

Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council

Minutes of the June 8, 2022 Meeting

6:00pm

Trilogy

24503 The Lodge Drive

Temescal Valley, CA 92883

0) Pledge of Allegiance

1) Roll Call

Present: Kelli Noss (Chair), Jerry Sincich (Vice Chair), Eric Werner, Glen Nelson, Kelli Noss, Lee Wilson (alternate), Fred Meyer (alternate)

Absent: Bob Hafner

2) Approval of Minutes

A. The March 10, 2022 meeting minutes were approved and entered into the record.

3) Community Updates

3.1 Senator Melendez Staff – Casey Deaver

1. Bill S1110 made it through public safety committee, which extends the time period for no trespassing 602 letters from 12 months to 72 months with law enforcement. Fred Meyers asked if existing 602 letters will automatically be extended or will need to re-up, will need to follow-up later.

2. All bills had to pass the house of origin by now. If it hasn't moved its dead as of this session.

3. The Senator and Assemblyman Seyarto will be again hosting a joint Veterans Expo on September 2nd at Monteleone Meadows in Murietta. Over 40 vendors and services have been invited.

3.2. Assemblyman Seyarto's Staff – Joe Fuentes

1. The assemblyman had six bills that were sent to the senate, covering veterans' benefits, government reform, and more. Information on those bills on the website if anyone has questions or needs help can reach out.

2. The assemblymen also sent in a letter to FERC against the application of the Nevada Hydro LEAPS project.

3. There is a potential gas tax rebate coming to tax payers in the amount of \$200 per payer and dependent for families with annual incomes up to \$250,000. A family of five would see \$1,000. It is still in the debate phases and more details will follow later.

3.3 California Highway Patrol – Lt. Todd Kovaletz

1. CHP is working on getting a day for commercial truck enforcement in the area, specifically near Tom's Farms on Temescal Canyon Road.

2. Teen Driver Smart Start classes will be at the office on 7/16 in Riverside from 5:30-7:30 hosted by their Public Information Officer.

3. The greater patrol area so far this year has issued 470 tickets, mostly for speeding, 20 DUIs with approximately 18 crashes in the Temescal Canyon corridor. The office investigates an average of 650 per month in their entire patrol area.

4. The office is working on getting a rotation setup for school enforcement once school goes back in session.

5. Tracy Davis commented about how there is limited information when the off-ramps on the 15 are closed and cause chaos, especially with school and commuter traffic. Maps don't show closures. Information will be relayed back to the office.

6. Bob Hafner via cell phone asked if there was any signage on the HOV lanes going north and if so, can they be setup to show alerts to closures.

7. Several Trilogy residents asked if the accidents in the area were related to trucks from the commercial businesses in the area. That information is not readily available and isn't necessarily tracked via the Flock cameras.
8. Remember to be prepared in the event of a road closure with extra water and shade in your vehicle.

3.4. Riverside County Fire – Don Camp, Battalion Chief

1. 166 total calls for service last month. Average response time: 52 calls less than 5 minutes, 112 5-10 minutes, 23 calls within 10-20 minutes, 2 calls over 20 minutes. 7-minute average response time.
2. 130 of those calls were medical, 1 wildland fire, 12 false alarms, 7 public service assists, 10 traffic collisions, 1 other fire, and two vehicle fires.
3. Fire season is now considered year-round but the department is beginning to see an increase in wildland fires and they are more severe than in the past.
4. The department reminds all homeowners to create good defensible space around your property, harden your homes, and prepare for an evacuation ahead of time. Readyforwildfire.org has readiness tips and checklists for preparations and what needs to be in your "go" evacuation bags.
5. Lee Wilson commented on the golf course defensible space issues and brush control. The defensible space inspection was done less than a year ago near the condos and golf course and was signed off by the departments. These inspections are for fire safety issues and not aesthetics. Not all brush will be cleared at all times. The gold course and the HOA will continue to work together to address brush concerns from residents.
6. Fireworks calls will be referred to the local battalion chief and then contact will go to the board for repeat offenders.
7. For those concerned about brush, they can contact Carlos Rodriguez Assist Fire Marshall at hazard reduction – Cal Fire office: Mon-Thursday 7:30-5pm, located in Perris 951-943-0640.

