

MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 12, 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), Douglass Miller (Member), Charles Romero (Alt) and Rogelio Rawlins (Alt) – All Present; Ali Mazarei (Member) – Absent (excused)

2.0 Approval of Minutes: January 8th, 2014– Moved/Seconded/Approved

3.0 Public Safety Updates:

3.1 Riverside County Sheriff's Department: Absent (Excused)

3.2 Riverside County Fire Department: Bill Weiser, Battalion Chief, Station 59

- January 2014 Statistics: 240 calls – 6 structure fires, 43 other fires, 182 medical aids, 2 hazardous, 7 non-specified
- Still in fire season, so take precautions.
- Jim Hatfield, Resident: *Question* - are we still under no open fire? *Answer* – No. Chief Hawkins lifted that ban mid-December 2013. Anyone can go to one of our local Fire Stations to get a permit. Keep in mind though that the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) set burn days.
- Resident: *Question* – What is the response time to get to the Salter Rd. area? *Answer* - Will look into this.
- Resident: *Comment* - Dialed 911 and it continuously rang. *Answer* - Cell phones 911 go to CHP. Best way to get a hold of our agency faster is to dial 911 on a landline.
- DAVILA: *Question* - Has the Fire Department let the County know that it is hard for them to get up Salter Rd. *Answer* - Well the first thing we need to know is if Salter Rd. is a county maintained road. *DAVILA* - *I believe it is a private road.* Then it is the responsibility of the person.

3.3 Code Enforcement: Absent (Excused); information will be given in section 6.1

3.4 California Highway Patrol: Absent (Excused)

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Yolanda Williams, President and Founder of the Inland Empire Buffalo Soldier Association

- *Question* - Tom Ketcham, are you and Supervisor Kevin Jeffries willing to support a Buffalo Soldier Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery? *Answer* – That is why you were given time to do this presentation.
- There were between 18-20 medals awarded to the Buffalo Soldiers by Congress
- The Department of World Affairs has given us sections 30a and 30b at the Riverside National Cemetery to establish our memorial.
- Cost estimation is around \$1.5 million, would really appreciate any donation to get this project started.
- Membership fees go to establishing this memorial.

4.2 Animal Services: Mark Visyak, Officer 2

- Statistics for 2013: 6, 578 calls - 1, 476 impounded, 113 citations, 85 fights, 618 deaths, only 13 of the impounded animals were returned to owner
- San Jacinto/Hemet Shelter - offer cheaper rates for senior citizens

- Riverside/Moreno Valley Shelter - Program where usually the 1st Wednesday and 3rd Saturday of the month low cost rabies vaccines (\$6), micro chipping (\$20), licensing (\$16) and spaying/neutering (\$85) are offered.
- Can purchase up to a 3 yr. license if permitted by rabies certificate
- Total of 7 officers for the county, only 2 in this area. So keep that in mind.
- Resident: *Comment* - It has been a while since mobile Spay/neuter has come here.
Answer - Budget cuts has affected the funding needed for this service. Hoping funding comes back so we can get this service back the community.
- Gerardo Avila, Resident: *Question* - what to do about barking dogs? Had a hearing but nothing was done. *Answer* - If you feel unsatisfied with hearing, file a new claim. Record the dog barking all day long.
- Resident: *Question* - What if we can no longer afford to keep a dog? *Answer* - Can call local SPCA's where you can turn it in. Dog must be healthy and you should take in any current paperwork that you have on the dog.
- DAVILA: *Question* - Can you explain the new law about Pit Bull Terriers? *Answer* - Do not have current ordinance yet. But if you own Pit Bull/Pit Bull mixes a new ordinance will be cited upon you. First notice is an infraction but could turn into misdemeanor if do not comply.
- Resident: *Question* - How many dogs is one allowed to have? Can a person get a breeder's license to breed Pit Bulls *Answer* - In the county about 4. Puppies do not count until the 5 months old. Must find home for them by 5th month. Cannot keep them even if fixed. There is no breeder's license; only offer a permit to have dogs over the limit.
- Ms. Miller, Resident: *Question* - Who does one contact about mistreatment of animals? *Answer* - Call us for an animal welfare investigation to be conducted, do not do dairies (i.e cows)
- DAVILA: *Comment* – Thanks Animal Control Officers. *Question* - Has animal control been out in unmarked vehicles going door to door? *Answer* – Yes, they are our license inspectors who make sure all 4 requirements (spay/neuter, microchip, rabies vaccination, and license) are done. *Question* – Is there a payment method for the citation fine? *Answer*- Yes, there is. Talk to Christina Hildegard, citation clerk. Also if you get everything done listed in the citation within the 20 day time limit then the citation fine goes away. If you need an extension on time limit contact Animal Control.

5.0 Public Comments:

- Khalilah Muhammad, Library Assistant of Mead Valley Library
 - Volunteers needed for Veterans Resource Center
 - Grand opening for this on February 20th at 1:00pm
 - Times are Mon. 1-3, Tues. 1-3, Thurs. 2-4, Fri. 3-5
 - Showing movies on Thursday and Saturday nights. Will be rotating between family, teen, children movies.
 - Free computer classes.
 - Sign up for March advanced classes is on February 18th
 - Classes are every Friday starting at 10:30am
 - We will have another beginner course in April
- Lincoln Cooper, The Concerned Family Outreach
 - In the process of opening a free clinic located in the old fire station. Flyers will be handed out soon.
 - Working on job training programs
 - Christian, Concerned Family – there will be a free immigration workshop on February 15th at the old fire station
- Yolanda Williams, Resident
 - Banquet Room rentals fees in the last Minutes say it was \$75/hour hrs. but the contract now shows it is \$90/hour, as well as an increased deposit of \$400 for events with alcohol.

