

Good Hope / Meadowbrook MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 2th, 2017 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 6:01pm by Chair, Giovanni Aguilar
Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Giovanni Aguilar – Before we start just a few reminders. If you want to speak about something we have our forms here to fill out and give to Maha so we can add to agenda. You will have two minutes to speak and express yourself. If you have something to ask raise your hand and please state your name, so it can be on record. Thank you, it's a pleasure to have you here tonight. It will be a nice night and we will understand more of the things we can do in the community.

1.0 Roll Call: Giovanni Aguilar (Chair), Faviola Benavente (Vice Chair), Maha Harb (Secretary), Diana Martin, Vacant. Willie Moses- Absent, and Victoria Bella (Alternate)- 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 Department – Capt. Dan Anne. Hi everybody! I'm Dan Anne Captain of the Lake Elsinore Sherriff's Station. I just wanted to come and introduce myself. Lt. Joseph Pemberton was usually the one who attended these meetings. Lt. Pemberton good for him got promoted to Captain and got transferred out of my station. Lt. Kevin Smith has been with our station for a long time and will be taking over and will be attending these meetings. You will be seeing him from time to time. Tonight, he had a personal issue he had to take care of at home. I wanted to make sure I showed up and gave you guys the report. Very quickly, I will give you the update and if you have questions I can answer them.

Overall, you had in this area 222 calls per service, 34 more than last month. Part one crime went down all across the border, down in assaults, down in burglaries, arrests went down. We had a handful of arrests. Arrests went down two arrests compared to last month, vandalism went up by 1, disturbance of peace went up by 3.

I also wanted to give you an update of a reoccurring issue the shooting in Peak area. I see a few of you that we talked to before about this issue and you were good enough to call and continue to call us. We had another meeting with our partners from VLM. They gave us an overall update. They noticed a very large decrease from when we started. They are still encountering from LA County coming in. I think some of the feedback I have been getting from some of you it's reduced but not completely gone. We are trying to coordinate another sweep with them. That should be occurring shortly. The VLM representative said they received merit funds for offence and should be completed soon in certain areas. That's all I have on that issue to report. Does anyone have any questions or concerns for me to answer. I would be more than happy to do that before I hand it over to the fire department.

Information for Lt. Smith is kwsmith@riversidesheriff.org. Same phone # you can ask for Lt. Smith. In case of an emergency or non-emergency continue to call us the regular way. Don't call Lt. Smith. It's his desk phone, he will not be able to be there 24 hours a day. So please continue to report crimes. The more you report crimes the more we can have a documentation of what's going on and track the issues.

Q: I have an ongoing problem in my neighborhood. It's super difficult to get through to when I can 911. First, I have to get through CHP that will switch it over to the county. I'm fluent in English, but my neighbors are not. If I have difficulty and I'm fluent how are they going to manage. We have a guy running around at 3:00 a.m. in the neighborhood that we should be concerned about and what do I do about the little ladies next door who are watching their kids and grandkids.

A: As far as contacting us they will ask you if it's an emergency and they are going to route you through the non-emergency way. So, call out dispatcher directly at 951-776-1099. You might have to go through some jumps but not as many. This is going to our non-emergency dispatcher center, 911 is only for emergency. When they get your information, they ask you for as much information as possible, but they already contacted a dispatcher.

Q: How will a person with broken English be able to communicate if there is an issue like someone running outside.

A: I will push this information to our Communication Center, Thank you.

3.2 Riverside County Fire Station #9/ Joe Kennedy – Good Evening! I'm Joe Kennedy. I'm the medic engineer next door, Steve is off today. I'm here to give you the stats really quickly, I'm giving you a rundown of September and October. In Sept. the station ran a total of 60 calls in the area, 3 false calls, 41 medical aids, 1 other fire, 1 public service assist, 3 standbys, 8 traffic collisions, 1 vehicle fire, and 2 wild land fires. October, ran roughly the same. Total 65 calls, 5 false alarms, 40 medical aids, 5 other fires, 1 other miscellaneous, 2 public service assists, 2 standbys, 6 traffic collisions, 1 vehicle fire, 3 wild land fires. Very consistent for us, any questions?