3.5 Riverside County Sheriff's Department – Captain Andrew Elia, Lake Elsinore Station

1. The Lake Elsinore station is currently fully staffed however the department is hiring for the new station that'll cover a large portion of Temescal Valley, estimated opening date of 1/1/23.
2. May call stats for the general area – 381 calls for service, increase of 31 calls. 24 reportable crimes P1. Decrease from 31 in April. Theft is up overall but Temescal Valley is looking good compared to other areas.
3. The Board of Supervisors approved the action plan for 2022 which covers enforcement for fireworks and safety. Similar last year, the department will be working with Code Enforcement and Fire. Teams will be actively looking for fireworks. The stepped-up enforcement period is through the whole weekend 2nd - 4th, zero tolerance. Offenders will be cited, and fireworks will be confiscated. From now up until that timeframe, the department is looking for online purchase (and selling). The online reporting form opens up on the website 5 days before July 2nd and closes 7/5. Report through non-emergency number. General location is helpful but need specifics to find them.
4. Introduced Deputy Diane Mendoza – community officer appointment for the station. Her primary focus will be crime suppression and following up as well as community outreach. To make contact with Deputy Mendoza contact Lake Elsinore station, 951-245-3300.
5. Lee Wilson asked what the new station's name will be. That has not been decided as the station will be covering the valley including Temescal Valley, El Cerrito, and Lake Matthews.
6. The department will not be utilizing drones for fireworks enforcement; they are used typically for search and rescue.
7. All information for the CCW program is on the website and the turn-around remains quick.
8. Residents asked about the focus of firework enforcement in Temescal Valley as it seems that Lakeland Village has gotten the bulk of the coverage in years past for the unincorporated team. Each area will get their own designated strike team that'll stay within their assigned area. There is an increase in staffing this year.
9. Lee Wilson asked about the data on the Flock cameras. Flock cameras are automatic license plate readers that capture data. The system checks against law enforcement databases and can be used as an investigative tool,

allowing the department to see patterns, etc. Lake Elsinore has 20 cameras, has read 21 million plates, recovered 4500 hits off of cameras. Other agencies are using the cameras as well.

3.6 Code Enforcement – Jamison Cole

1. Code Enforcement has been working through their open cases including the RVs and campers near the shell station. They have made contact with the owner of the property with clean-up beginning next week.
2. Currently the department is slightly understaffed with one officer in training and more to be hired in the next few weeks.
3. Code Enforcement will be working closely with the sheriff's department in strike teams for firework enforcement. Resident voices have been heard over the last few years and will be working paired up directly to issue citations. The first citation is \$1,000 and moves up from there to \$5,000 with zero tolerance.
4. There is a new answering service that will allow for faster contact after hours and on weekends, can be reached at 951-955-2004 5pm-8am.

4) New Business

A. Temescal Valley Water District Conservation Requirement Update – General Manager Jeff Pape

1. TVWD runs from Indian Truck Trail to Weirck, most of the communities in between are served with some areas over overlap from the old Temescal Water Company including California Meadows, Butterfield, and Hunt/Lawson.
2. Governor Newsom sent down requests for water reduction/conservation plans through the State Water Board to come up with a series of rules for the state by 5/25. Draft language was passed, that is now going through various lawyers and committees. The rules state that the water districts have to give numbers, what their supplies are, what their demands are, non-potable, agricultural, etc. Typically, these numbers aren't due until July but the state is asking for them early. The districts will be split into two groups: those that have drought contingency plans, & those who don't.
3. The next steps for the district have not been broadcasted because it hasn't been formalized yet. Stage 2 will curtail some watering times, ie. ten minutes per station per day, keep water on grass and don't allow run-off. Don't water between 9am-6pm. Even addresses would be Mon/Wed/Sat, odd addresses Tues/Thurs/Sun. All restrictions or changes will be published on the website, flyers, on water bills, etc.
4. TVWMD used to get all of the water from state water project. Those areas that are completely dependent on the state water projects will be adjusted. TVMWD now works with Western Water District which gets its water from the Colorado River and Diamond Valley Lake. Western Water District has done a good job, added pipelines, & have stored water in Diamond Valley Lake, added pump stations, & can push water back to the filtration plant. Right now, we have enough water for this year at current usage & may have 1M acre feet of water in storage by the end of the year. Residents have already been doing conservation. Homes are using less potable water than 2006. The rest of the water goes through agricultural/recycled. We need to see a lot of NorCal rain in the winter, otherwise we may have to move to allocation moving into the spring and summer next year.
5. TVMWD is not a planning agency, cannot deny a developer water or sewer regardless of the situation. The district sets fees but cannot be the hinderance to approving plans. Most of the projects coming up have already been on master plans with sewer and water allotments previously considered.
6. If we don't get the rain needed next year, expect higher restrictions including on non-functional, non-park/used turf, types of sprinklers, and types of water accessible for those areas (no potable).

