

MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 1, 2023, at 6p.m.

MEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

21091 Rider Street, Mead Valley, Ca 92570

MINUTES

0.0 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance lead by Paz Trevino

1.0 Roll Call: Paz Trevino (Chairperson) Nik Tejada (Vice Chairperson) Veronica Valencia (Secretary) Sterlon Sims, Pete Rodriguez, Charles Romero (Alt #1) EXCUSED Jon Defries (Alt #2) EXCUSED

2.0 Approval of Minutes: Motion approved by Veronica Valencia, seconded by Sterlon Sims

3.0 Public safety updates:

3.1 Senator Richard D Roth Senior District Representative, Ricardo Guerrero

3.2 Dr. Corey Jackson Assemblymember District Representative, Daisy Arteaga

- Turkey Distribution November 18
- Screening in November for state programs
- Upcoming Open House and Toy Drive

3.3 Riverside County Sheriff, Deputy Thomas

- September 733 Service Calls, 19 Arrests, 7 Felony, 8 Misdemeanor
- 1 homicide in October, suspect is in custody.
- RVs are being actively impounded.
- Crime has increased in Mead Valley in September; residents are encouraged to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to local authorities.

3.4 California Highway Patrol

*October, 2 DUI Misdemeanors

*18 citations issued for various reasons

*19 collisions, 5 injuries, no fatalities for October

*CHP is working with Code Enforcement to remove RV's and abandoned vehicles

*Start Smart Classes are available for teens that want to learn to drive

*Resident, Maricela Martinez, voiced concerns over an increase in parties in Mead Valley that may lead to an increase in drunk driving. Officer stated that they can't control amount of parties residents have but do what they can to prevent drunk driving.

* Resident, Luis Barba, voiced his concern over the lack of enforcement regarding illegal street vending. Resident states that departments involved in removal of illegal vendors on residential streets are not doing anything but blaming each other. Resident states that he calls Code Enforcement and CE says is CHP job, CHP sends it back to CE and nothing ever gets done. Resident says that vendors and customers block the driveway to his personal property. When he confronts those parked blocking his property, they at times become hostile and threatening. Resident states that he is a Military Vet that didn't spend years serving his country hoping to retire in peace, only to have that peace threatened and have no departments care enough to do anything about it. CHP Officer stated he would be there after the meeting to address these concerns. When public speaking comments were made CHP was no longer in attendance and residents were not able to speak to officer after the meeting.

3.5 Riverside County Fire Dept

- Not in Attendance

3.6 Code Enforcement District 1 Supervisor, Jamison Cole

- 350 cases currently open in Mead Valley
- Cooperative property owners are needed to get things done.
- Illegal vending is being addressed with Fridays and Saturdays being the busiest days.
- Vending Ordinance is in place as long as trucks are permitted.
- Supervisor states that dealing with illegal street vendors requires a multi-enforcement team that can include Code Enforcement, Environmental Health, Sheriff and CHP
- All information regarding illegal vending is passed on to special enforcement team.
- Residents again voiced concerns that illegal street vending has been going on for years and nothing has been done. Again, it was stated by residents that the departments continue to throw the ball at each other with no results. Many residents are upset with the lack of enforcement from all departments.

3.7 Animal Services Commander of Field Services, Josh Sisler

- August, 223 service calls, 17 animal cruelty, 9 citations.
- No spade and neuter services will be available until next year.
- Department is having staffing issues and need more staff.
- San Jacinto shelter has reopened.

3.8 Emergency Management Department Services Coordinator, Henry Sanchez

- Covid vaccines are no longer free through county. Visit local pharmacy.
- Assisting first responders
- Sign up for emergency alerts through rivco.org

3.9 Community & Senior Center Updates, Noland Turnage/The Grove

- Misty Felix is new Community Center Manager
- Fall Festival saw 3.5k people, 835 kids. Festival included face painting, community trunk or treat, jumpers, games and 300 pumpkins were distributed.
- Thank you to local volunteers and vendors as well as Citrus Hills student volunteers.
- Thanksgiving Dinner November 17 @12pm for seniors and @6:30pm for community
- Breakfast with Santa December 9 from 9am-1pm
- Upcoming trip for seniors to Olvera Street

4.0 New Business

4.1 Housing and Workplace Solutions CDBG Home Programs

- Requesting community input for allocation of funds
- Be alert for surveys sent in mail for input.

4.2 EMWD Public Affairs Specialist, Consuelo Arias

- Mead Valley Water System Improvements Project-Phase II to begin Summer 2024
- Work to begin Summer 2024 and is expected to be completed by late Winter 2025
- During construction residents can expect lane closures during the day, temporary noise and dust, and temporary water service interruption with advance notice.
- Water lines to be improve will cover water lines along the streets of Oakwood, Carroll, Day and Pinewood

5.0 Public Comments

- Luis Barba- Street vendors are out of control blocking private resident driveways. CHP, Sheriffs, Code Enforcement leave MAC meeting before listening to public comments and residents' concerns. Departments pass concerns off to each other without enforcement or results. You are breeding chaos, weekend drunks and a cesspool of people that don't care.
- Maricela Martinez- Placentia Street needs better lighting. Many floors street stop signs throughout Mead Valley need to be repainted.
- Mark Peters- Requesting sponsorship for Citrus Hills Men's Basketball Team. Sponsorship is requested for equipment, travel and games. Some players have financial difficulty. Come support high school basketball games.
- Karla Cervantes-Speed bumps are needed for Big Rigs that speed. Bus stops provide no shade for those waiting. Stop the development of warehouses that cause pollution. Provide bike and horse trails.
- Gilbert Williams- Illegal trash/dumping on Verta Street needs to be addressed. We need more streetlights in Mead Valley. Be careful with abandoned stray animals. Get media involved for illegal street vending. Let's take our community back.
- Yolanda Williams-Would like sponsors for upcoming 2024 Black History event. Thank you to community center for new fencing. Bus stops need coverage as seniors are sitting in sun and rain waiting for bus.

6.0 MAC Board Member comments

- Pete Rodriguez-Encourage other residents to come and bring them to meetings.
- Nik Tejada-Thank you to everyone and Happy Holidays
- Paz Trevino-Be vocal. Supervisor Jeffries sees and reads our comments.
- Veronica Valencia- Thank you to all for coming.
- Sterlon Sims-No public comment

7.0 Report from supervisor Kevin Jeffries office

7.1 Hashish Winstead, Legislative analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- Supervisor is working on residents' concerns and streetlights.
- Community Center improvements to add 6 fitness stations.
- Mead Valley Community clean up November 18 @ Mead Valley Landfill
- 1 more spay and neuter clinic before the year ends. Date to be determined.

8.0 Future Agenda items

- Post Master

Adjournment: 7:50pm

Attendees: 31