

MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 12th, 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

0.1 DAVILA-Before we start I would like to thank our Veterans for their service and their families for the sacrifices they endured while their soldiers were serving. I would also like to inform you all that Mr. Doug Miller, a member of the MAC board has passed. Mr. Miller will be sincerely missed and leaves behind a big pair of shoes to fill. Rest in peace brother. Please keep his family in your prayers.

1.0 Roll Call: Tony Davila (Chairperson), Paz Trevino (Vice-Chairperson), Tania Garcia (Secretary), Rogelio Rawlins (Alt), and Charles Romero (Alt) -- All Present; Ali Mazarei (Member) -- Absent (Excused)

2.0 Approval of Minutes: August 13th, 2014– Moved/Seconded/Approved

3.0 Public Safety Updates:

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

3.2 Riverside County Fire Department: Absent (Excused)

3.3 Code Enforcement: Absent (Excused)

4.0 New Business

4.1 October Town Hall/ Health Festival committee

- The event went well. We had quite a bit of people show up.
- We worked with the Assistant Principal of Tomas Rivera Middle School, Mr. McDonald, and the Assistant Principal of Mead Valley Elementary, Nicki Smith.
- There were 50 vendors. All the department were there. Supervisor Jeffries was there too.
- There were free hot dogs. We even had a hot dog eating contest.
- There was a cancer walk that began at 7am and ended at 10am.
- The Town Hall meeting ended around 2pm
- Did not hear any negative comments, next year we will probably end up doing the same thing.
- Post report given by Tom Ketcham

4.2 Halloween "Trunk or Treat" event committee (post event report)

- The event went really well. All the kids really enjoyed this event.
- There was a haunted house, games, and jumpers.
- There were about 15 community members that gave out candy from their trunks.
 - People were interested and asked how they could be a part of this next year.
- We were able to raise money to make this event happen next year.
- We will start planning community outreach for next Halloween's event sooner. So we can increase the amount of community members that give out candy.
- I would like to thank all of the volunteers and the committee members who helped make this happen.
- DAVILA: The MAC would also like to thank the committee members for making this event a success.
- Post report given by Daniel Rosales

4.3 Breakfast with Santa Claus December 6th

- I would first like to thank Daniel, Tania, Chris McDonald and all the committee members that are not here tonight. They worked really hard. We had several meetings late at night to make this event happen. I had people telling me this was a great event. This is a great indicator that if we work together these types of events can happen. We also had a post event meeting discussing what worked and what didn't. We will work on that next year.
- We need volunteers for this event.
- If you want to volunteer, sign-up with Tania, Secretary of the MAC.
- It will be same set up as last year.
- Dr. Rios will sponsor some of the toys.
- Volunteers need to be there at 6am and the event will start at 8am.
- Report given by Tom Ketcham

4.4 Sterlon Sims, EDA Program Manager

- I am here today to share some information about our CDBG programs.
- We are required to have a participation meeting each year to receive funding from HUD.
- The primary purpose of our Community Planning and Development programs is to improve communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments, and to expand economic opportunities. The county encourages the participation of all citizens to complete a survey. We just recently completed our surveys for our 2015-2020 consolidated plan. We greatly appreciate everyone who participated in this survey. We are not expecting surveys now but next year we will need that feedback. We will be asking again.
- We are now in the process of accepting applications for our 2015-2016 fiscal year. The applications are open to all non-profit organizations and public agencies.
- One of our programs is the Beautification program which provides free trash bins to clean up your property.
 - DAVILA: The bins are free, one of the requirements is you have to keep your property clean for 5 years.
- If there are any questions about this programs please look at our brochure.
- DAVILA: Do your grants come from the state of California? Is there a cost limit? Is there a financial requirement?
 - No, our grants come from HUD (federal program).
 - The limit depends on individual needs and how much funding we have.
 - Yes, there are financial requirements. You can see these at our website. Seniors are most likely eligible due to low income.

5.0 Public Comments:

- Anne Fox, Mead Valley Library Librarian: This will be my last meeting. I am moving to New Mexico at the end of this month. I would like to thank Mr. Kevin Jeffries for purchasing a movie license enabling us to show movies. I would like to mention some of the accomplishments the library has made this past year. We opened a Veterans Resource Center which assists veterans in obtaining benefits they earned. We made our conference room available and served senior lunches there until the senior room opened. We have English and Spanish computer classes. The attendance for this year was almost 170,000. We circulated almost 100,000 items (books, DVD's). We've had almost 39,000 computer sessions and an attendance of 4,000 for our programs. There are 35 libraries in Riverside County and this library is ranked 8th. This library is one of the busiest libraries in Riverside County. I want to thank the community for making this happen. If there are any questions both Brenda and Rosa can help. The library has one position open, intern level.
- Kevin Parson, Public Affairs Officer for EMWD: Beginning December 3rd there will be changes in the policies for water fill stations. Beginning Dec. 3rd we are changing the access and the registration. You will have to complete an agreement with us and you will be charged \$15 /month. Old keys will not work on fill stations. New keys will have a microchip and cannot be duplicated. A resident has to lock fill station back up after use in order for the key to be removed. There will be a \$100 deposit for the keys. If key is lost,

another \$100 deposit is required to replace it. Lost keys will then be de-activated to prevent un-authorized use. We will be looking into any misuse of water. In the future there will be a charge on the volume of water used from the fill stations. This will significantly reduce water waste.

