

# MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

MEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Rider Street, Mead Valley, CA 92570

## MINUTES

0.0 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

1.0 Roll Call: Tony Davila (Chairperson), Paz Trevino (Vice-Chairperson), Douglass Miller (Member), Charles Romero (Alt) – All Present, Ali Mazarei (Member) and Rogelio Rawlins (Alt) – Absent (Excused)

2.0 Approval of Minutes: September 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 – Moved/Seconded/Approved

3.0 Public Safety Updates:

3.1 Riverside County Sheriff's Department: Lt. Horton

Contact Email: JNHorton@riversidesheriff.org

Statistics for October 2012 & 2013, There was 1 Rape, 1 Home Invasion Robbery, 1 Robbery with a Firearm, and 2 Car Jacking all of which we had none of last year, Residential Burglaries are down from 13 to 5, Vehicles Thefts are up from 3 to 8, Petty Thefts, Assaults, Commercial Burglary have all stayed about the same, and there were no Homicides where we had 1 last year.

Neighborhood Watch, The County does have a Community Service Officer who can come out and speak to residents wishing to become a Crime Watch Group.

Resident makes a complaint regarding a loud party, states that they had made repeated calls to the Sheriff's Dispatch but got no relief. Lt. Horton offers to look further into the incident and see if there were any steps missed and any other action that could have been taken.

When making a report to dispatch, a request for contact from the Deputy (by phone or in person) can be made and a Deputy will make contact to give an update of the incident reported.

Highway Patrol handles Traffic Enforcement, Sheriff's Dept. can enforce traffic violations but that is primarily under Highway Patrol.

DAVILA states that some residents from Salter Rd. have stated they are having problems up there, would appreciate a patrol if possible, and asks that the Deputies stick to the No Contact or Phone Contact only when requested – Some incidents reported, such as serious crimes, Sheriff's Dept. will contact everyone available for investigation purposes.

ROMERO requests flyers with information on Noise Ordinance & Protecting Livestock from Wild Dogs.

DAVILA thanks the Sheriff's Dept. for patrolling Cajalco Rd. more aggressively and states that residents have commented how much safer they feel when walking to the markets.

3.2 Riverside County Fire Department: Absent (Excused)

3.3 Code Enforcement: Absent (Excused)

3.4 California Highway Patrol: Absent (Excused)

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Breakfast with Santa Clause:

December 7, 2013 | 9am-12pm @ Mead Valley Community Center.

There will be Santa Clause, Games, & Free Food.

## 5.0 Public Comments:

- Grace Escobar (EDA), Citizens Participation Survey & Community Beautification Program: Survey is to give residents of Mead Valley (Property Owners or Renters) an opportunity to give feedback for improvements they would like to see in the community, helps to identify and prioritize where funding is needed. Beautification Program applications are available for residents, to be provided with a 40 yard bin to use to clean up their property.  
DAVILA thanks Grace Escobar for working with residents to make sure they don't get in trouble with Code Enforcement and states that it is a good program to get things cleaned up.
- Lisa Castilone, GRID Alternatives – Non-Profit Organization: Provides low-income home owners with a no-cost solar system on a grant from a public utility. They are able to do this with grant money as well as training volunteers, giving them job skills in solar. See [gridalternatives.org](http://gridalternatives.org)
- Gerardo Avila, Neighbors & Building Permit Fees: Has a complaint about a neighbor that is bringing in mobile homes, breaking them up late at night, and storing piles of material. States that the fees for a property owner to build a residential home is \$3.20 per square foot and only \$0.51 per square foot for commercial and industrial. Doesn't believe this is fair and would like to see the fees lowered for home owners.
- Augie Fernandez, Second Harvest – Non-Profit Organization: Commodities from Second Harvest is not a County Program. States that we are very lucky in Riverside County because there is a lot of food donated and that it is their mission to collect the surplus food and distribute it to the people that really need it through partner organizations with a 501(c)(3). Assures that they will get the commodities problem fixed if it means opening a mobile pantry. Introduces Karyn Martin – Explains that there is an application process for the partner organizations and that Second Harvest works with these community organizations to get food to people in need. For more information about Second Harvest see [SecondHarvest.us](http://SecondHarvest.us)
- Edna Malbrough, Community Center Parking Lot Lights, Meeting Room's Acoustics, and Water Company: States that it is very dark out in the parking lot with no lights on. Mentions that the "Big Room" has bad acoustics and recommends a smaller room. Expresses that the Water Company is being unfair with her billing and warns everyone that they do make mistakes but it takes the customers complaint for those mistakes to be addressed.  
DAVILA recommends getting in touch with Donna Jacomet – Eastern Municipal Water District.
- Bill Brown, Community Services Dept. for EDA: States that his department was assigned to the Mead Valley Community Center to assist the County in meeting the needs of the Residents. Mentions that he has brought in another one of his senior projects managers to help run the facility and her name is Terri Bowen 951/202-9667. Looking into starting up a Senior Nutrition Program, Senior Trips, Afterschool Program (Program is full and 100 kids on the waiting list), Commodities, and more.