3.3 Code Enforcement -Michelle Cervantes – Good evening everybody. My name is Michelle. I work for Transportation Land Management Agency. So, tonight I'm here representing both Code Enforcement as well as Transportation. So, for Code Enforcement they have given the report for Good Hope and Meadowbrook area. Currently right now 202 open cases in your area that might be accumulated rubbish, excessive outside storage, construction without permit, inoperable vehicles, or any type of marijuana cases we are dealing with right now. I don't show any abatement for the last month for the area, which means the county hasn't come out and to abate any of the violations of what's on the property. Right now, your officers are dealing with homeless enactments. What the officers are asking is once you see something say something, give us a call. Now we have a main call center for code enforcement center. There will be one number for every area. I have pins, sticky pads, and brochures that have the number. The number is 951-955-2004, so even if you are to call the office on Cajalco right here the call will be routed to the call center. It will be sent out to the officer for that specific area. However, for the homeless enactments, your officer has given me the main line and I want to give it to you, it's 951-776-3233. Now keep in mind the officers are in the fields almost the entire day. We suggest you call first to make an appointment. We don't want you to make a trip to the office and your officer is not there to speak to you. So, you have your choice of either line to give them a call. Also, as we mentioned earlier concerning the marijuana cannabis cultivation issues. The number I gave you for your officer go ahead and call her on that number. If you see something and feel it might be a grow give her a contact so we can start the investigation.

Under new business we are going to talk more about the marijuana. I have information in the back regarding the AVA (Abandon Vehicle Authority). We call it the Junker Clunker out here. The county will go out and remove any inoperable dismantled vehicle from your property. There is no charge to anybody or owner of the vehicle. The state will help with that. So, grab pens, pencils and it will have the number. It's the main center line. Even if you are not sure still give us a call. If it's on the road it's for CHP and sheriff. If it's on the property it's ours. We will still take a look for you.

That is all I have for code enforcement. I will try to answer any questions and take back any information to the code enforcement supervisors. So, does anyone have any questions for me?

Q: George Maracus- A month ago I called the Code Enforcement of Lake Elsinore. I went there and I was told the officer is not there. I was told they will call me later.

A: Right now we are in the process of moving officers around. You still will have to call the main center. We did have to lay off a few people. We are rearranging everybody. If you want to give me your information, and I will be more than happy to take it back.

George Maracus: No

Any other questions for Code Enforcements?

Q: Luni Fernandes: I'm here concerning the road construction and pavement.

A: I will talk about transportation in a second.

For transportation, our director, has asked me to pass on how to prepare for the rainy season. So, we are asking properties to remove any excess debris, blocking natural streams, and drainage systems. Anybody in need of sand bags we have here and you can go to our website ribcoready.org. and it will give you a list of the closest locations nearest you. I also heard the fire department also provides sand bags as well. You can call 211 to find the closest area to give you sand bags as well. Now, I can answer your question for transportation.

Q: The street is called Phillips in Perris. It's about two miles distance where we live away from my kids' school. I know when it rains we have trouble transporting the kids to Railway School. I'm asking you if you can pave that area. There are no sidewalks.

A: I can take back the information and give it to the engineering technician office. They can take a look at it to see if it's county maintained or if it's because of different rules and regulations they have to follow. You can grab one of my cards in the back and give me a call and we can follow up with this issue.

Any other questions?

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Community Center Updates – Stephanie Morales, The Grove – Good evening everyone my name is Stephanie Morales. I'm your community center director. I have a few announcements I like to talk about. The Trunk or Treat Event was a wonderful turnout. We had a big success. We had over 1000 people attending the event. We also had great response from people who are interested in providing a trunk. Other event components included a petting zoo, a

reptile show, a game trunk, a laser tag, and inflatables, carnival games, pumpkin patch where children had the opportunity to take home a pumpkin. We also had an abundance of candy. Last but not least, we had a haunted house which was brought to you by the Board of Supervisors First District. I want to stop here and talk about some of the things. I wanted to let you know events like these take a lot of effort and time of community involvement, most of all dedicated people. For this haunted house I want to thank Thomas Ketcham for coming out and putting the haunted house together. He spent hours and hours on his own. He came here on Friday and Saturday and spent hours putting the haunted house together. I want to give recognition to Thomas. Thank you, Thomas!

Also, other community events please take a calendar from the back. On Saturday November 18th we will be having out Thanksgiving dinner. It will be brought to you by the Grove. We have the Grove volunteers come out that night and the day before. They help put this event together. Please, mark your calendars, it's going to be from 1p.m.- 5p.m. So far, we have 150 people who signed up for this dinner. If you are interested I have sign-up sheets in the back and you are welcome to sign up. Also, December 16th will be our annual breakfast with Santa. It's a free breakfast for everyone in the community, So, mark your calendars. We will be having carnival games, opportunities for families to take a picture with Santa Clause. We will be having a real Santa Clause that day. Come down and take a picture with Santa.

I know this hasn't happened yet, but I want to thank one of our board members Giovanni Aguilar for his continuous support in the Santa event. Every year Giovanni brings volunteers to the center and help with this event. So, Thank you for your continuous support to this event. I have some community flyers and calendar of upcoming events in the back. So, please free to take some. It has all the information of events happening this month. If you have any questions you can call me and I will provide you with more information. Does anyone have any questions for me?

