

GOOD HOPE/MEADOWBROOK
MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 at 6:00PM, THURSDAY
MOSES-SCHAFFER COMMUNITY CENTER
21565 STEELE PEAKE DRIVE, GOOD HOPE

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

0.0 CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by President Carlos Lara, Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0 Roll Call: Carlos Lara (Chair), Diana Martin (Vice-Chair), Jackie McDonald (Secretary), Willie Moses, Rogelio Sesmas late attended Back to school night, Giovanny Aguilar (Alternate) – present.

2.0 Approval of Minutes: July 2, 2015 – Jackie McDonald moved, Diana Martin seconded, Vote unanimous to approve.

3.0 Public Safety Updates

3.1 Riverside County Sheriff – Lt. Pemberton, Patrol Commander – Stats: 159 calls, 3 priority 1; 7 Arrests: 6 Felonies, 1 Misdemeanor; 211(Armed Robbery) – 8 in custody: people from L.A., dressed as DEA agents robbed a weed farm; 1 domestic violence, 2 Narcotics; Re: Prop 47: Impacts Countywide: YTD 01/01/ 2014 – 08/31/2014 -388 Felony Drug arrests, Same dates 2015- 87 Felony Drug arrests. Spike in thefts – mostly drug related. *Comment:* Drugs in Perris is part of the economy or self-medication by the users. *Question:* What's the D.A. doing about promises made, especially since it cost \$10K to educate and \$50K to incarcerate? *Ans.:* The jails and courts have programs available. Prop 47 will be put to the test to see if those programs work.

3.2 Riverside County Fire – Station 9 - Capt. De La Hoy- Stats: 49 total calls: 38 medical, 1 public assist, 2 traffic calls, 3 false alarms and 1 vehicle fire. Weed abate inspections are ongoing in light of the recent rains. Continue to clean your property. Fire station still has sandbags and there is fill across the street. Available time: 8am – 5pm, 7 days/week. Burn Ban is still in effect. It will remain in effect until late fall (Oct-Nov). *Question:* When would Station 59, Mead Valley, come to Good Hope? *Ans.:* Fires that require 2 or more engines; for medical assists, if an engine is out on another call. *Question:* Where were the collisions, any fatalities? What about a collision with a horse on Mapes Rd.? Do not have any information at hand, need to do more research. Please come to the fire station to get the information.

3.3 Code Enforcement – Lori Lyons – Biggest thing code is working on: hitting marijuana heavily. Sheriff's officers are lead and code assists, sometimes code is the lead, but usually addresses the smaller grows. As of Sept. 2, 2015, 4,000 plants have been removed from 60 properties in the Good Hope area. Senior officers deal with dispensaries, attacking through the legal system, which takes longer to close them. Recent floods caused much damage; blue line streams should be kept clean to prevent damage in the coming rains.

4.0 New Business

4.1 RivCo Parks Dept. /District [Community center/park updates] Ayiesha/Stephanie Thank you to everyone who comes in to use the Center. The senior trip to Pala Casino was very successful. 56 people signed up, however only 36 actually showed up. The next casino trip will be November 11, 2015; the non-refundable \$10.00 cost will be due October 11. Sept. 18th - '70s Disco and karaoke contest - \$5.00 entry which included dinner and \$5.00 for the contest. Sept 11, there will be coffee and cupcakes all day long in honor of 9/11. Senior Fridays will be starting soon. The Center will be closed for Labor Day. Ceiling Fans have been installed and the windows tinted to conserve electricity. The basketball court should be complete by Halloween, a new walkway has been started and work will begin on the field soon. We need volunteers to help paint and donations for flooring. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday there's now a cardio class, from 9:30 am – 10:30 am. Cost is \$12.00/month, but if you bring a friend it's only \$10.00/month. Free "FIT After 50" class is for seniors, at 10:45 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Sept. 16th there's a trip to the L.A. County fair, cost \$10.00. The children's art class starts Sept. 15th from 4:00 pm – 5:00pm, cost is \$5.00. Free ESL classes are Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Free senior meals daily for those over 60. *Question:* I tried to get in on the Pala trip but was told it was full. *Ans.:* 56 people signed up but only 35 showed up that morning. *Comment:* Thanks to both Stephanie and Ayiesha, who are both doing a wonderful job here at the center and providing services and more activities.

