

MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 9, 2014 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), Tania Garcia (Secretary), Ali Mazarei (Member), Charles Romero (Alt) and Rogelio Rawlins (Alt) – All Present; Douglass Miller (Member) – Absent (excused)

2.0 Approval of Minutes: February 12, 2014– Moved/Seconded/Approved

3.0 Public Safety Updates:

3.1 Riverside County Fire Department: Information given by Tom Ketcham

- 2014 March Statistics: 168 calls--135 medical emergencies, 8 structure fires, 15 other fires, 5 public service assist, 5 FMS

3.2 Riverside County Sheriff's Department: Lt. Jackie Horton

Cell: 951-712-4037; E-mail: JNHorton@riversidesheriff.org

- March 2013 & 2014 Statistics: Residential burglaries are down 3 to 1, assaults are down 16 to 9, grand thefts are down 7 to 4. Vehicle thefts and petty remained the same at 7.
- Different job positions available visit riversidesheriffs.org or edjoin.org
- If illegal marijuana growth is known contact Lt. Horton

3.3 Code Enforcement: Officer Donna Payne

- Free Community Clean-up on April 26 from 8am-1pm at Tomas Rivera Middle School
 - No hazardous waste
 - 9 tires at a time more than that contact Officer Payne to get a waiver

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Southern California Gas: Absent (excused)

4.2 Clean Energy Project: Ben Steckler and Arthur Chang

- Clean Energy is the largest provider of natural gas fuel for transportation in North America. We want to propose the installation of a natural gas service station right off the Ramona Expressway.
- Natural gas is cleaner, cheaper, and safer
 - Both economic and environmental benefits
- Yolanda Williams, Resident: *Question*-Have feasibility studies been done, if so how can we access these studies? *Answer*-In order to view studies done go to cleanenergyfuels.com
- ROMERO: *Question*-How many employees will the Perris station require? Also by when is this station expected to be up and running? *Answer*-The stations are unmanned but a guesstimate of the amount of technicians to get it up and running is about 10. Our goal is to have the Perris station up and running by the end of the year.
- Resident: *Question*-Can diesel rigs be converted to natural gas? *Answer*-No. But the amount to convert from gas to natural gas is approximately \$1200.

5.0 Public Comments:

- Ana Gomez, Resident: *Question/Comment*-I want to know where the \$2,000 scholarships the community center use to give our high school kids have gone? I also want to inform the community that I will be having a yard sale in the upcoming days in order to help one of those kids that are in need of assistance. I would also like to ask the community to donate anything they do not need for the yard sale.
- Gerardo Avila, Resident: *Comment*- Mead Valley construction fees are higher than Temecula's, would like to know why this is the case. Also I would like the pot fields in front of my house to be looked into.
- Tony Pedregon, Resident: *Comment*-I have maintained Rio St. for 15 years now. I want to know why it is that that every road on Seaton St. has been paved except for Rio St.. One last thing I would like for the car racing done on Seaton St. to be handled.
- Martha Howard, President of Latina Association (Riverside): *Comment*-We are here to support this community. We are also not pleased that childcare has been cut off or that the senior center is located somewhere other than here. This center can have an enormous potential. The issues here are many but working together it can be done.
- Gloria Hernandez, Resident: *Comments*-The library is not a functional place for seniors. Seniors have to work around the library hours. Also seniors want to have certain activities which can't be done in the library. We wanted a garden, a place to have barbecues', something the library cannot functionally offer. I would also like to point out that lunches are not served until after 12. One last thing, the county wants to make this center a county building to make money. Where does that leave us?
- Ann Curry, Resident: *Comment*-Seniors are being pushed back. We were told we would have a place here. There is no room at the library for us.
- Pepe Del Rio, Resident: *Comment*- I use to turn the water, lights, gas off at the old community center building on & off by myself. I have noticed that the employees here do nothing. I don't think that they know how to do CPR. I would also like to add that we have to get together and do something about the senior room.
- Julie Pinedo, Resident: *Comment*- Even though the old community center was small, seniors had their room and it was functioning. This place is huge but it is not functioning the way a community center should. People we all need to speak, get together and show them we are here. The library is not a place for seniors to eat. Seniors are not going anywhere, this is where they belong. The community center is a place for the community. Today, I am here for the seniors and next month I will be here for the students.
- Elisa Reveles, Resident: Seniors gave everything to our families and communities. I believe this center is a good place for seniors to interact with each other. We deserve a recreational place to go to. Seniors are being pushed aside. First the senior space was reduced, and then we were sent to the library. And now the library needs the space designated to us on Fridays. It is only a matter of time before we have nowhere to go but the street. It is unjust to do this to the people who have given everything to our community. We should unite and ask for what is fair, and that is a place here.
- Donna Hart, Resident: *Comment*-As a senior here we have a right to vote. We need to socialize and not be idle. We deserve a place to go in this community. Seniors are being pushed aside. Why? Because of money. We have paid our dues, we deserve a place in this community.