Q: Jackie McDonnell – I just want to thank you for all your hard work. Stephanie does everything. She is here every day. She calls the bingo members, she does the exercise classes, and she needs some help. We need to get her some help. There is a petition going around to get her some help. Thank you, Stephanie.

Stephanie- I want to show you some pictures our photographer took for the event (Trunk or Treat).

Giovanni: Thank you Stephanie.

4.2 Ribicon Design Group- Mike Morris (Proposed New Community Retail Store)

Hello, I'm Mike Raley. I work for General Stores, We are proposing a new 7200 square foot General Store at the southwest corner of Highway 74 and Richard Street. I apologize about the exhibits. This is Highway 74 Richard St. This building is 7200 square feet. One of our small prototypes. It will be a General store offering groceries, products, general retail items, like a mini Walmart. That's a rendering representation what the building will look like. We are due to emerge of parcel plan. The zoning is in place with commercial zoning. We have tonight to let you know what's going on and if you have any questions.

Q: Jackie McDonnell- I don't believe another Dollar General is what we need. We need some kind of grocery store. We need something the people need.

A: The Dollar General is a team and decide where they want the store. There is a stack of cards in the back. I don't know why they chose this location. We are still in the process with the

county approval and permitting process finalizing environmental studies and traffic studies. Realistically, we are hoping to be under construction next year.

4.3 Marijuana Ordinance- Jeff Greene: Greetings. I'm not only here for Center of Ordinance, but I'm also Jeffries team of staff. There was in the newspaper for the last few months about confusion about what the county is or is not doing as far as the Cannabis related businesses in Riverside County. As you know last November the state of California voters approved a measure that legalized cannabis in the state of California. Personal possession is now legal. You can grow only six plants per household for personal use. What you cannot do in Riverside County is buy it or sell it in the incorporated area or grow more than six. If you have a marijuana card we did pass a separate ordinance to allow up to 12 plants as long as you met the other specifications such as set back from neighbors, security, not visible from the road, and not close to schools. Supervisor Jeffries as you may know lives in an I area and is with poor level services as you. He's the only member of the supervisors that lives in the unincorporated area. He's struggling just like you. On his street Grand Ave. in Lake Elsinore he has nine illegal dispensaries. If he can't get them checked out, he understands how hard it's for you. Some of the difficulty is related to resources because for instance law enforcement lost half of their staff last year due to the budget situation in Riverside. The Sheriff's Department as long as they are following the state law with dispensaries they will not enforce the fact they are not licensed in Riverside County. In Riverside County we left it to Code Enforcement. Furthermore, code enforcement process is a civil process which takes a long time. They show up and present a notice. Then they give them a certain time to comply. Then after six months there is a court hearing. Also, as in the grows, if they are in back houses and greenhouses they are illegal. So, we have code enforcements who require the sheriff to accompany them on these busts. This is the background that I want to provide you. So, Supervisor Jeffries office is trying to have a truce and come up with a system where we can legalize dispensaries and grows in places where they belong. Let's tax them and regulate them and use it to crack down illegal neighborhood grows and dispensaries. That's the general plan. He was appointed last March to determine which direction we should head. We decided to move forward. The board of supervisor voted to pursue. We do not have the language for that yet. We do have the ideas for it. I'm here to explain where are we. There is a flyer on the back table that explains what we are going to do. There is a survey you can fill out. It gives us your suggestions and what you support or don't, and what you want to see or don't want to see. If you don't want to fill it out and want to take time you can do that too. There is an established webpage for cannibalism ordinance. The easiest way to find the on-line version is to go to supervisor jeffreies.org. There is a public input button you can include what you are thinking, concerns, and hopes. The survey is also included on-line. Our direction of planning we don't want any dispensaries, manufacturers in any zone that is marked residential. If you are in residential zone you cannot have a cannabis business in the future either. Outdoor grows is only limited to agriculture zones that we have not decided yet maybe a 10-acre minimum/ or 20 acres minimum with just a piece in the middle. We are not sure if we allow it in a district. You have to get a permit from the Board of Supervisors. In the east side there are large farms it might work there. We are not comfortably initially. Dispensaries you have to get a permit. You have the right to complain if it's close to houses. We will not allow to many in one area. There will be a limit how many you can have in one zone. That's over revision we will see what planning will come back with. March and April will have a public hearing. Everyone can attend and people can make their point of view heard. If it passes at the level of the board of supervisors it will go to November. At the end the people of Riverside County will have the final say. The soonest will be issuing licenses Riverside County will be Jan. 2019. So, when the state law starts to allow state licenses. We are not pushing it. We want to see what the state wants to do so we can decide what penalties we need to have before we move on with ours. Those who have strong feelings on this either supporting or opposing go to website and include your opinions. This is how they will make their early decisions on what will be in there and what will not be in there.

