you compare that to the County?

-It's situational out here we're a little more restricted in a sense that the properties are large and it's hard to make arrests here. People hide, jump fences and run. It really skews the whole thing, so I don't know if it'd be fair to say one area is higher than another because you're dealing with a different element out here.

Q: But it seems over all the crime rate here is pretty low.

- In my opinion working the city compared to here absolutely, I think it's lower. Thank you.

3.2 Riverside County Fire Station #9/ Capt., Steve De La Hoya – Hi my name is Josh Rodgers and I'm an engineer down at Station 59, I'm actually filling in for Steve De La Hoya today. Hopefully I can answer any questions that you may have. July stats are 4 false alarms, 37 medical aides, 2 other fires, 1 residential fire, 3 traffic collisions, and 7 wild land fires, with a total of 54 calls to station 9. August was pretty close 57 calls total, with 42 medical aides, 4 false alarms, 3 other fires, 4 stand by calls, 2 traffic collisions and 2 wild land fires. So if you guys have any questions I'll try my best to answer them. Thank you.

3.3 Code Enforcement Officer – I'm Jennifer Morris and I'm the local officer for this area and I have some stats for July and August. We had 30 code enforcement cases open. We closed 25 cases. We had 61 inspections, 3 citations were issued and 19 notices of violation were also issued. The thing we're working on right now is that we've seen an increase in homelessness, not just people living in tents but it seems like their coming and taking up residency on vacant parcels without the owner's permission in RVs and trailers. That's something we've been really trying to get ahead on. So if you see something like that you can call our office and we'll definitely get out there and try to address it. We're addressing the marijuana cultivation the number of plants their allowed on all the dispensaries that are on Highway 74. Does anyone have any questions? Thank you.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Community Center Updates – Stephanie Morales, The Grove – Good evening everyone my name is Stephanie Morales I work here at the community center and I have some exciting news for you guys. I'd like to take this opportunity to invite all our seniors to our upcoming tea party that will be held here at the center on Friday, September 29th from 12pm to 3pm, all seniors are invited to our event. We'll be playing games and we'll also have refreshments here for you guys. If you know of anyone who might be interested please refer them our way. Also as most of you may know we're going to be dark in the month of October, we won't be having a meeting. Therefore it is important that I let you know about our upcoming annual truck or treat that will be held here on Saturday, October 28th and we'll be having a lot of kid friendly activities, we'll be having food trucks out here selling food. We'll have the kids trick or treat in the area the parking lot. So if you guys are in the area or if you guys want to volunteer we have plenty of opportunities available. Please mark your calendars for October 28th. Also we're happy to accept any candy donations that you guys would like to donate to the community center. We have a new class here at the community center, the Low Impact Zumba class. So if you guys know of anybody who would be interested in this class please let them know. There's a quick correction that I'd like to point out, the Spay and Neuter Bus will not be here on the 19th, they will be here on the 20th, Wednesday, September 20th and they get here around 8 or 9am. So please if you guys want information or if you guys want their phone number I have their phone number listed on the calendar. Please pick a calendar up on your way out. We received a large donation from Molina Health Care, they donated about 6 large boxes of diapers and some of these, so if you guys know anybody that might be in need of some please refer them to our community center. I'll be more than happy to give them a package or depending on their situation more. Does anybody have any questions?

Q: What is the call to care?

-The call to care is educating class for young moms who down the future are going to look to providing care for the elderly or for themselves to provide care for their young ones. So it just gives them tips on how to be a better care provider, how to handle situations more appropriately such as stress, anxiety and how to deal with stuff. It's really educating and it's offered here at our center Wednesdays from 10am-2pm. They're coming to an end that course has only two more sessions and after that we'll be bringing new topics to the center. If you guys want more information please pick up a calendar or see me after the meeting and I'll be happy to share with you the exciting news. Anybody have any questions, alright thank you.