4.2 Emergency Management Dept. [Presentation of CERT & LISTOS community programs]: Suzette Bricker – Emergency Services Dept. CERT and LISTOS emergency prep: CERT is a 20 hour program over 3 days, includes medical ops and light search and rescue. LISTOS for the Latin community, done in Spanish a program of 8 – 12 hrs over 2 days. Need a group of 10 or more for the class. The intention is to "Build a community of resilience." Informational flyers are available in both Spanish and English. *Question:* Good Hope school is an emergency site, is there cooperation between this agency and the school district? *Ans.:* All school sites are designated as emergency sites, and the Red Cross does MOU's with the sites. *Question:* Is this County wide or do cities have their own? *Ans.:* Riverside County CERT and LISTOS is county wide, there are 23 CERT programs; 28 cities overseen by the county.

4.3 RivCo. Waste Resources Dept. [Presentation of available programs via the Dept.]-Corinne Awael, Joe Contaoi (Compliance Manager) The primary obligation is landfill management. There are 6 active landfills and 32 closed sites, all are monitored to ensure the environment stays safe. Also conducts numerous free household hazardous waste collections. If you miss a collection in your neighborhood you can go to any collection site in the county, just show an ID. Information is provided that lists hazardous waste, which includes batteries,

fluorescent lights and electronic equipment. AB1826 – Composting Bill – organic recycling. This department is responsible for illegal dumping, and graffiti removal in unincorporated areas. This year, 174 dumpings equaled 279 tons and 961 tires. There were 193 work orders for graffiti removal. The Graffiti Buster program consists of 2 people and graffiti is removed within 2 days. Paint collected during household hazardous waste collection is used to paint over the graffiti. Dept has received 2 grants for illegal dumping, and uses work release from the Sheriff's department for help. When the economy is bad there's a little less dumping as people tend to recycle. *Comment:* The department did a phenomenal job cleaning up after the flood. *Question:* How much hazardous waste can be hauled? *Ans.:* 15 gallons latex, 5 gallons oil-based. *Question:* Is there also a limit on tires? *Ans.:* 9 tires or less, over 9 tires requires a manifest waiver. Call Waste Resources to get a waiver. *Question:* Need a manifest for paint and tires? *ANS.:* No the manifest is for tires only. *Question:* Is wetting dirt during construction necessary? *Ans.:* Yes, to keep the dust down.

4.4 RivCo Dept. of Animal Services [Presentation on services available to the community] – Jasmine Macamaro, John Healy, Mark Visyak – Services are offered at Jurupa Valley, San Jacinto, Cochella, and Blyth. All pets must be licensed. Low cost vaccination clinics are offered twice a month on Wednesday and Saturday; microchips are \$20.00, appointments may be made for spay and neutering. Brochures are available. **John Healy**, 13 year licensing officer in this area; will work with ticketed citizens. Free services are offered at the Spay and Neutering Bus that comes to Mead Valley, for dogs less than 50 pounds. You can make arrangements for larger dogs, at one of the other locations by calling; information is available on flyers. There is a limit of 4 dogs, more than 4 you must get a kennel permit; 5-10 dogs on properties over an acre. *Question:* What about chaining or caging dogs? *Ans.:* Dogs may be chained for a maximum of 3 hours, unless on a trolley and they are able to get water. Cages depends on the size of the dog and cage. Call animal control for confined dogs on a neighbor's property. **Mark Visyak**, animal control officer; Stats from 3/1/15 – 8/31/15 645 calls: 12 assists, 8 police assists, 90 dead domestic pick ups, 45 dead wild animals, 23 fights, 3 leash law violations, 55 stray aggressive, 70 confined, 42 injured, 9 sick animals, 10 stray roaming yard checks, 3 roaming wildlife. About tethering; law: is covered in Penal Code 517, and Health & Safety codes. The main job is to educate and enforce. Kennel runs and cages are investigated with follow-ups of 24, 48, and 72 hours. You have 20 days to clear citations; otherwise you have to go to court. There are usually 2 officers in the area. Discussion on confined animals in neighbors' yards and giving aid to those animals. State law protects you under the Good Samaritan law when you give assistance to a confined animal. There are 30-35 calls a day to animal control. Coyote problems are handled by State Fish & Wildlife. Dead birds are no longer collected. Animal Control priorities are 1. rabid animals, 2. confined animals, 3. dead animals.

