

Good Hope / Meadowbrook MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 4, 2016 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 6:00pm by Chair, Diana Martin. Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0 Roll Call: Diana Martin (Chair), Giovanni Aguilar, Willie Moses, Maha Harb (acting secretary) – Present [Faviola Benevente-excused/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 - July Stats: We have got a lot of phone calls and we responded to a lot of them. People did require to be contacted, so deputies went by two-wheeler deputies giving citations. In the month of July we responded to 310 calls for service and deputies made 8 arrests. Four of the arrests were for domestic violence. We had a homicide on downtown highway 74 we will go over it next month but there is no sustaining suspects. It will be sent to the DA's office shortly. Marijuana team is out in full force. Last week was our program where we have DEA, fishing game, etc. They go into mountains and large scale areas and confiscate places with marijuana. Lake Elsinore station confiscated 1000 plants of marijuana.

3.2 Riverside County Fire Station #9 Capt., Ryan Dixon on behalf of Steve De La Hoya – July Stats: Captain is working in another station due to the fires up north that affects us here. As for the calls we got for service we got 6 structure fires, 13 trash and vegetations fires, 69 calls for medical service, 4 hazardous, and 1 other for a total of 93 calls for service the month of July. That is 20 calls more from the previous month. We are in the high season burning. In the county you should not burn trash. If there is a fire or someone is burning call 911. 13 of the fires constitute illegal burns. The only thing to burn is tumble weeds and that if you have a permit during a specific time during winter.

Question: Can we have open pit burning?

Answer: No, you can't have open pit. We can't issue a permit because it's high burning season. When it's time you have to come and get a permit from the Fire Department from us after we inspect it and approval from Air Quality Management District. AQMB will let you know when it's the time to have open pit burning.

3.3 Code Enforcement Officer Brian Bealer – Last month has been very busy. Our focus shifted a little bit because people are starting to grow marijuana. We are focusing on the cultivation. If you have your medical card you can grow up to 12 plants. There are other restrictions like screening and others. You can't plant on empty fields. As for dispensaries, the ones on highway 74 we get new challenges from their attorneys and we have to answer to their appeals and emotions. It's a stall tactic until November. In the back there is information about our work and department. We are out on the weekends. We are catching more flower and fruit vendors. We also have a person working on vehicles. So, if you have a car you don't need we have a program that can take the car free of charge.

Question: Do you take mobile homes?

Answer: We can take cars, trucks, motor homes, and trailers only. We can't do mobile homes because it's very expensive. It costs about \$2000-\$3000 to remove mobile homes.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Riverside County Parks Dept. / District [Center/Park Updates] Stephanie:

Good evening and thank you for coming. The programs we currently offer are cardio fitness class Monday thru Thursday from 9:30 am – 10:30 am if you guys are interested please sign up it's free. Also we have senior game days like bingo on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm right after that we have seniors' lunch and it's free from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you are interested please sign up with me afterwards. We have a Commodities Program and that is on the second Tuesday of every month from 9:30 am – 11:00 a.m. Also we have a book mobile that comes by every Friday from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm and they park right outside. You are welcome to check out books. We are offering a Ballet Folklorico class for ages from 5 through adult. The class is \$15/month for each participant. We meet every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. You can come on Wednesday and bring the kids by to attend and sign up for the class. We also offer a new Zumba class on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Some important dates are on Thursday August 25 is end of the month senior birthday celebration. You can come by and we are going to have music and cake. Then we will have lunch. You can also pick up a calendar from the back because it's a lot of dates to remember. August 8th the facility is rented because Bingo will be conducted from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Question: Is there a Farmer's Market this month?

Answer: You missed it because it was this Monday.