4.2 EDA CDBG Program – Sterlon Sims – Thank you and good evening, Sterlon Sims and I'm with Riverside County Economic Development Agency and tonight I'm here because of our citizen participation that we request feedback from the community regarding how you feel our funding should be allocated. The county has continued its commitment to meeting the priorities and goals as outlined in our 2014-2019 5 year CP and are currently at the year 2017-2018 action plan. Those plans are available on our website which is www.rivco.eda.org if you want to take a look at that. Right now we're in the process of beginning our 2017-2018 fiscal year, so if you are a non-profit with 501C3, non-profit status. You're more than welcomed to apply for funding. What we have funded in the past just in case you are not aware is the home enhancement program. Also the community center has received operational cost for this fiscal year of 2016-2017 in order to assist with the operations of the community. Also you may remember not that long ago there was park improvement as well as the road improvements and that was paid for through the Community Development Grants for CBG. We currently have 13 cities and one metro city which is Lake Elsinore that's participating in our program. So we ask for your feedback in order for us to continue to serve the community in order to know what your needs are. So we're asking if you have any ideas of where you think the funding should go or if you have any opinion to add to our next action plan. In 2018 we'll begin asking for feedback through surveys and they'll also be available online for your feedback so we could start preparing our next fiscal year for the next 5 years. Anyone have any opinions or ideas? Okay, well thank you so much for your time.

4.3 Community Award Presentation – The Grove – Noland - Good evening everyone it's good to see you all gathered here for the MAC meeting tonight we have a special award that we want to present. As you know The Grove became the onsite operator of the community center back in January of this year. However, there has been a lot of leg work and ground work before we became the operators and part of that was by way of Mrs. Moses who has for many, many years overseen our commodity program. Mrs. Moses is ready to hand the baton over and we will be overseeing the community commodities program and so mom, let me help you out, no I'll go over there.

My name is Kevin Jefferies and I'm your county supervisor. I didn't know odd this young lady before my election in 2012. I was a volunteer fire fighter for over 4 years here and I knew the Schaffer family but I didn't know of this young lady who is remarkable in so many ways. This community has really pulled together, it has changed for the better and we've all come through and done our best. We have leadership in the community and our MAC Board members that are volunteers. Everyone is trying to make this a better place to live. Tonight we're going to recognize one of those incredible advocates, I'm going to read this if you don't know her so that you could better understand what she's done. Whereas Willie Moses is a resident of the unincorporated area of Riverside County known as Good Hope she's run a community program known as Brown Bag. So important that Riverside County Supervisor Norton Younglove in 1982 recognized Mrs. Moses and her volunteers from around the community of Good Hope and Meadowbrook to assist her with a monthly food program that was then known as Second Harvest which provided food to seniors 60 years and older. It's because of Mrs. Moses that these communities Good Hope and Meadowbrook for over the past 37 years that the community has been able to depend on Mrs. Moses and her volunteers for the monthly food program that not only assists seniors but has grown to now include everyone of all ages in both communities who are in need of the monthly food program. Therefore as a result the Board of Supervisors has hereby recognized and honored Mrs. Moses for her 37 year of public service to the community of Good Hope, Meadowbrook and her dedication, compassion and leadership on this Thursday, September 7th, 2017. So let's give her a round of applause.

Willie Moses – I just want to say thank you, it's been a long journey since when I came with the food program. Riverside County and San Bernardino County with Second Harvest in 1982. Even when I had a job I was the coordinator and I had beautiful volunteers. I was with the Brown Bag up to the new program Feeding America which was 3 years. Reverend Noland who's with The Grove church he's going to take the baton now, I had to find someone who was willing to give and I'm so happy and thank the county so much.

5.0 Public Comments –

Ruth Machado – My name is Ruth Machado, I live on Yucca Road, Garza Road and on Lukens Road there has been 5 gallons of oil or paint, I don't know what it is.

Jennifer Morris – I'll make sure I get out there tomorrow.

Gerald Katz - I have 17 pages of notes but with two minutes... we have joy coming to the MAC meetings, seeing the people from the county who talk about what's going on, what they're doing and asking us what they could do to help us but often we have the limits, the organized meeting where we have 2 minutes to express ourselves on the issues. I'm wishing we could have more of town hall meetings. Where we have a lot of time to talk, where it's more informal, where we gather around, talk about what we're concerned with, the ideas, share experiences, even to really get to know each other. We could help each other out a lot, we're country people, we get along, we do all sorts of different things, our houses don't all look the same, in fact none of our houses look the same. We're very different and we like it that way. I was considering whether we'd just get together since the MAC meetings are every odd month that we could be called "Getting Even," where we could meet more informally to have discussions and we could go on for a while to really explore issues. Bring up things like for the homeless, instead of calling Code Enforcement we could talk to the churches, talk other people on what we could do to help people, like food. I wish we as being a rural area, we have all this land, we got all these people who might be interested in providing food for the hungry. Having fruit stands, animals, instead of the strict zoning of you could only do this here. You can't live in a place and have a business there. That's the problem I see with the zoning changes. We're country, we're creative, we're flexible, people do all sorts of different things. I've done electric, plumbing and solar, I built my own house but some other neighbors know how to do woodwork. We all have different skills and know how to help each other. If we have more informal get-togethers, we could really create, share and then come up with ideas to present to the government. So that's what I'm suggesting and I could put out a notice here and we could put down our names and then we could have a little bit of a get together with 6 or 7 people, we don't need a lot but everyone knows someone else. So we could become more of a community with more like town hall meetings, where we just get together, enjoy, share and maybe come up with some creative ideas. Thank you.