## 6.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office:

### 6.1 Thomas Ketcham, Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries:

Second Harvest – Is not a County Program

Code Issues – There are a lot of Code Enforcement issues in the community, only so many can be dealt with at a time and it can be a lengthy process. Please feel free to call 951/955-1010 and leave a message, your call will be returned.

CHP – Patrols can be picked up but if they are, there shouldn't be complaints from requesting parties if they receive a ticket for traffic violations.

Planning – Mr. Jeffries' Office is working to improve the processing of applications to the Planning Department. Juan Perez is going to be at the January MAC meeting to answer questions regarding Planning and Transportation issues.

Anna Fox & Mead Valley Library – Big thanks for allowing us to host the Mead Valley MAC meetings at the Library for the last year.

Paved Roads – A new road paving idea is being piloted to make a simple road that will get people out of the dust and mud but will not be fancy. If this new idea works, more roads will be paved in this manner.

Water Company – Also recommends getting in touch with Donna Jacomet (EMWD). Eastern Municipal Water District is a private company that has their own Board of Directors and is not regulated by the County.

Treatment of Horses – Currently working on an Ordinance focused on the treatment of horses; making sure that they are provided shade and cared for properly.

Traffic Light, Alexander St. & Cajalco Rd. – The project is a little bit behind schedule but should be completed relatively soon, will contact Juan Perez for more information.

Seven Eleven – Should have a status update at the next meeting.

#### 7.0 Mead Valley MAC Board Member Comments:

- Doug Miller: Expresses that the lights not being on in the Community Center Parking Lot is an important safety issue that should be addressed immediately. Also, would like to see an Ordinance put in place that requires people riding horses to wear some kind of reflective gear, because you cannot see them on the road at night.
- Charles Romero: Thanks Anna Fox for allowing us to host the MAC Meetings at the Library this last year. Asks everyone to support the Library, check out books & DVDs and make book donations to the Friends of the Library.
- Paz Trevino: Thanks everyone for coming and encourages residents to attend the meetings and speak up. States that positive or negative, everyone's voices are heard and that's how things get done.
- Tony Davila: Thanks prior MAC Members and Community Leaders for their guidance that has helped him learn how to be a better Board Member and work with the Community. Assures everyone that the Board wants Residents to come and speak, and that no one will be retaliated against for speaking up about an issue. Asks everyone to continue to be respectful and show compassion when making their comments. States that he is very proud of the Mead Valley Residents and is proud to live here. Reminds everyone that we can help bring change but not without Resident's comments, suggestions, and ideas.
- Rogelio Rawlins: Absent (Excused)
- Ali Mazarei: Absent (Excused)

#### 8.0 Future Agenda Items:

Public Suggestions

- Gas Company – New Meters
- Animal Control
- RTA (Riverside Transit Agency)

Date of proposed next Meeting, January 8, 2013, 6pm @ Mead Valley Community Center

Adjournment

Attendance 25