4.2 G.R.I.D. (Presentation on community programs offered): - Good Evening everybody. My name is Lisa Casalone. I'm from a statewide non-profit organization called GRID Alternatives. I'm going to give a presentation. I heard the gentleman from the fire department talk about air quality control. On the beginning of my flyer I have a presentation on a half sheet that I made and soon to be in Spanish. Basically, this red area on the map is designated disadvantaged communities because of high air pollution according to the state of California. State of California has designated some funding through the Capin Trade Funding? From companies that generate air pollution. There is billions of dollars throughout the state from this pot of money. GRID Alternatives is one of the organizations that have access to these funds. What we do with these funds is we provide solar, electric systems for income qualified families. We are not selling it you have to qualify for it. If you don't qualify for it you will not be able to get it from GRID Alternatives. I will share our program with you. If you have a question, feel free to stop me. We are a partnership with the City of Perris. Perris recognizes the importance of our program and what we are doing in the community. We have several partnerships throughout the county. We work in many different cities throughout California and across the country. Thank you very much for allowing me to come and share this information. I am the program manager and outreach coordinator for my office. We are a 501C3, which means we are a non-profit organization. We are not selling solar. We are serving exclusively qualified families. We encourage families to learn solar for free. Our motto is very similar as "Habitat for Humanity", where everyone chips in and helps. All the photographs are from builds we did around a thousand in the Inland Empire of homes in Riverside, San Bernardino, and Indio Counties. Our triple bottom line is People, Planet, and Employment. We were founded in 2001 and began installation in 2004. We have expanded and have offices throughout the country. We have an internal program and a national tribal program. We have offices in California, Colorado, and Washington. We are kicking our pilot program in Nepal. We are installing systems for people who don't have electricity at all. We get state rebate money from California rebate through the disadvantaged community. We also get money through public utilities, which are Edison, PG&E, and San Diego Gas and Electric. We get a high end rebate because of this program to several lower income families. We also get donations, grants, and we do big fundraisers, and we use volunteer labor, which helps us keep down our costs, so families don't pay anything. We are allowing home owners to get solar with no cost and no maintenance because there is going to be a monitor in it to make sure it's working. State funds to reduce air pollution in designated communities. So, GRID prepays the system for the home owners. Then we get the money back from the State of California. We don't need homeowner's social security numbers, we don't need high electric bills, we don't need your credit score, you will not take a loan, and we will not have a lien on your property. We are a trusted source. I can attend any event. I can meet with church leaders. I can show you how it works with no cost to you. This is my presentation- Thank you!

Question: How long does the system get maintenance?

Answer: The system gets 20 years of maintenance and it is included in the contract. The system is producing clean air pollution.

Question: What happens in case of power outage?

Answer: We don't install batteries or back-up. The solar goes on the roof causing you to need less power from the electricity. It produces power from the sun but not during the night.

Question: What equipments are needed and who covers it? How do we decide how many solar panels are needed?

Answer: We ask for 12 months of electric bills. Based on electricity needed we decide how many panels are needed. We teach families energy efficiency. Most of the equipment is from the United States. We are federal recognized as a non-profit organization.

Question: Do we stay with Edison?

Answer: You stay with Edison. We go over information with you. We ask owners to provide 2 day lunch for workers. We are training workers. We ask if they can provide restrooms. We encourage homeowners to get on roof. We need help. You still need Edison, but your electric bill will be lower.

Question: How much lower will the electric bill be?

Answer: Our goal is to make it 75% lower. The point of the program is not to get money back from Edison, but to give you what you need based on your 12 month electric bills.

Question: What are the requirements to be a volunteer?

Answer: You have to be 16 years old and over and it counts as community service hours. We also encourage women to volunteer.

4.3 Establishment of Officers for MAC Board (determination of Vice President & Secretary positions)-

Thomas Ketcham - You have to nominate a vice chair and secretary. Faviola is not present. Veronica who has applied resigned for a family issue. We are going to be moving Maha as our first Alternate up to regular board member. So, we are going to have Alternate position available. We have Alternate always available in case something happens, Alternate moves up to board member. At this time you can vote among yourself and for the record Faviola did volunteer to be secretary.

Diana Martin- Do I hear a nomination for Giovanni as Vice-Chair

Diana Martin (Ay), Maha Harb (seconded), vote unanimous.

Diana Martin- Congratulations Giovanni you are the new Vice-Chair

Diana Martin- I make a motion that Maha Harb be nominated as our secretary because she seems to be right at home working at it.

Thomas Ketcham- She can't be nominated until she is moved up.

Diana Martin- So, a motion for Faviola to be the Secretary.

Diana Martin- All in favor for Faviola Benevente be secretary – Diana Martin (Ay), Giovanni – seconded, vote unanimous.

Diana Martin- We nominate Maha Harb as a new board member- Diana Martin (Ay), Giovanni- seconded, vote unanimous.

