

MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 11th, 2015 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), Ali Mazarei (Member), and Charles Romero (Alt) –All Present; Tania Garcia (Secretary) and Rogelio Rawlins (Alt) – Absent (Excused)

2.0 Approval of Minutes: January 14th, 2015 – Moved/Seconded/Approved

3.0 Public Safety Updates:

3.1 Riverside Sherriff's Department: On call right now

3.2 Riverside Fire Department: Station 59

- Incidents reported from 1/14/15 to 2/11/15
 - 28 false alarms, 410 medical, 11 other fires, 10 public service assists, 6 residential fires, 2 stand-by, 47 traffic collisions, 7 wildfires. There was an incident total of 521.

3.3 Code Enforcement: Officer John Kirchoff

- I was asked to fill in for your Mead Valley Officer Donna Payne. I don't have any cases in Mead Valley that I can speak of but I can answer any general questions about Code for you tonight. I will be sitting in the back to answer these.
- Also I would like everybody to spread the word that illegal dumping (car, oil, and paint) is a felony.
- Mead Valley Officers Donna Payne and John Game will be back in the office on Tuesday if you need to call them feel free. You can also call me for any general questions.

4.0 New Business:

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries: I just wanted to stop by tonight to inform you of our continuing efforts towards the future of Mead Valley. Before I came into office there was an effort underway to get a county transportation center. It started before I got here and it will be continued. In addition to the county transportation center, the county office of emergency services are going to move here too. What this means is jobs. Another thing we are working on is getting some sound buffers for this room. Those are some of the things we have been working on. We are trying. I want to thank the MAC Board for their services.

4.1 Riverside County Parks Department/District: Ronald Donis, Area Manager; Stephanie, Rec Coordinator; Tanya Gonzalez Senior Center coordinator; Inez works at the front office

- Ronald: One of the things we are working on are signs to help people locate what they are looking for in this building. We are also working on the sign for the name of the center, which is the Charles Meigs Community Center. On April 4th we are having an Extravaganza Egg Hunt with carnival games and bouncy houses. We are also having a spring clean sale (mini-swap meet) in the parking lot. We will be selling spots to cover the event cost. We will have flyers up next week with more information. Let us know your concerns and ideas and we will do what we can to help.
- Tanya G: We are doing a Mardi Gras party for seniors on Friday the 20th. There will be activities going on all day at the senior center.

- Stephanie: I also want to let everyone know that there will be new programs starting up soon. We will have ESL classes, GED classes and citizenship assistance; if interested sign-up with Inez at the front office.
- Ronald: Are there any questions/comments?
 - Resident: *Comment*-We really appreciate Tanya and Inez for helping us at the Senior Center. Since Tanya was assigned to us, there has been so much more activity and Inez is always there to help. So please don't let them leave. We love them.
 - Resident: *Question*-Are there any volunteer programs? *Answer*-Yes, we have an amazing volunteer program coordinator. He will speak about this in a moment.
 - Resident: *Comment*- I have attended the mental health program, although it is good, it does not deal with some of the issues the Hispanic community faces. Also why not have cooking classes? *Answer*-We are working with a group named El Sol which is a similar program but this one deals with Hispanic community issues. If you would like a certain type of class to be started then speak with us and we will do what we can.
 - DAVILA: I personally want to thank Tanya G. Since she started she has been taking care of the seniors. Of Course, Inez has helped guide her through. We also see Stephanie from Good Hope, who also does good work for Good Hope seniors. Thank you Ron for having these ladies working so hard for us.
- Anthony Richardson, Volunteer Services Program Manager
 - What I want to talk about tonight is the district volunteer programs. Currently, every single month we have about 330 volunteers that give individual service at one of our sites. Beyond that we actually have about 600 volunteers throughout the year. They give about 150,000 hours of service. What this translates to is that programs and services can go further. On March 25th I am going to bring a background check company to the center. So anyone interested can sign-up and have their background check done on site. That same day is a commodity distribution. Our volunteers can get discounts for certain places. We have volunteer of the month and year. We also have a volunteer event in order to thank all the volunteers. I encourage all of you to volunteer. Any questions?
 - Resident: *Question*-Is there an age limit? Would this count for community service hours? *Answer*-Our youngest volunteer right now is 9 and our oldest is 94. And volunteering for some our events does give you credit for community service hours required by your school.
 - Resident: *Question*-Can volunteering transition to work? *Answer*-I can't promise everyone a job but some of our employees' started off as volunteers. Volunteering does help build your resume.
 - Resident: *Question*-Why is it that the seniors of this community do not get adequate attention. I never see anyone bother to check-up on the elderly. *Answer*-That is a question for Tom. This brings up the importance of a Senior Center having a senior visiting program. DAVILA: You can get a hold of Tanya G at the senior center, there is an office on aging that offers adult protection services. This is in case you witness a senior being abused.

