

## Good Hope/ Meadowbrook Municipal Advisory Council

Meeting Notes: June 6, 2013

Taken By: Cynthia Melonson

0.0 Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairperson, J. McDonald.

Thomas Ketcham, informed members present that Cynthia did not want take on the role of secretary and members would have to decide when a full board was present. Cynthia took minutes/notes for this meeting as a courtesy.

1.0 Roll Call: Members, Carlos Lara and Jessie Rojas absent.

Jackie McDonald, Cynthia Melonson, Willie Moses and Diana Martin present.

Thomas Ketcham, Riverside County, six community members present and two guests.

4.1 New Business: (Moved up due to guest, Donna Jackma from Eastern Municipal Water District needing to leave.)

- Eastern Municipal Water District, E.M.W.D covers 542 square miles.
- One hundred thousand customers.
- Fourth largest seller of recycled water.
- Consumer Report to be sent out to customers by deadline of July1, 1013.
- Consumer Report is available electronically, by consumer must log on to EMWD Website to enroll.
- Once enrolled, the consumer is eligible to win a \$25.00 gift card while supplies last.
- Asked us to spread the word about receiving the electronic copy of Consumer Report.
- Current construction job in Enchanted Heights: Sewer system built to change over 440 homes from septic tanks to sewer system with free hook up to system for homes.
- Rates for sewer and block rates go up for 5 or more occupants.
- Tier rates were not fair to consumers with small households.
- Current rates are based on 3 or more consumers in a household.
- D.J. informed members that they may apply with EMWD to have their variance changed if they have a need.
- Mr. Charles (community member) stated he has a one inch line and how can it be metered to see exactly what his usage is?
- D.J. stated it is 60 gal. per person per day allowance. EMWD defaulted to 50% used outside is wasted and this metering will help consumers be more aware of usage to be able to stay within the budget.
- Cynthia (community member) uses a drip system to stay under or within the 3 people in household and allowance for 6000 sq. ft.
- Lee (community member) likes the direct charge is removed and that the bill is now itemized.

- Jackie McDonald attended the EMWD hearing and knows how the program works, and assured members they can apply for variance change or waiver.
- No change in rates if not hooked up to sewer system.

2.0 Approval of Minutes: Minutes read and motion made to accept minutes as presented by Diana Martin and moved by Willie Moses. Minutes accepted.

- Lori Lyons, Code Enforcement: Illegal vendors selling food are being actively addressed and Code Enforcement is coming out on weekends to address them.
- Diana Martin mentioned the legalization of vendors but not sure if that will include roadside carts.
- Jackie McDonald thanked Code Enforcement for moving the trailer what was left on Sharp.
- Willie Moses mentioned that there were 5 food vendors on the corner of Marshal and Ellis on Saturdays.
- Community Member asked if it is legal to live under a tree on someone's property near the Meadowbrook Market. Person is living and sleeping under lone tree near Greenwald.
- D.Martin mentioned that 24 years ago rural and depressed area. Man power is needed to help these people out of those situations
- Homeless count is up, trying to help people but, not all homeless want help, therefore Code Enforcement cannot help them.
- Music on coming late night on Fisher can be heard all night on weekends. All music or parties go late or early into the morning. When reported, asked if gunshots fired if none, a patrol car does not come out.

4.2 Tour for Las Colinas De Oro: Tom Ketcham, Riverside County mentioned the Las Colinas project presentation was lengthy and offered to take MAC members and anyone interested in late June or early July to visit other projects built by the company, but will need more than three and will need to address this publicly to comply with Brown Act.

5.0 Public Comments:

- Mr. Charles states he feels MAC is not doing much and asked what the previous CSA had done with the money for fire hydrants.
- What is happening with project that will take people's property (Each property owner was to give 15 feet from the street for easement, not every property owner have done that at the time they took possession of the property.)
- Are we covered in Good Hope by Sheriff or Highway Patrol? (Highway Patrol)
- Jackie McDonald reminded members present about Brown Act: Cannot speak about anything not on Agenda.
- No other comments.