6.0 Legislative Reports:

6.1 Field Representative for Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez – Good evening everyone I love seeing all of your faces every other month. It's great to see you guys so involved in the community. All that I really have is the assemblywoman's Bill AB403 that was her legislative whistle blower protection bill. So basically what it would do is legislatives staff, we are not protected if we were to be whistleblowers. We know where our members are at all times, we have access to their calendar. The assemblywoman sees as though we're the ones that know if their following the rules or if they're not. This is her fourth time bringing up the bill and this is the fourth time it's been killed. So the bill will not be going through and she's very upset obviously members should be held accountable for what they're doing, their staff should be able to let people know their member is not following the rules, that's unfortunate. Right now session is going to go on until the 15th of the month and then they're going to go on recess. So currently there's a lot of bills that are trying to be pushed through. So in November I'll have one of my legislative updates that has a little bit more of an analysis to those bills that they're trying to push through. And then in January they'll be back again for session. Any questions?

Q: Is she opposing SB54?

-Yes, she'll be opposing SB54

7.0 Good Hope/Meadowbrook MAC Board Member Comments –

Faviola Benavente – Thank you all for coming and make sure you guys invite your neighbors to the next meeting. See you guys in November.

Willie Moses – There's a lot of good going on that you need to know, so come and see.

Diana Martin – I have a few comments, I'll start with the things we've done at the center for the seniors and what they've done for us. Last month we got to go to the Fox Museum here downtown. They took us by train to the metro link, they shuttled us to the theater and we had lunch. It was a great time that we all spent together and we had a wonderful time. This one I missed myself because it was so hot I stayed home but they got to go to Red Lobster for lunch. Quickly I wanted to address the community center, we have that flavor here where you just stop in. I stop in for the senior lunches not because I'm starving or I don't have any groceries at home but I step here so I could network and communicate with the regulars that come. Those with skills and all kinds of stuff, we could share ideas. Our community center director she's right there to write down any suggestions you may have. So ideas that you have, don't be afraid, don't think that we're not doing anything here, we do, we interact and we chat and get things done. We're here almost every day, just come here and get more friendly. My fourth thing was when you go to do something it's usually somebody else that can do something it's usually somebody else that can do it or is willing to do it. I'm a senior citizen and I've been in this community a very long time. I've been working on RTA trying to get more transportation into this area. Buses, whatever, you name it. Not much happened the transportation meeting the last couple meetings. I did report on it, but we're still working at it. I know that Tom is working on the idea of us getting the buses in here at the center instead of blocks away. We need to be able to utilize our fast transit a little more and use that money wisely, we're entitled to it part of our money does contribute to those taxes. I'm working on that, I may not report on that every time but I am constantly trying to get something done. That's it for me.

Victoria Bella – Thank you to this community and this MAC Board, we also have problems where we live at and I got to know a lot of people that can help us. I also joined the Ballet Folklorico as well. It's a place to come for everybody not just seniors.

Giovanny Aguilar – This is a great place to be here there's so many people and we're all part of this community. The resources are here and then we have people from the government that come here. Code enforcement, we're always going to be dealing with something, always going to have questions about our house, should I do this? We have access here you don't have to go to Riverside, you could come down here and talk to her. We have Thomas here, we could also help. Thank you.

8.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jefferies' Office

8.1 Thomas C. Ketcham, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jefferies - I want to thank you Sterlon for coming out. CDBG money is what we use for a lot of different things here, for roads, our park next door etc. Hopefully you guys understand what she was asking, is there anything that we need to do or that we can do with that money. She is here and she'll stay until after the meeting. If you have questions one on one. Please talk to her if you have any questions, her recommendations are what then comes to us, based on what the feedback she gets from the community. She was in Mead Valley last night and she's here tonight. She has her cards with her so if you guys can't think of anything right now get one of her cards and email her later. Often times funding that we get, the funding for Post Road was CDBG. The park funding over here, we got the bids, we did the Bid 1 and basically we're just waiting for the appeal period right and that money, a portion of that comes from CDBG. We're guessing that it'll be done give or take about Christmas, the weather does play a factor, that's going to be a beautiful park when it's done. So if you guys have any ideas, road issues or whatever it is talk to Sterlon and let her know. Highway 74 if you guys didn't hear about it, Highway 74 transitioned to the county. So it is officially a county highway, it is no longer a state highway. So it makes it easier for the planning process. The corridor going towards the 15 that's officially become part of Lake Elsinore. Hopefully some of you made it to the rezoning meeting that we had, I saw a couple of you guys here. So it's important like they said to keep up to date with what's going on and you guys got to stay informed. The BLM Officer Erin Titus