4.5 Mary Venerable, Advisory Commission Member [Presentation on RCTC Community meetings] – RCTC's goal: to develop an effective transportation system. RCTC is looking for input from area road users to identify what the problems are and ways to correct them. Measure A ½ sales tax was passed to improve the roads. Metro Link is coming and the parking lot is being extended. *Comment:* the City of Perris does not seem to be able to handle in increase in traffic that will be coming. Please make sure you let RCTC know your thoughts on this. *Comment:* There are schools 7 on A Street since there are no school buses it causes major traffic problems. Schools

claim they have no money for buses. PUHSD board meetings are the 3rd Wednesday every month. Residents should attend these meetings and voice their displeasure. High school students must walk 5 miles, Middle school students 3 miles. RCTC needs better communication with the school districts concerning traffic problems. Biggest problem: Jobs and the Economy. There has been no due diligence to make sure locals are hired for these road projects, including maintenance after completion. Also Dial-A-Ride has been cut back and those who complain the loudest get better results. There is a website www.rctc.org/summits, or email J. Villa, jvilla@rctc.org, or call J.Villa at 951-787-7141.

5.0 Public Comments: V. Green-Jordan – would like to have Good Hope School Principal, Jennifer Lujano in next month's agenda.

6.0 Legislative Reports

6.1 Field Representative to Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez – No Report

7.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office

7.1 Thomas C. Ketcham, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries – Rogelio is attending back to school night. New Jeffries Journal is here. Applications are now being taken for volunteer code enforcement officers. 9/3/15 there was a flood control meeting that included code enforcement, fire dept., sheriff dept., planning dept. and transportation. We are trying to learn from the flood and be proactive in the future. Code is out looking for illegal grading. Flood was caused by culverts being full of trash and bamboo, and illegal grading. El Nino will be later this year and probably peak about February. We are working on a system to let people know in advance of major storms. We are developing flood plain maps and planning will be aware of developments, there will be no more building in flood plains. CEILING fans have been installed in the center after 1 1/2 years and the windows have been tinted. If you see anything else you think we need, please let us know. CERT: I took the class and a local team has been established in Mead Valley; if we get 10 people to sign up we can get the class scheduled here, we especially need Hispanics in the area to sign up for LISTOS. MARIJUANA: enforcement is really going well. When the sheriff pulls up, if the parties run, it then becomes a felony, which slows down the team; thanks to Lori and the team for a job well done. *Question:* Since the fine is \$1000/day it does not seem to be a big deal to the dispensaries. *Ans.:* Dispensaries take longer to close and the team is working on them. WASTE RESOURCES: Joe Contaoi is in charge of picking up the debris. If you are interested in cleaning your water ways – let me know first otherwise State gets involved and you will be cited, as 3 people have already been cited. Waste Management will be here next month, each resident is entitled to 2 bulky item pick ups per year. TNOW meetings: everyone is invited to attend the monthly meetings held one month in Perris the next in Moreno Valley. Thanks to everyone who stayed for this meeting. RIBBON cutting for the basketball court will be soon and we will have a mini town hall at that time. Halloween coming and flyers will be out soon. We need volunteers to help. *Comment:* Good Hope school should be informed. FLOOD CONTROL: *Comment:* Community needs to be involved. CERT training at Good Hope school will help. Flood Plan: We want to establish a map to determine the waterways. *Question:* Gilbert Acevedo: There was a petition to pave the road, Perris did half – when will the county start their

half? There is a process that must be followed before work actually starts. *Question:* Where does the money for Roads come from? *Ans.:* Tax revenue, Measure A, Gas Tax, CSA taxes. Discussion about the processes, and speeds on paved roads. Read Jeffries Journal about the roads, also read the book “Too Big to Fail” What about federal money? Discussion about budgets, county revenues, etc.

Good Hope/Meadowbrook MAC Board Member Comments

Jackie McDonald: Thanks to the fire dept. for the sandbags.

Mrs. Moses: Thank the county for the big rocks they brought to fill in the road. The last time the road was split on 2 sides and was out for months.

Diana Martin: About the RTA we are now eligible at this center for the “Buddy System,” Dial A Ride and I’d like to put a sign-up sheet in the back for those interested.

Rogelio Sesmas:

Giovanny Aguilar: Thank you everyone for sticking around.

Carlos Lara: Thank you to all the different agencies. There was trash by my house but it was picked up.

9.0 Future Agenda Items As stated above.

Date of proposed next meeting October 1, 2015.

Adjournment: Mrs. Moses moved, Diana Martin Seconded, Vote unanimous,

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm

Attendance 23 and others