

MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 14, 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), Charles Romero (Alt) – All Present; Ali Mazarei (Member), Douglass Miller (Member), and Rogelio Rawlins (Alt) – Absent (excused)

2.0 Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2014– Moved/Seconded/Approved

3.0 Public Safety Updates:

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

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

- April 2013 & 2014 Statistics: Firearm robberies are down from 1 to 0, school burglaries down from 2 to 1, grand thefts down from 8 to 3, petty thefts down from 8 to 5, simple assaults are up from 1 to 13, car thefts up from 2 to 5, and residential burglaries remained the same at 6
- Deputy Thomas: *Noise ordinance*-if music can be heard 250 ft. away can get a citation of \$500, judge can raise fee to \$1,500; 2nd citation is \$2,500; 3rd citation could lead to arrest and getting property taken away. One last thing, even you dislike your neighbor, make sure to always call 911 if see a house getting broken into.

3.2 Riverside County Fire Department: Captain Al Gomez

- April 2014 Statistics: 185 calls-138 medical emergencies, 5 grass fires, 5 structure fires, 27 other fires, 5 hazardous materials, and 5 public assists

3.3 Code Enforcement: Absent (Excused)

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Southern California Gas: Denise Campos

- We have been around for 140 years and are the 2nd largest natural gas distributors. There are some programs that will be explained today.
- Advanced Meter: They are battery operated meters that only turn on for a nanosecond every day to get a meter reading. The Advanced Meters are 99.9% accurate, but to make sure everything goes smoothly there will be both a human and an automated meter reading the 1st 3 months. Advanced meters will have environmental benefits, as there will be 1,000 trucks less. Customers will receive a letter as to when this meter will be installed, please let them have access to your home.
- Britt Holstrom, Resident: *Question*-How will these Advanced Meters have an effect on the 1,000 employees that are going to be left without employment? Do big companies inform entities, such as Workforce Development, when things like this happen? *Answer*-We have been working on this for a very long time, so the employees were aware of this. We also came to an agreement with their union. Furthermore, we have funds for education if employees are interested in working in a new area. Also, 50% of those employees are eligible for retirement. As for us contacting any agencies that help find employment, I am not sure. But we do offer jobs internally first before they are posted online. Moreover, employees

have known about this for many years so they have had the chance to transfer to other jobs or to transfer their skills somewhere else.

- Jim Hatfield, Resident: *Question*-How much of this project is actually complete? *Answer*-I am not sure, but I will look into this and get that information to Kevin Jeffries office.
- What to do in case of an earthquake?
 - If you smell or hear gas hissing, call 911. Then, if it is safe, turn of valve. If you don't smell or hear gas, then you are probably fine.
- Income based program: an income of \$30,000 or less qualifies you to get 20% off gas bill every month. Can find application at the flyer desk. If you qualify for this then you automatically qualify for our free Weatherization Assistance program (can receive free energy saving appliances).
- Britt Holstrom, Resident: *Question*-Is gas produced in southland? *Answer*-We do not extract the gas, we only purchase and distribute it. So I am not exactly sure where the gas is being extracted from.
- Gas assistance fund: for temporarily unemployed
- Different program information will be left on the flyer table

5.0 Public Comments:

DAVILA: They will be limited to 3 minutes and any questions can be answered after the meeting.

- Giovanna Sedgwick, Mead Valley Family Resource Center: We are located on the second floor of this building. If you are in need come to us and use our resources. You can grab a flyer at the end of the meeting with a list of all of the classes that are going to be offered in May and June. On May 21st there will be a diabetes class. By request there will be a class on healthy teenager relations on May 29th.
- Britt Holstrom, Nutrition: The lunches that we are receiving are low in calories, vitamins, and minerals. I have contacted the Office of Aging and they will send a nutritionist here to teach those who prepare the meals how to make adequate lunches. Also, wanted to mention that the number of people going to the library has been increasing. I found out that they were coming from the Church.
- Jim Hatfield, Safety and New Road: There is a need for another road to serve as an escape out of Mead Valley. We only have Old Elsinore and Cajalco. It would behoove us to push County to finish Placentia Project.

6.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office:

6.1 Thomas Ketcham, Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- Spanish meeting will be on Tuesday (5/20/14) at 6pm
- The back windows of this room have been tinted.
- Lights are no longer on 24/7
- Still working on the bollards
- There is a new crosswalk on Rider
- There is a new left turn lane to head into Columbia Elementary School
- Working on bus stops
- Want to thank all of those who attended the Board of Supervisors meeting. They waited for almost 6 hours. We really appreciate that, it is good for people to show up and let all the supervisors know what is needed here.
- Senior Lunches: Call in a day before, so they have an adequate count on how many people will show up.
- I would like to thank Board Members for their time.
- DPSS is setting up a Board of 7 members. So if anyone in the community that is interested can contact Giovanna Sedgwick

7.0 Mead Valley MAC Board Members Comments:

- Charles Romero: Go to the Mead Valley Library and purchase a book. All proceeds go back into the library.
- Tania Garcia: No Comment
- Paz Trevino: I would like to thank everyone for their comments and ideas. I would like to hear more ideas on how to bring in more businesses here. We need to work together to get this done.
- Tony Davila: I would like to thank the residents that went to the supervisors meeting. I wanted to remind you that there will be changes in the meeting, so they can be conducted as expediently as today. Most of the people here are dedicated community leaders and I ask that you work with us. Make sure to contact your Legislative Assistant, Tom Ketcham, and Kevin Jeffries' office to let them know exactly what you need. This is Veteran Appreciation Week. I would like to thank everyone who served, as well as their families.

8.0 Future Agenda Items:

Public Suggestions

- Planning
- Municipal Water District
- Youth activities
- Parks and Recreations
- Inland County Legal Services
- Edison Company
- Office of Aging
- Childcare

Date of proposed next meeting, June 11th, 2014 6pm @ Mead Valley Community Center

Adjournment time: 7:08 pm

Attendance: 39