4.2 Riverside County Planning Dept.: Jorge Caballero and Wendell Bugtai, Agency program Administrators

- Tom Ketcham: Before I bring these guys up I wanted to make sure you take a pamphlet that talks about the ombudsmen process with TLMA. For the last two years or so we have talked about planning issues. One of our goals is to streamline the process for people to obtain permits. One of the goals we had was to start the ombudsmen program. So if you have issue with planning you are going to talk with one of these two guys, Jorge Caballero, who speaks Spanish, or Wendell Bugtai. These guys will help the entire way, you are not going to get lost anymore. This is something we really pushed for and finally got the funding for it.

- Wendell: I have been working for the County for 7 years and Jorge for 15 years. We both have different backgrounds, our team can get you through the process. Like Tom said we are here to help. We have worked with all the departments, so whatever department you guys are having problems with, we will be there to help.
 - Resident: *Question*-What is it that you guys have planned for Mead Valley? Is it the same thing that happened in Corona, factories and warehouses? *Answer*- The state mandate says that any local area within the state or within a city or a county locations are reviewed by the county planning department and deemed as commercial or residential. We have to make sure that certain services are being provided in certain areas. As far as the Mead Valley area we can certainly go over with you what is planned for certain areas.
 - Resident: *Comment*-I want to thank Supervisor Jeffries because since he came into office there have been a lot of changes for the better in this community. Before this I was afraid to go to the county and ask anything.
 - DAVILA: *Question*-Do conversations between your office and residents remain confidential or are they reported to planning or Code? *Answer*- It depends on the project. We talk to the department that an individual has the issue with. *Question*-What if there is a complaint about how a department handled an issue? *Answer*-Talk to us, we will be the liaison.
 - PAZ: *Comment*- For any of you having doubts, I have worked with Wendell personally and he helped me tremendously.

4.3 Riverside County Sheriff Dept.: Deputy M. Bordeau, Recruitment Division

- We do hire deputy sheriffs but there are other positions we need to. We man the county jails and the court systems. We are currently hiring food service workers for the county jail. You don't have to have any experience. If interested you can check the website there is other positions available, like office assistants, accountants. We are also hiring deputy sheriffs (have to be at least 20yrs and 9mths), correctional deputies (18yrs), and 911 dispatchers (ability to type 40-45 words/minute or more, 18yrs or older). We are hosting a career fair in Murrieta on February 21st. Everything is done online you have to pass online exam in order to qualify.

5.0 Public Comments:

- Anthony Richardson: Rider St. Horse Trail
 - Supervisor Jeffries' Youth Advisory Council has been out here multiple times. Tom has also physically worked on abating weeds on that trail. I just want to thank Supervisor Jeffries office for his assistance with trail issues.
- Eva Herrera: 20x40 ft. containers
 - Why is the ordinance taking so long? I have no garage to store all of my stuff. I need 1 container to put all my stuff in and I just want the permission to do it. Also is there anyone who can help seniors with their lawns.
- Shade: Transparency
 - A lot of the times you go to the county office and do not like the answer you receive. But as long as you get an answer, a transparent answer, me personally I am content. I have been to the county building back in the day, I don't want to mention more because I don't want to bring back all that negative energy. I instead want look at the future. Another thing if you have a problem with someone in Mead Valley try to talk to them. If anyone has a problem with me come and talk to me and we can try to resolve it. Again thanks to the MAC board for volunteering their services.
- Yolonda Williams: Fishing Licenses, Transportation
 - Last week I asked for the speaker of transportation concerning the train coming out here and I have not heard anything back. I also asked about the fishing license today, Tom said he was going to look into this. Disabled seniors can get a 5yr fishing license for free. I want to thank Tony Davila MAC President for helping me in the pouring rain remove the tumbleweed on my property.

- Resident: Cleaning property
 - I have a property here and need help cleaning it what can be done. *Answer-PAZ-* There are bins you can get for free to get all the junk out and as far as getting help we can speak about this after the meeting.
- Resident: Car racing
 - There should be more police presence on Markham St. to prevent any accidents from happening due to illegal car racing.