- Brian Hart, Resident: *Comment*-There are a lot of rooms in these building. Why can't we have one of these rooms? Another thing, why are the lights in this building on all day long? DAVILA- I have requested several times that lights be off during the day.
- Yolanda Williams, Resident: *Comment*-We cannot keep blaming the former administration because the new administration has been in place for a little over a year. I realize that this huge building needs to be paid for a senior room we were told we were going to have our senior room here. I am in the process of going to Sacramento and speak about the senior room issue with our representatives. I would also like to publicly apologize to the entire room for being irate on the last senior meeting. We need to stop bickering and pull together.
- Michelle Randall: *Comment*-There will be a public hearing for Developer Impact Fees in the Riverside County building on April 22, 2014 at 9:30 am. The problem with the proposed fees is developers will only contribute to traffic signals, roads, police and fire. Old fees contributed to parks, library books. The things needed to have a healthy community.

6.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office:

6.1 Thomas Ketcham, Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- Make sure to get the word out on the Free Community Clean-up on April 26
- Marijuana: met with several different offices regarding this issue. It is illegal in Riverside to have dispensaries and to grow it. Keep in mind that regarding this, state and county laws differ.
- Animal Services: San Jacinto shelter offers free spade/neuter. There is also a senior discount for microchip.
- Scholarships: Have met with the Citrus Hill H.S principal. We give them money for scholarship program. As long as there is a need there will be scholarships.
- Lights: This center has many issues. We are working to fix the issues as fast as we can. We have contacted the contractor several times in order to get things fixed. We are working on this problem, will have a timer for lighting installed (turn off around 8-9).
- Columbia Elementary: People drive on the horse trails when picking up kids. Bollards are going to be installed to prevent this from occurring.
- CPR training: Khylia is certified. Will sit with her to see if people that work in this building are CPR certified.
- CERT training: I want to start classes here soon. Instructor is bilingual. Will post up flyers
- Gloria Hernandez, Resident: *Question*-Is this center a designated shelter for the community in case of a major earthquake? *Answer*-We are working on this
- Rio St.: Will meet with Transportation to see what can be done
- D.I.F Fees: They are developer impact fees that are associated with commercial projects. When we first took over here we realized Placentia bridge was a project funded by Mead Valley. But the bridge is county regional so not just Mead Valley is going to use it. What we did was put it into regional funding.
- Parks & Trials: Kevin has asked why parks get small cut of the pot. All Kevin does is fight for funding for the community center. But it takes 4 votes to allocate funding not just 1.If we had funding to have the senior center here, we would. There are 4 other supervisors that need to hear everything I heard here today. Most of the time the vote comes out to 1. That 1 vote is Kevin's fighting for us.

- Gerardo Avila, Resident: *Comment*-Everyone here needs to go to the Supervisor meeting and make it known as to what you want.
- Elitania Rosales, Resident: *Question*-The mailboxes on Cajalco were mentioned 3 meetings ago, when are they going to be moved? *Answer*-It takes time; we have to get authorization from postal service first.
- Yolanda Williams, Resident: *Comment*-The meals given to the seniors sometimes are either burnt or cold. *Response*-If there is a problem with the food address it with Khylia. Also we are trying to work with several different companies to get fresh meals.

7.0 Mead Valley MAC Board Members Comments:

- Tania Garcia: No comment
- Charles Romero: Please support our library.
- Paz Trevino: I admire the dedication for your cause, but you have to work with us not against us. The fight is not here. Again I admire the dedication.
- Ali Mazarei: No comment
- Tony Davila: We cannot fight for you, unless you fight for yourself. Choosing not to utilize the library room, for now, is not wise. Utilizing the library room does not mean you will stop fighting. I do not want to see anyone die over being too stubborn to use the library room and instead remain outside in the heat. Band together, go to the Supervisor meetings. Make it known as to what you want, just like you make it known here. If Mead Valley is going to change, educate yourselves on how county policy works, and work with them, not against them.

8.0 Future Agenda Items:

Public Suggestions

- Inland County Legal Services
- Eastern Municipal Water District
- Seniors

Date of proposed next meeting, May 15, 2014 6pm @ Mead Valley Community Center

Adjournment time: 9:10 pm

Attendance: 66