Giovanny Aguilar was voted in as Vice Chair

Faviola Benevente was voted in as Secretary

Maha Harb was moved from Alternate to Full-Term member.

New MAC Board is...

Diana Martin – Chair, Giovanny Aguilar – Vice Chair, Faviola Benevente – Secretary, Willie Moses – member, and Maha Harb – member. There are currently two alternate spots open.

4.4 Grove Community Church- Noland Turnage (Review of event in June)

Good Evening everyone. Thank you for inviting me back. We as a church in Riverside want to reach communities who need the extra help. In June so much had happened in our Outreach Department. On September 10 we are bringing back the medical clinic. They were not able to see much people last time. They only saw 30 people, so because of the need we are coming back on Sept. 10.

On Sept 10 we will have the Food Pantry. First come, first serve. We will try to provide as much food as possible. It is based on our resources. We hope to give enough for a family of four, in which they have food for several days. We also do food distributions in Perris. Every couple months we try to help. Are there any questions?

Comment: Diana Martin- It was a great program. There was food on site, jumpers, prayer truck, give away and more!

Once or twice a year we try to have people volunteering and others provide jumpers. We try to bring great events to Good Hope where everyone helps and has a great time. If people can help we can always have such events. We are hoping in the future to bring classes to the community classes such as Financial Peace (how to manage your money). We are hoping to also bring classes such as English as a second language, Spanish classes. I am a preacher and I am passionate and enjoy what I do.

5.0 Public Comments: Community member (Victoria Vella) – I have been in this community since 1981. In our area we don't have a voice. I'm glad we have something like this. I want to thank Mrs. Moses who is a friend of my mom, and Mr. Thomas who gave us the opportunity to have a voice and is helping us fix things in our area. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to have a voice.

6.0 Legislative Reports:

6.1 Field Representative for Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez- Hi everyone, I am Jeff Pearson with the office Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez. We are very light right now. We started session back up this week. We are hanging in to find out what is going on. The gun packet I promised still didn't come up to get the information. Hopefully, next month I will have more information. I don't know all the details on it, but I know there is some talk about someone in San Diego is trying to get some referendum on the ballot for the gun laws. They are trying to get six. Hopefully people can vote on it what they feel for on the gun laws. Hopefully, I can get information on it next week. We have our Fed Ex bill coming up August 20. We will be shooting out e-mails, so if you are on our e-mail list you will know more about it.

7.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office

7.1 Thomas C. Ketcham, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries –

Hopefully we will get more people next month to attend the meeting.

On Monday we will be painting Norma Street, which is on the other side of highway 74. Norma Street was affected by the flooding, so we will pave it. Next, will be Mapes Street. The newsletter for the month of July is back. The August issue will be out soon. You can get it on-line.

Thank you Nolan for the event!

We have the Animal Services Bus, which is for pets to get spayed or neutered. I will let Stephanie know the details of the event. Services are free or at minimal cost. Bring your pet, drop them off, and then come back and pick-up your pet.

Question: Do they do chips?

Answer: Please call animal services to get more information about that issue.

Question: Is there a program where you can get rid of old medicine?

Answer: They came here once, but no one showed up. They do have a program in Mead Valley.

Community Member (Female): You can dispose of old medicine by putting it with coffee grinds, put it in bag, and then throw it away.

Thomas Ketcham: If you have couches and mattresses send me a picture and address and I will get someone out to collect them. Illegal dumping on road Code enforcement takes care of it. I can only pick it up if on side of road but not on specific property.

8.0 Good Hope/ Meadowbrook MAC Board Member Comments

Diana Martin- This was my first time as Chair. Thank you all for coming tonight. Our next MAC meeting will be Sept. 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Willie Moses- When it is a law people need to abide by it.

Giovanny Aguilar- Thank you for coming tonight!

Maha Harb- Thank you all for coming tonight. I wasn't aware of all the activities and events available for the community.

9.0 Future Agenda Items

Date of proposed next meeting, Sept. 1, 2016 6pm @ Moses-Schaffer Community Center

Adjournment: Diana Martin moved, Giovanny Aguilar seconded, vote unanimous

Meeting adjourned: 7:30pm

Attendance: 20 and others