6.0 Report form Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' Office:

6.1 Thomas Ketcham, Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries; Announced there will be a Food Truck Festival at CAC on June 25. Riverside County is looking to legalize Food Trucks; Riverside is the last county in California to legalize the Hot Food Trucks. Event is free. Vote will go to Board of Supervisors.

- Special events bring in food trucks.
- Cottage food law prohibits people from making food at home. Example: making cheese in tub is a health and safety issue.
- Mentioned Code Enforcement has had to lay off 11 officers and lost 4 officers in our district.
- Community Members need to be reactive and not pro active to help with the loss of officers. Lee (community member) mentioned volunteers are needed to replace Code Enforcement Officers laid off.
- Community Clean up hauled away 50 tons of trash and tires. They stayed open until 1:30 to finish job.
- Supervisor Jeffries attended Carnival Event at Good Hope Elementary and sends his thanks to Principal, Allyson Mallory.
- October 10, 2013 will be opening for New Mead Valley Community Center.
- Board to go dark for October and December 2013.
- Mark Tacano met at event in Perris. Issues included Sheriff Sub Station in Perris. CHP vs Sheriff, Elsinore area stops at Family Basket on HWY 74. Two patrol officers come from 215, Corona.
- The issue of the inhabitant of house in the Goodmeadow Park is now gone. He had not been charged rent in exchange for being the caretaker of the park. The mobile home and out buildings on property were all unpermitted. A lot of work needs to be done to clear and expand park, money to come from grants.
- Question of what happened to the CSA 70's money before it was disbanded and absorbed by the MAC. The money is still there and there is Three Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars in the account. Thomas is checking into the money and all the issues surrounding it.
- We are still paying CSA 70 fees in the Wagon Wheel Area. (Marshal, South of Ellis and Cox are parameters) Ten dollars per acre.
- C. Melonson mentioned when on board the last time, there was a vote to expand the use of the money from the CSA to fire hydrants and other projects before the CSA 70 was dissolved and became part of the MAC. Cannot mix use of moneys set aside for a particular use as in the CSA 70's situation.
- Diana Martin got signatures for 4 sq. miles of Good Hope Proper.
- Willie Moses CSA 70 tried to annex, but home owners did not want more lights due to having livestock on properties.
- Tom said the park in Mead Valley came from community taxes.
- Community Member Cynthia asked for an Accounting of defunct MAC.
- Grant was found for 1.4 million for School and sidewalks.
- New Supervisor is looking into previous projects left behind by Supervisor Buster.
- Community Member Everett mentioned that Good Hope was not included until it was changed to Area 1 from Area 5 under Supervisor Ashley.
- If you have a problem with the light on the pole outside your property on the street, try to get the number off the pole and report to Edison. Edison should monitor, but usually takes a property owner/inhabitant to help in the reporting of the street light being out.
- Mr. Charles asked when the sign for Good Hope would be installed when leaving Perris?

#### 7.0 Good Hope/Meadowbrook MAC Board Member Comments:

- Diana Martin attended Brown Act Training; Training was more specific on what can be done with e mails and attended the Good Hope Carnival.
- Was mentioned that there was 30 days left for the property owner to respond about the easement for the sidewalks on Ellis for the students at Good Hope Elementary.
- Mentioned that Supervisor Jeffries' father had passed: Mr. Jeffries was well known in Hollywood and was a very compassionate
- Willie Moses stated that they have been trying to make progress but, happening by inches in answering our problems in the community. Got no response from registered letters. Not anyone persons fault, Supervisor Buster had inherited the mess and will take time to sort out. "rome ws not built in a day.
- Jackie McDonald spoke about June 15, Juneteenth; slaves in 1865 were freed, but took took 2 years for the slaves in Texas to find out they were free, so they began the celebration jubilee of "Juneteenth." There will be a program held at the Community Center. Volunteers are needed.
- Wants post card sent out to remind of monthly meetings.

#### 8.0 Future Agenda Items:

- New secretary needed, tabled until Carlos and Jesse are in attendance.  
Mrs. Moses moved, Diana Martin seconded: Tabled until July 11 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 by Chairperson Mc Donald.