Any questions? Thank you so much, Flyers are on the back table.

5.0 Public Comments – No comments.

6.0 Legislative Reports:

6.1 Field Representative for Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez – I'm Samantha from Melissa Melendez office. First, I wanted to let everyone know if you didn't fill up your gas tank before yesterday you will notice there was an increase in gas. This is due to SB1, which is the gas tax which adds on twelve cents. Everyone is definitely feeling it, and we are not very happy about it. SB2 is a bill that was signed by the governor last month. Seventy- five dollars tax for every real estate document per page whether you're buying or selling a house. This includes death certificates that's an additional seventy- five dollars fee. It blows my mind to see how many fees that they're adding on to everything now. There is a \$220 cap on that.

Q: Who is doing this, the county or the state?

A: The State

The funding should fund housing, but how are we making housing more affordable if we are adding in more fees like for real estate documents. We are perplexed by that in our office. It's the end of October. We saw the governor sign all the bills. There is a lot of new laws that are absurd.

Q: Is the 12 cent per gallon temporary or not?

A: Well, at the moment there are petitions going around. Travis Allen is spear heading a petition that is going around to get it on the ballot to have the voters appeal it. I believe 600,000 signatures are needed.

Q: Is there anything they have done concerning proposition 13?

A: I know there were two bills that created loop holes Proposition 13. I can't remember if they were Proposition 13 and if they were signed or not. I can get back at you on that.

Q: Is there a way we can get Melissa to sponsor a bill that should be voted on only by property tax payers so it goes to the owner of the property?

A: What I can do I can give you my card and discuss it with you. All of our bills have been killed. So, getting bills at this point is very difficult. She is trying. She is being mindful of tax payer dollar. It costs thousands of dollars to introduce a bill. So, if she knows it's going to be killed she doesn't waste tax payer dollars. I will talk to you later and see if we will discuss.

7.0 Good Hope/Meadowbrook MAC Board Member Comments –

Faviola Benavente – We are actually having an annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. If you don't know I'm Faviola Benavente and we have the shop Briseno Tire and Towing on Theda and Margaret. We are accepting donations if you have or have anyone you know please let them know to come over and register. Thank you and Happy Holidays.

Giovanni Aguilar- I want to thank you for coming. It's important for us to be here because it helps us to express whatever issues or concerns, or if we need help and we are able to network and help each other. Thank you for making it and our next meeting is in January 4th. I won't see you on Christmas so Merry Christmas and Happy Thanksgiving.

8.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jefferies' Office:

8.1 Thomas C. Ketcham, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jefferies

I'm going to make this quick. If you have a question, and I have the answer I will answer it. If I don't have the answer we can talk afterwards. Most and foremost the newsletter is in the back or you can get it on e-mail. The supervisor talks about the expenses. Jeff pointed out he actually lives in the incorporated areas. He actually gets the same level of service as you do. So, we went through some numbers and wanted to find out what are the costs.

Sheriff Patrol: 92 million/year

Fire: 56 million/year

Code: 6 million/year

Animal Services: 11 million/year

Around 167 million we spend/year on only those four services. So, now let's take what we bring in, 53 million. So, we are kind upside down. There are some things that we can't determine and the supervisor mentions that. The supervisor is not happy about that. This shows we are struggling. When we say we don't have money we really don't have money. He's trying to figure out the numbers and how to fix that.

Community clean-up Mead Valley/Good Hope is Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. We moved it to the old landfill. You are going to have three community clean ups for the year. This is the last one. I want to thank Carol.

Carol: Please get the word out and if you miss it call Waste Management and will schedule pick up on the next day.

I want to thank Citrus High School and Mead Valley, the Youth Advisor Council. Teenagers from different high schools also came to help during the Trunk or Treat event. I want to thank PAWS, Melvin, Paz Trevino who donated the hay. Jackie mentioned the help for Stephanie. I believe someone was hired to help Stephanie, so we don't need a petition.

Michelle and I met with many residents from John Street concerning road paving. We met here and we talked about the process. We had 15-20 people in attendance. This explained to people why it takes this long. It was an eye-opening experience. Michelle and I will be happy to talk to you about the process. We are going to pave a road that will help 20-30 people, and we will need connectors. Michelle and I are willing to tour and see what can be done to help more people. With that being said we will be doing a tour with the transportation director looking at the roads to see what needs to be done to help people.

9.0 Future Agenda Items

Date of proposed next meeting, January 4th at 6pm @ Moses-Schaffer Community Center

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:01pm

Attendance: 31