wasn't able to be here as you know there's only 3 officers that cover all of Southern California. So he was busy tonight, he wanted me to tell everybody that we have Dove Season just open up, so there's a possibility you're going to hear some shooting. He promised to be here at the next meeting, if you guys have any questions or you need his email if you have an issue that needs to be address right away I can put you in contact with him. The RTA that Diana was talking about, we do have our RTA meetings that are dark this month but we're going to pick up in September. We alternate between Moreno Valley City Hall and Perris City Hall, we kind of have an open floor. We have lunch so if you're interested you're more than welcome to come but a lot of the issues we talk about are RTA. Diana has always been advocating and she continues to advocate for a stop here at the community center, we're working on that. We advocate for bus stops, new stops and for improved routes. So if there's something you're concerned about please show up to one of those meetings and we have RTA staff that's on hand and we also have other elected officials that are on board. So it's a big opportunity if you want to get dates from Diana she'll be more than happy to provide them to you after the meeting. The illegal dumping on Garza, I know that Code says she's going to take care of it but I just want to remind everybody if you see stuff like a mattress or whatever it is, feel free to call me, you're welcomed to come into the center and talk to Stephanie and she'll let me know. Of course you could also call Code Enforcement. Our waste services is working on an app. coming out here shorty. We are just getting ready to roll out the graffiti app. and so all of you guys that have smart phones as you all know we're all being tracked. So everywhere you go, you walk out of that establishment and goggle says how would you like to rate this establishment right? You kind of look at your phone and say how did you know I was there right? What happens is you take a picture, it gets tagged, so it actually established where that picture was taken, when you see a case where there's graffiti you'll take a picture that will generate a geo tag and you move into the app. and you upload this and it'll automatically go to our graffiti abatement team. They will be able to come out, they don't have to call you to see where it is, and they'll know exactly where it's at. It'll be geotagged and hopefully in a day or two we'll be able to get out there to take it off. So I'm not going to say it'll be 100 percent but we'll be working on it. Other than that if there's anything that you guys need let me know. I was our on Lukens & Garza Road dealing with some issues over there, it was 110 and I was out there with the fire guys addressing issues. I'm out there in the community if you have an issue let me know, I don't coming out. I'll sit down with you and talk about it and move it to the right department. I'm hopeful that when you address that department, the department will address it immediately but sometimes things kind of get stuck and if you need me to help you out, I'm here to do that. So with that being said we have one more meeting coming up in November. We have our October Halloween Fest we're going to be doing our haunted house last year was crazy, and the kids really had a ball with that. I think that's going to be great this year. In November we start picking up with our events, I know The Grove has done the Turkey Dinner and will do it again his year. We do our Breakfast with Santa. We're always looking for volunteers if you're interested get ahold of Stephanie and we'll go from there. I'm going to close does anybody have any questions? No questions, this is going to be a record for a meeting. I'm going to close, it's Noland's birthday today, and Stephanie actually offered to sing happy birthday to him. He's always out here, helping out the community center. Noland is the active pastor for The Grove, this guys is all over the place, and you think I'm all over the place, this guy makes me look bad. He's always out trying to do stuff for those in need. If you ever know of anybody who's in need, please get ahold of Stephanie she'll get ahold of Noland. You could also come get your eyes checked for free and get glasses, this guys does a lot. It's only appropriate that we give him a happy birthday song, Lead us Stephanie.

Stephanie - I'm going to ask the community to help, happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear Noland, happy birthday to you!

I'll be here if you guys have any questions afterwards, thank you.

9.0 Future Agenda Items

Date of proposed next meeting, November 2nd 2017 6pm @ Moses-Schaffer Community Center
Adjournment: Giovanni Aguilar moved, Diana Martin seconded, vote unanimous

Meeting Adjourned: 6:51pm Attendance: 27