B. GOCO/Glen Ivy General Update – T&B Planning: Joel Morse & Glen Ivy Hot Springs: Herve Blondel

1. Status of the project: in 2016 GOCO filed a general plan foundation update, got initiation, plan had to be submitted within 12 months which was submitted. The plan had housing, hotels, and more with expansion. Changes were made due to infrastructure issues; the plan wasn't achievable and didn't match core business goals. The project was worked on during COVID closure and 6 months ago started working on what was possible and what was practical in the space that aligned with the business goals.

2. The re-evaluated project will have a smaller footprint. Plot plan 906R8 was approved in 2008. Most of the project was already built over the last twelve years including the restaurant and the locker room expansions. The hotel with 70 rooms were approved, no residential uses, two treatment facilities, snack bar, and other misc. buildings were approved but not yet built. The designers have identified other areas with constraints that will be modified from the 2008 approval. The project will not be going into the hillside or groves.
3. What needs to be done: secondary access, fire requirement has to be resolved with Trilogy regardless of project size. New constraints that'll drive the project include water quality management requirements like basins, retentions will need to be added back once the plan is firm.
4. The hotel will be 2-3 stories, tucked against the hillside ideally. Moving dirt to realign elsewhere costs a significant amount of money and there are limitations on how much dirt can be moved.
5. The Holy Fire did not impact water quality issues. Water that comes off the hillside now does move into the existing creeks and other pre-existing bodies of water movement.
6. The projection date is several years out as the spa is still successful and they are not in a rush to expand. New design is expected in the next year. There will be a couple of years spent at the county level for approvals, estimating at least 3 years before they're ready to do anything.
7. The project is not moving into the RCA multi-species conservation space, that area has already been set aside. Most of the residential on the earlier plans is not coming in the next design. Most of the avocado groves would in theory stay, but cannot promise that the buffer will remain forever. Expansion would encroach on that area because it is the flattest space but are trying to work with their neighbors. The water basin would be down by the entrance.

C. Riverside County Development Update – Riverside County Planning Director John Hildebrand

1. The county department has 30 employees that serve the entire county area up through Blythe. Much like the water district, the planning department has state mandates. Regional Housing Needs Assessment number are required, even with issues regarding water and fire restriction. The state's by-right mandates are also being pushed down which takes more of the local jurisdiction process out of the process to get houses built earlier and faster. First District website has a listing of the pending and in process community projects.
2. Short-term rentals (AirB&B, etc.) is receiving an overhaul on the ordinances to balance out property owners and local community surrounding the properties across the county. Code Enforcement is involved in the process.
3. Planning is publishing a regular newsletter at planning.rctlma.org which includes a what's happening, new EIRS, new projects, and more.
3. Renaissance Ranch, adjacent to Horsethief Canyon Ranch, has an updated application submitted to convert their residential plan into an industrial project as a foundation change. The EIR is planned to release at the end of the week for public comment. This is a specific plan amendment which includes a different build-out scenario & infrastructure but does not have a specific project or tenant attached to the project which comes later, after approvals at this point. The EIR will be posted on the county planning website on the front page and open for 45 days of comments.
4. The senior assisted living project near Trilogy has a hearing on July 6th. The project includes assisted living, independent living, and memory care supervised living. The county believes this is a much-needed project in the area and is well designed. Temescal Canyon Road traffic impacts and traffic analysis are included in the process. Transportation has looked at the project and will weigh in on stop signs and sidewalks, light vs. stop signs, and other components to the project.
5. No update on Horsethief Villages – waiting on the water treatment facility upgrade to be completed.
6. No update on Toscana Villages/Speedway Development.
7. Amazon Last Mile has been pulled and the land owner will have to submit a new project to the county for consideration. The space will more than likely be an industrial development. A new EIR report will be required.
8. Serrano Specific Plan – the specific plan ties into where the Amazon Last Mile plan would have also touched. Both projects would have shared resources, development impacts, and other issues. Whatever comes next will have been amended to support those changes of infrastructure and circulation.