- Yolonda Williams, Resident: *Question*-Do we get the deposit back if resident moves? *Answer*-Yes, as long as it is functioning.
- Gerardo Avila, Resident: *Question*-What can be done about enforcing water conservation? *Answer*-The way people conserve is when they see a high water bill. The more water use, the higher the bill.
- Resident: *Question*-Where do you get a key? *Answer*-I will give you my card, contact us.
- Yolonda Williams, Resident: the seniors now have to print and sign name to get our senior meals. One of the ladies from the Office on Aging said this was needed in order to get names right and ensure funding. If it is crucial to do this double signing then I would like to suggest issuing individual senior cards for identification purposes. RAWLINS: Why is it so difficult to sign and print your name? Cards cost money, that money could be used elsewhere. *Response*-Well because this is an everyday thing and a lot of seniors that eat lunch cannot sign their names. I would also like to know what is holding up the placement of the Mr. Charles Meigs Community Center dedication plaque. The Meigs family is seeking answers as to why there is such a delay in placing this building sign since the dedication has already been approved. There was funding for this. I have talked to Tom and he referred me to EDA and they refer me back to Tom. I'm being given the runaround.
- Eva Herrera, Resident: I need a storage container for my stuff. Not a trash can but a storage container. DAVILA: The County is in the process of changing the ban on containers in our area. Please talk to Mr. Ketcham regarding this change.
- Rigo Herrera, Resident: I called the cops and asked them to patrol my street. I gave them my information but never saw the cops come. It has been about 2 weeks now. DAVILA: Mr. Herrera has contacted the MAC to see how he can be more involved with the community. He lives just outside our area. Since he does not have a MAC board in his community he asked this MAC for information on who he can contact about this. The Menifee city council meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at Menifee city Hall. (DAVILA hands a paper with contact information to Mr. Herrera)
- Arely Tapia, Molina Healthcare employee: Molina Healthcare is hosting a Covered California enrollment at Mead Valley Family Resource Center on December 18th and 19th. There is another event in San Bernardino at Orange National Show tomorrow. This event will be providing free medical, dental and vision for the uninsured.
- Everett Price, Resident: Why were Solar Panels not placed on the Community Center? They were on the original schematic. It would have lowered the cost of utilities.
- Gerardo Avila, Resident: I want to know what can be done to stop late night and early morning shooting at the sheriff's shooting range. I would like to thank all the veterans. I would also like to thank Tom. He works really hard.
- Tony Pendragon, Resident: I would like to thank Supervisor Jeffries because thanks to his support we are no longer having the Majestic Warehouse built at Cajalco and Harvill. Just 4 of us went to the Supervisors meeting and with the help of Tom and Supervisor Jeffries we were able to stop this warehouse from being built here. Right now that open space is still open to commercial use. As a community we need to lobby our representatives on how we would like them to use that open space.
 - Yolonda Williams, I would like to see suggestions from our community and submit them to our Supervisors office.
 - Rigo Herrera, Maybe offering a course about starting small businesses can help this community. People can start a business with what they know. For instance, I have a small washing (windows, houses) business.

