

GOOD HOPE/ MEADOWBROOK

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 4, 2016 6PM, THURSDAY

**MOSES-SCHAFFER COMMUNITY CENTER**

**21565 STEELE PEAK DRIVE, GOOD HOPE**

**0.0 CALL TO ORDER** –Meeting called to order at 6:08pm by Chair, Carlos Lara. Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.0 Roll Call** – Carlos Lara (Chair), Diana Martin (Vice-Chair), Jackie McDonald (Secretary), Willie Moses – Present. Rogelio Sesmas absent, Giovanny Aguilar, excused.

**2.0 Approval of Minutes** – Mrs. Moses moved, Diana Martin seconded: vote unanimous to approve.

**3.0 Public Safety Updates**

**3.1 Riverside County Sheriff's Department** - Lt. Joseph Pemberton – January stats were better than December: Total calls: 215. 8 arrests; primarily domestic violence: 5, 2 under the influence , 1 assault on a peace officer. Shots fired calls were higher than normal. Called BLM for clarification. Christmas Tree Lane is open. There is no shooting except in designated areas. Always call in shots fired, ask the Deputy for a resolution. Re: 91 Fwy will be closed to all traffic from Friday 2/19 10pm until Monday 2/22 5am. There will be extra patrols out, but stay away from the area if possible.

**3.2 Riverside County Fire Department** – Engineer Mike Kittell – Stats for January: medical calls were slightly higher – 77, 5 false alarms, 1 multifamily structure fire, 5 other fires such as weeds, barrel fires, 2 PSA calls, 2 structure fires, 5 traffic collisions, and 3 vehicle fires. Open burning now in affect with a valid permit: cooking, warming and tumbleweed burning only. Come to the fire station for further details. Household hazardous waste should not be brought here or to the station. We have sand again and sandbags, up to 20 bags per household. Please bring an I.D.

**3.3 Code Enforcement** – Senior Officer Brian Bealer – The prior 2 months the primary focus has been on El Nino. Inspections with flood control to clear the water courses, so as not to have repeat flooding especially over at Hwy 74 and Theda. Some lower priority cases have been on the back burner as we prepare for El Nino. Next major push will be on the illegal food vendors. They have no permits, "PLEASE DO NOT PATRONIZE!" The Danger is processing and handling. Other activities: on Highway 74, parcels are being cleaned up and investors are buying parcels and cleaning them up. Lastly, Marijuana, people think they can grow indoors, you cannot grow indoors either, it is prohibited by ordinance, with the small exemption with a medical card. Call Code or the Medical Dept. to get a card. Dispensaries are in litigation, and they are still open, but they are being worked. Attorneys file appeals which cause delays. In January Ordinance 928 was passed and marijuana delivery business is now banned as well. **Question:** *As a resident of 33 years off Post Road and I've noticed a deterioration in the appearance of the area. I turned in a person years ago in a single wide trailer. He was busted for marijuana but he's still there.* **Answer:** Remote areas may not get the attention needed because of a lack of resources; staff has been cut in half since 2010. We get input from different sources such as this board to figure out where to put these limited resources. Discussion ensued concerning resources and changes in the neighborhood.

## **4.0 New Business**

**4.1 Riverside County Parks Dept./District** [Center/Park updates] – Ayeisha/Stephanie, Thank you for your presence. Restrooms have been repainted; Walking Club every Friday from 9:30am to 10:30am, Valentine's Day Pot Luck Feb 11, from 4-5pm . F.Y.I.: The center will be closed for the Holidays Feb 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> and will reopen Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. Children's Art Class is Fridays 4-5pm at \$5.00 per child. Senior Thursday is 11am till 12pm with games, raffles, etc. We have basketballs here for use on the court. Free Cardio Class: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Don't forget commodities here the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month from 9: am to noon. We have sandbags here in case the firefighters are gone when you come by.

**4.2 Grove Community Church** [welcome to community and program updates] –Nolan Turnidge – has been appointed to the Good Hope area, and is looking to bring services here to the Center, such as Food box distribution. He has been talking with Tom and to Ayeisha and Stephanie. **Question:** *How soon do you plan to start?* **Answer:** We are waiting for final clearance, but anticipate around February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**4.3 Office on Aging** [updates on senior meals and other programs] Rachelle Roman, Karla Kjos – Riverside County Office on Aging has a new Director: Anna Martinez. The Senior Nutrition pilot program run by Smooth Transition, was started in April 2013, has been sunset and will end February 26, 2016. The meal program will then be provided by Sodexo beginning Monday February 29<sup>th</sup>. Information is provided. Smooth Transition's federal funding is no longer available.