9. A resident asked if there are any more mining applications? One active near Lake. Any applicant has the right for due process & has the right for the application process Each project is reviewed by lots of resources and multiple departments that'll help give a pathway, and steps to follow.
10. A resident asked if the fire department is checking on the project with a checklist, with a formula, state codes, local codes, looked at in tandem, vegetation abatement, water access, etc. Fire department, marshals do participate in the review process at the planning commission; they provide comments, required changes but do not nix entire projects.
11. Jack Wyatt asked whether EMD participates in the planning process – and they do not. Planning happens at a micro and macro level in the area. While there is understanding of the impact of on-going development in the valley, there are other issues at play with communities that do not participate in the county process. There is a need for infrastructure improvements, new roads, and freeway expansion. Incremental growth changes the regional needs - there is no easy answer as it touches on many county and state levels.
12. Jannlee Watson asked the purpose of traffic of vehicle miles traveled. State mandates have changed the metrics of how those miles are used and calculated in traffic studies. These studies look at intersections, growth capacity, how much worse does it get with development impacts. The goal is mitigation – widening, changing timing on intersections. Level of service doesn't work. Vehicle miles traveled – aggregate of distribution of trips in the area based on the new development. Mitigation bank – paid in for new developments – pays out for these updates.
13. A resident asked if the church & senior living facility on Temescal Canyon Road will require four lanes? Culminative impacts are decisions are made by transportation. They may have the projects work in tandem dependent on growth in the next 5-10 years.
14. A resident asked which division or state department decides which road will decide road expansion? County general plan has circulation plan and smaller roads are not included in that plan. Decisions are made as development happens and sometimes that comes with gaps. All the fees go into the bank to be used for regional basis upgrades.

D. Election of MAC Board Members

1. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the election will take place at the August 2022 meeting.

5) Public Comments*

- A. None.

6) MAC Board Member Comments

1. Kelli Noss – community members do have a voice in planning and projects within the valley. Visit the District 1 website, gather information, be informed of the changes that are happening and how your voice can help mitigate projects. Homeowners cannot fully block development but they can help shape it.

7) Representative from County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office – Tom Ketcham

1. All changes within District 1 on projects come through the supervisor's office. Everything is scanned into their system and is analyzed, commented on, with suggestions and changes that have to be made before proceeding forward. The office has local knowledge of the area with long standing experience in fire and planning. They ask about sidewalks, what about this bridge, this road, etc. Once the office has analyzed the project it moves on to the supervisor and they go through the project together. Kevin Jeffries and staff often drive through the communities and aware of on-going issues. All development projects come to the MAC board – there are lots of projects currently in the works.
2. District 1's website includes a space for development where all projects in their various phases are posted. This is a good overview of what's happening in the area. Some projects stall, some die off, and some chose not to move forward at all. District 1 keeps them on the website until they have a final update. The County Planning

Department is a much more thorough documentation but it's a good place to start locally.

3. The 4th of July campaign is a priority for the supervisor – you light it, we write it. Bob McGee will be overseeing the project. Flyers and details to follow from Supervisor Jeffries' newsletter.

4. Drought tolerance landscaping guidelines will be working through planning commission, Supervisor Jeffries has been pushing it along. Changes include 15'+ trees instead of smaller trees to provide shade in the newly constructed areas while maintaining lower water usage.

5. The comment period for the senior living facility ends on June 15th – comments must be submitted to the planning commission.

8) Items for Future Agendas

1. ADMQ, new planning commission representative, Proficiency Capitol, Renaissance Ranch, Riverside County Sheriff's Department Neighborhood Watch program presentation or CIO officers, in addition to past future agenda item suggestions.

9) Date of Next Meeting

A. The next scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 6:00pm. The MAC is dark in July.

* Those wishing to ask one question or make a single comment after a presentation should raise their hand or complete a speaker's slip. After being recognized by the board, please stand up, state your name, and ask your question or make your comment and sit down.

* New issues raised during the public comment period will not be discussed by the council during that meeting. They may, if warranted, be included as a future item.

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