6.0 Report from Supervisor Jeffries:

6.1 Tom Ketcham, Legislative Analyst for Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- Easter Egg Event (April 4th): If you are interested in being on the committee to set that up please contact Inez or Tanya.
- Volunteer Program (March 25th): We need volunteers for the community, it is not a very lengthy process. So take advantage of this opportunity. Pass the word. No need to be a citizen.
- Acoustics: We were able to save about \$40,000 from original price. Hopefully by the next MAC meeting we will have the acoustics done.
- Broken lights: I have mentioned it to Ron and they are working on this. If you are here and see something that is broken in the community center let the staff know.
- Motown Night (March): We are working in conjunction with the Val Verde Unified School District. You will see flyers pretty soon. It will be a karaoke event.
- Marijuana Ordinance: Currently being reviewed by the county counsel then will go back to Planning. Planning has to issue it a number (place it under code and section). Once that happens it will go back to the board to be ratified. This may be done by the end of March. After this Code and Sheriffs Department can go after marijuana growers. The maximum amount of plants you can have per parcel is 24. Any more you will get \$1,000 citation.
- Code Enforcement: We have just started a volunteer code enforcement program. Starting with 2 people. One is going to be downtown and the other will be assigned to the Cajalco office. Our goal is to work in conjunction with the work release program. They will not be allowed to issue citations. Check our website to see if application is up.
- Library: We renewed the license for movies at the library, so take your kids.
- Job Fairs: Even though WIB left the community center they will be coming back to do job fairs.
- Senior Care issues: Unfortunately we can't watch everybody. That is where neighbors come in to look after each other. I am sure the sheriff can talk more about this issue. We also have office on aging, I will ask them to bring in materials and talk about senior abuse.
- MAC Board: We have one opening on the MAC, if interested go to our website supervisorjeffries.org and apply.
- Illegal dumping: contact code enforcement if you see someone in progress of dumping. If you can get a description, take some pictures and get license plate.
- Ordinance 348 (container): currently in phase 2
- Metro-link: we do have a committee for this and we meet monthly. This month we are meeting at Perris City Hall (Next Thursday @ 11:30am), you are welcome to come.
- Clean-ups: We do have them coming, so check the bulletin board.
- Markham speeding: We are looking into this. This is regulated by CHP not the Sheriffs.
- Charles Meigs Signage: We are working on this, it is a lengthy process.
- Any comments or questions:
 - Ann Miller: I want to thank the sheriffs for their hasty response to my call when I heard gunshots.
 - Yolonda Williams: Where are we with the bus passes? *Answer-I am not at liberty to give free bus passes but I can ask RTA to come to a meeting and talk about this.*

- Resident: I was talking more about car racing in Markham. *Answer*-The best you could do is get the license plate and a description of the vehicles. We also have volunteer program in sheriff's department that drive around in a black and whites.
- Gerardo Avila: What happened to the Brown road work? *Answer*-We do have some paving scheduled but as usual we are low on funds. We are trying to do as much as we can.

7.0 Mead Valley MAC Board Member Comments:

- Ali Mazarei: Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce kicked off Win Some Wheels on January 30th. They are giving away 2 cars. It is available for non-profits. The tickets are \$2. So any non-profits that want to sell tickets can keep \$1. We are trying to raise over \$200,000. If you are interested in participating please contact the Chamber of Commerce.
- Paz Trevino: I want to talk about agenda item 5.0 and what it means. We are trying to give you the opportunity to change the future of Mead Valley. A lady earlier had a question about what was the plan for Mead Valley. This is up to us that is why we have item 5.0. I want to hear your input. What Wendell and Jorge are doing is great but what about land owners that just want to use their property. I want to hear from more of you, if you don't say anything then we can't help you. Take advantage of agenda item 5.0.
- Charles Romero: The city of Menifee just approved a \$75 million business park on 51 acres. That means warehouses, jobs, taxes. They are going to get the jobs folks. You can't stop progress it is coming.
- Tony Davila: I would like to thank Tom and Mr. Jefferies for the ombudsmen program. Make sure to utilize them. After more than 8 months of service Charles and I are no longer volunteering for senior lunch that is taken care of by Elizabeth & Smooth Transitions. We have not received any complaints regarding lunch, so they are doing a great job. Thank you Ron for taking care of our seniors. I like Anthony's ideas to do home visits. We have to take care of the seniors who can't take care of themselves. Mr. Kirchoff we miss you, you have done a lot of good work in our valley. We hope to see you back here soon. Code Enforcement volunteers, at first I was very wary, but that changed after Code and Tom explained to me what they can and cannot do. Not to be used to create cases by to assist with admin & WRP program. Everyone that is a resident of Mead Valley is eligible to become a member of the MAC. So put in an application. We would like to see Mr. Shade apply. It would be great if there is any way that Mr. Romero can become a full member, he is willing to serve as a council officer. Today he filled in as Secretary for Tania who is ill. On the issue of animal shelters let's not create a rule that causes a hardship. Yes, animals need shelter but let's think it through and not cause a burden on residents without uniformity. The only calls I have been receiving lately are from seniors who wish to attend the meeting but can't see very well at night. So I want to ask on their behalf that maybe the meeting time be changed to earlier giving those seniors the opportunity to come. I would also like to see communication between Parks, the Senior Center, and the Concerned Family, so all Mead Valley residents are able to utilize all the resources available to them. I would like to thank everyone who attended tonight's meeting for being community minded. I want to thank our secretary Tania as well for all her hard work and wish her good health. I would like to thank all the MAC members for their service to Mead Valley.

8.0 Future Agenda Items:

- Transportation & Planning
- Animal Control
- Owner of the 76 gas station at the corner of Brown and Cajalco
- California Highway Patrol

Date proposed next Meeting, March 11th, 2015 6pm @ Mead Valley Community Center

Adjournment time: 8:00pm