- Asks Tom to clarify wording in contract since paying \$400 deposit is not enough to have alcohol served at the event, must also have an ABC permit.
- To clarify the increase of the amount per hour is due to the fact that a fee was added for the required security personnel.
- Jim Hatfield, Resident
 - The Mead Valley Welcoming Committee (squatters) on Cajalco have now moved from across the street from Market to their original location (payphone on Cajalco).
 - Would like long term solution for this issue
- Gloria Hernandez, Resident
 - Asking for a space for our seniors to congregate in the community center from 10am - 5pm, 5 days/week
 - To use as cool room in the summer, for senior club meetings, arts and crafts etc.
 - Meals are free for those 60 and above; people who do not meet this requirement can be asked to make a donation (whatever they can afford).
 - Resident: *Question* - Are there English classes offered?; *Answer* - classes are offered at the library
 - Resident: *Comment* - Spanish speakers make contributions (i.e. volunteer, donate), so we would like to be a part of a meeting that we can completely understand
- Pepe Del Rio, Resident
 - There are many things that have to be worked out here. Our commodities are not running like they are supposed to be. Something must be done here to get things back on track.

6.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office:

6.1 Thomas Ketcham, Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- RTA stops: adding a shelter to eastbound Cajalco and Clark stop; adding bus stop opposite of the eastbound Cajalco Brown stop
- Columbia Elementary: adding a left turn lane (going into the school); putting bollards to prevent driving on the trails
- Code Enforcement: driving with them everywhere to see what needs attention
- Graffiti: now handled by waste management (WM); Graffiti hotline will remain the same; adding a new APP where a person can upload a picture of the Graffiti and it will automatically give coordinates of where Graffiti is
- CERT training: in the next 30 days or so
- ESL classes: Offered by the Library, Valverde USD, and Lincoln Cooper (Concerned Family)
- Immigration classes: Lincoln Cooper on February 15th, 2014
- Free Community Clean-Up: March 29, 2014 from 8am-12pm by Highway 74 & Meadowbrook Ave. (vacant lot). Contact info. (951) 486-3200
- MAC meetings: working on banner and flyers to promote meeting
- Food trucks: now legal but must get a permit
- Resident: *Comment* - people make left and right turns on double solid yellow lines into the liquors on Cajalco between Clark and Brown *Response* - looking into this with transportation engineer *Comment* - Alexander signal traffic lights was brilliant
- Florence Street: working on getting it paved
- Working on moving mail boxes on Cajalco
- Payphone on Cajalco being removed by Verizon soon
- Working on the timing of the signal lights on Cajalco
- Building fees: revisions going on, will look into this
- Spanish meetings: February 28th at 6pm in the Mead Valley Community Center

- It will be the community talking to Tom Ketcham. It is not a MAC meeting. Not going to take anything from MAC meetings. It is just a Spanish meeting where there will be a rehashing of everything that was said at this meeting.
- Resident: *Comment* - the meeting is a great idea but hopefully it comes to fruition because sometimes there are promises but nothing comes to be. *Response* - Even if I am the only one here, I will be here on the 28th.
- Gloria Hernandez: *Comment* - There is no need for segregation. *Response* - It is not a matter of segregating but a matter of reaching out to everybody.
- Resident: *Suggestion* - how about earphones that translate meetings *Response* – The problem is that there are not enough of these earphones. The ones that we do have are primarily in the east (i.e. Indio, Mecca). Will try to get them here.
- Handed Khalilah Muhammad an up to date certificate to be able to show current movies at the library
- Senior Room: Will work on this. In the mean time seniors can still be here.

7.0 Mead Valley MAC Board Members Comments:

- Doug Miller: Glad so many people came. But sorry so many left early. There was so much money into this center and still not done. Plaster is falling down.
- Charles Romero: Please support the Mead Valley Library. The Graffiti in this community needs to be taken care of.
- Tania Garcia: I would like to invite everyone to the February 28th meeting.
- Paz Trevino: Thanks everyone for attending and for bringing in at least one more person. If you guys show us that you care then we can take care of you.
- Tony Davila: Of the Spanish speakers present, who understood the issues discussed tonight? *Response* - nothing was understood. The point I am making is that there is a need for us to reach out to these residents. I applaud residents who stay here for the entire meeting without being able to understand a word. I ask English speakers to have the same patients when translating occurs. This meeting is not about 1st or 2nd languages but about helping the community. I ask residents to please be tolerant. We do not want to take away from MAC meetings but we need to get this information to Spanish speaking residents. What I ask of the Spanish speaking residents is that if they have a question during MAC meetings ask and we will translate. Tania, Tom, and other volunteers here can assist in translating. Tom is going to work with me to try to get some interpretation equipment. But until then I will ask interpreters to help. So please be patient. Please be tolerant. Contact info. (951) 742-1607

8.0 Future Agenda Items:

Public Suggestions

- Events for teenagers
- EED

Date of proposed next meeting, March 12th, 2014 6pm @ Mead Valley Community Center

Adjournment time: 8:40 pm

Attendance: 79