6.0 Report from Supervisors' Kevin Jeffries Office

6.1 Tom Ketcham, Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- Acoustics: There is a new bid of about \$12,000 to fix this rooms acoustics. We are going to meet with the company. Hopefully by January's meeting this will be fixed. If this is not fixed, we will bring a mic.
- Sheriff: There is transition in the Sheriff's Department. There is a new Chief Deputy, Shelly Kennedy Smith. I just met with her today and one of the requests I made was for Deputy Thomas to come to our meetings.
- Marijuana: This topic is coming to the agenda for the Supervisors meeting on November 25th, at 9:30am. This will be a long meeting. This will be Jeff Stone's last meeting because he won a Senate seat. The Governor will appoint the position that Stone is vacating.
- Parks: Understand that Parks never did Recreation. They are doing the best they can.
- EMWD: I actually took Ron Sullivan on a tour of Mead Valley. Water usage has been high around here which might have some correlation to marijuana growth. As Kevin Pearson has explained new changes will come that can help with this.
- Code Enforcement Tours: Britt Starkweather and I do monthly tours of the community to look and see what needs to be done. If someone needs to remedy a situation (ticket), call me to see if we can help.
- Senior meetings: different representatives meet with Supervisor Jefferies and give their input.
- Renewed Hope: The childcare center is just about moved in. Should be open soon.
- DPSS: I would like to thank Giovanna for having their own Halloween event.
- Storage Containers: We are working on this. If you get a ticket let me know. Code Enforcement should not be issuing any tickets for this.
- Mobile Health Clinic: they will start to come again on a monthly basis over at The Concerned Family (old fire station). Clark & Cajalco.
- Sign-in process: That is an Office on Aging thing; the County does not require this. So I will bring it up to Rachel. See what can be done.
- Solar Panels: I am going to look over the original drawings. If they are on there I am happy to ask why they were not installed. DAVILA: Who are you going to ask? *Response*-Well the person who was in charge over there, Gloria Perez, is no longer there. I will find someone.
- Shooting Range: I will talk to the new Deputy Chief and hopefully you will be able to get something done through her.
- Charles Meigs sign: I will look into this. But again Gloria Perez was in charge of all of that.
- Warehouse: The Cajalco and Harvill area was designated for warehouses long before we came in. America's Tire is the baseline for the requirements needed of warehouses that want to build there. Such as solar panels on the roof, lower footprint, better landscaping, giving back to the community.
- Jobs: There are job openings at Cal Premium Treats. The CEO wants to hire 90 people and wants to hire from Mead Valley. Americas Tire is also looking for people.
- Anne Fox: I want to thank Anne and wish her the best of luck in New Mexico.
- Everett Price, Resident: How did warehouse get categorized as low-level manufacturing? It is a storage facility. *Response*-It was decided long before us.
- Yolonda Williams, Resident: The community association is willing to donate the 1st 100-200 senior I.D. cards. Hopefully it will help alleviate the cost. Also if anyone knows any contractors there is a bid in San Bernardino for a bridge going on right now.
- I want to thank Maggie Pacheco and Gladys. We went out and they showed me areas that needed attention.
- Marijuana: I did an interview with a Spanish news station and they wanted to film marijuana fields. We filmed the marijuana field over on Elmwood St... The next day it was gone.

7.0 Mead Valley MAC Board Member Comments:

- Charles Romero: I want to publicly thank Librarian Anne Fox and her staff for her support of the seniors. Have a safe trip. I would also like to thank Captain Al Gomez who has retired from Fire Station 59.
- Tania Garcia Avalos: I would like to remind everyone that we need volunteers for the Breakfast with Santa event. You can sign-up now with myself or later with Inez . Good night.
- Paz Trevino: I am excited from what I've heard tonight. People talked about businesses in Mead Valley with enthusiasm. If we want Mead Valley to grow for the people, we need to give positive reinforcement to Tom and Mr. Jeffries to let them know what we want. In Mead Valley there are small businesses that are restrained by County ordinances from prospering. We need to encourage small business and ask the County to assist in streamlining the process. If our small businesses prosper that is a great way to attract larger businesses here. We need to let Code Enforcement and County Planning know what we want and give them the tools to help us. Ordinance 348 Section 2.7 will allow some properties to be rezoned. That is something Tom and Supervisor Jeffries support. I do not want big businesses to benefit from the growth of Riverside, I want Mead Valley to benefit. That is why we are all here.
- Tony Davila: Not long ago we lost longtime resident Dan Avalos. I told his family I would not forget the issues he dealt with on Salter Rd. I'm glad to see the Salter water issues being dealt with. Long way to go still. My first year on the MAC I pushed on senior issues and we are looking good now. One last thing I would like for the seniors is an antenna on the senior room TV so they can get news, weather, and emergency broadcasts. I am not concluding my work on senior's issues but would like to start dealing with the issues of the children & businesses in this valley. There is a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) in Mead Valley now. Corrin Condran Ph# 951-454-0584 is managing this team. Now we need equipment and a plan for emergency situations. Anyone CERT qualified please contact her to add you to the already existing 14 person team. We are working on getting a 1st aid class here soon. A jumper was stolen from the center recently. If you know anything about its whereabouts please let us know. We just want it back, no questions asked. We will ask Supervisor Jeffries to review Ordinance 348 Section 2.7. There is going to be changes in Mead Valley. We have to make sure that we do not stop progress but alter it to fit our community so we can have what we want but also give the people what they need. We need to start getting jobs here and bring in the right businesses. We are also going to see if Supervisor Jeffries can rezone some areas. Some areas are agricultural and some commercial. If you are in an agricultural area but you are not growing anything then that property is useless to you. We need to work together as a community and get some businesses here in Mead Valley. I would like to thank the Supervisor for spending time at the senior room. I would also like to thank all the community leaders that spoke tonight. The MAC's main job is to transfer to the County what you say you need and want through these meetings and the Minutes. Thank you for your input.

8.0 Future Agenda Items:

- Transportation
- Planning
- Agriculture (gardening)

Date of proposed next meeting, January 14, 2015 6pm @ Mead Valley Community Center

Adjournment time: 8:15 pm

Attendance: 22