**5.0 Public Comments – Elsa Fitzgerald-** Director of Operations, Smooth Transition, Inc. – Thank you to the seniors, and Office on Aging even though we won't be serving lunch we will still be at the Mead Valley Center in the Café. We will also soon offer other needed services.

## **6.0 Legislative Reports**

**6.1 Field Representative for Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez** – Jeff Pedersen – All of the proposed bills Deni spoke of last month have been submitted. Next she's working on cracking down on straw purchases (buying a gun for someone who can't), tax free gun safes (waive sales tax when a gun safe is purchased), and defunding the bullet train (original estimate 60 billion, now up to 70 billion) and using those funds for other road issues. 2 February events: Self Defense Class February 20 at the Murietta Family YMCA from 2pm to 4pm, and Coffee with the Assemblywoman at the Breakfast Club in Menifee February 25, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

## **7.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' Office**

**7.1 Thomas C. Ketcham, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries** – First, Household hazardous waste: Auto Zone has been sending people here. This is not a waste drop off. Marijuana grows: now are going from fencing to greenhouses; if you see them popping up give us a call and we'll check it out. The sooner you call the sooner we can handle it. The ballot measure will probably pass this year. County will wait and see what happens and go from there. Desert Hot Springs has actually legalized medical growing in warehouses. Code cases: discussion on how the process works: starts with a warning, 30 days later if nothing is done the offender gets a notice, 30 days later a citation, fines could go up to \$1000/day; which would force code enforcement to visit this one place every day (nothing else would get done). Eventually the County counsel gets involved and they have to make sure everything has been done correctly, or the process must start all over. Next steps include a hearing before a moderator, who has

the ability to grant an extension; then before the Board of Supervisors. It's a very tedious process. A few months ago we asked for Code Volunteers, these volunteers would free up the officers by doing follow-up, not citing or face to face interactions. Please sign up. Thanks to Nolan, for the pancake donations for Breakfast with Santa. Thanks to Smooth Transition for their service to the Community. There is a new Newsletter, be sure to pick one up, if you are on the email list it's in your inbox. It's also on the Face Book page.

**Question:** *What about more funding for more code staff?* **Answer:** It is budget season and departments are all saying they need more money. We're looking at cost saving measures. But the County doesn't have money.

We've been out looking at Post Rd. We are also looking into Ordinance 457 pertaining to mobile homes, loopholes have to be identified and closed. Good News: we are getting community signs, and paving Norma. County gets approximately \$0.12 of every property tax dollar collected. There is a mini development coming in on Steele Peak 4 homes on 4 acres, 1 acre each. Hoping to get him to help pay for improvements.

**Question:** *Aren't developers obligated to help pay for infrastructure?* **Answer:** Basically what the County gets is gas tax money.

**Comment:** *I reported a dead horse on Christmas Tree, I suppose the wild animals are doing the job.*

**Question:** *What about the RFP for Ethanac and Hwy 74?* **Answer:** City of Perris has approved 1200+/- additional homes in the Monument Ranch area and the developer is going to put in a bridge and pave Ethanac to the Perris city line. Estimated at \$150 million to get to the 74 then to a cut off before El Toro to take you to the 15 freeway, bypassing the Central/Route 15 intersection. Also we are working on bringing in sewers. Letters are going out to owners on Hwy 74 concerning rezoning.

Re: Lake Elsinore Wal-Mart is going through City of Lake Elsinore planning.

**8.0 Good Hope/Meadowbrook MAC Board Member comments – Diana Martin –**  
Attended the T-NOW meeting. There seems to be a lot of interested people and are serious about bringing more transportation to this area. I will continue attending and will bring a report each month. I like the agenda as it's been the last couple of years, but we need an accounting of CSA funds as an agenda item at least twice a year. **Jackie McDonald:** Rogelio is out of town, I got an email from him. Feb11, 6:00pm (right after

our Pot Luck) there will be an award program at Perris High School given by AAPAC African American Parental Advisory Council to honor those students who have excelled. A few months ago I asked Waste Management's Carolyn about the return of paid checks. She informed me that WM goes by the NACHA rules (National Automated Clearing House Association) which does not require that checks be returned. I did however get my last check returned. Finally, "Keep your face always toward the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you." – Walt Whitman. **Mrs. Moses** – The noise stopped last 2 or 3 weekends. I was told one night it played all night till sunrise. I've lived here 58 years paying taxes and I shouldn't have to listen to other people's music. We need an ordinance to make those people pay! **Carlos Lara** – No real comment except to invite you back next month, thank you.

### **9.0 Future Agenda Items –**

A speaker on noise. (Sheriff) CSA fund accounting.

Date of proposed next meeting March 3, 2016 6pm @ Moses-Schaffer Community Center

Adjournment: Jackie McDonald moved, Diana Martin seconded, vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 7:26pm. Attendance: 27 and others