

MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

MEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
21091 Rider Street, Mead Valley, Ca. 92570

MINUTES

- 0.0 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance lead by Charles Romero
- 1.0 Roll Call: Sterlon Sims (Chairperson), Veronica Valencia (Vice Chairperson) excused, Paz Trevino (Secretary), Shade Awad, Ali Mazarei, Charles Romero (Alt#1), Jon DeFries (Alt#2)
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes: Motion by Charles Romero seconded by Paz Trevino.
- 3.0 Public Safety Updates
- 3.1 Deputy Thomas, Riverside County Sheriff
- Jan 2019 742 Calls, 23 arrests
 - Feb 2019 650 calls, 29 arrests
- 3.2 Captain Kirk, Riverside County Fire Dept. Station #59
- Jan 2019 145 calls
 - Feb 2019 138 calls
 - Reminder to pull to the right when you see or hear an emergency vehicle, do not stop on the road.
 - Stove tops are not to be used as heaters, cause fires, emit gasses.
 - Trash is not legal to burn anywhere in Riverside County
- 3.3 Jason Horton, New Code Director
- Code enforcement phone number (951)955-0058
 - Code has 3 offices in Riverside, (1) Mead Valley, (2) Hemet, (3) Palm Desert
 - Code will focus on and cite unpermitted structures, abandoned vehicles, excessive trash
- 4.0 New Business
- 4.1 Community Center updates- Ron/The Grove
- Commodities program served 224 households on Feb. 4th weds of the month, next distribution is March 27 7:30 to 11am.
 - OC Box senior food program, 224 seniors served. Currently serving 674 seniors per month. Next OC is on March 25 from 12:30 to 5pm.
 - Spa & Neuter bus, March 8,15,22. By appointment
 - Reminder: we are a cooling and warming center. Snacks and water available.
 - Sand Bags available
 - "Perris Family Night" every Thurs at 6pm
 - FREE Easter egg hunt event on April 20th from 11am to 2pm
- 4.2 Senior Center update- Rosa Chappell/JGF
- Have seen increase in exercise class attendance with averages of 200 participants
 - 1331 participants signed in for nutrition-based programming in Jan & Feb.
 - There are a few slots open for tax prep assistance. Last day to receive assistance is April 11th. Call to setup appointment. Service is free. 41 appointments set to date.
 - In Feb 43 seniors enjoyed a trip to Pala Casino and 14 attended Black History celebration and luncheon at the Janet Goeske Center in Riverside
 - JGF just received a donation of a 32-passenger bus.

- In February we introduced Friday Bingo game. The Bingo is a licensed offering. Doors open at 1pm and games begin at 2pm with a Live caller and cash prizes. Spread the word!
- MVSC in partnership and collaboration with the Family Resource Center will host an intergenerational event for seniors and elementary age students. Seniors will be assisting students with various arts and crafts.

4.3 Mead Valley Library- Karen Snider

- Karen was not able to attend

4.4 Grid-Kari Horvath

- Showed video on benefits of solar power
- Creates skilled jobs and provides a service to community
- Training programs create skilled labor force
- Qualifications: must own and live in home, must income qualify, area must also qualify

4.5 Majestic Realty- John Semcken, updates on submitted projects

- RE: project between Harvill & Seaton north of Cajalco Expressway
- Majestic is a Family owned business operating since 1948 that owns over 80 million sq ft of buildings. They are owner developer in that they own what they build and do not sell their buildings. Since they own their buildings' they maintain them well and keep them up in appearance and structurally sound.
- Majestic Realty made good on Financial District FD888, took it out of bankruptcy and brought it to current. Resolved 45 million in penalties and interest.
- Project consists of 16 buildings and a 3.5-acre park on 270 acres. As promised to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries the buildings will vary in size and styles. Sizes will be from 25000 sq. feet to 1.2 million sq. feet.
- The current 600k sq. ft building will be completed in approximately 3 weeks with landscaping and streets being all that remains.
- There will be no trucks entering facility through Seaton Ave.
- A signal light will be installed on Cajalco Expressway and Seaton Ave. as well as a stop sign on Seaton Ave and Martin to slow traffic. Cajalco Expressway will also be widened to Seaton Ave. The building will be situated as to conceal truck traffic from Seaton. Tens of millions to be paid in fees through the course of this project. Over 6000 jobs will be generated through the course of project. 1.35 billion in economic output.
- Project was approved under Supervisor Bob Buster's administration but due to the economic down fall of 2007 and then at the request of our current Supervisor Kevin Jeffries the project was delayed till present so Supervisor Jeffries administration could get up a feel of the communities needs in terms of the projects shape.

5.0 Public Comments

- Marcia Martinez: concerns with local employment positions being offered in new development projects
- Jerry Avila: Concerned with MAC board members solving issues relating to crime and fostering the growth of local business. Concerned with periodic absences of board members.
- Yolonda Williams: When is the next Town Hall Meeting, can it be made closer to summer? Future housing in Mead Valley. Truck traffic on Old Elsinore Rd.

6.0 Mead Valley MAC Board Member Comments

- Shade Awad: Thanks audience for attending and apologizes for absence due to sickness.
- Ali Mazarei: Thanks audience for coming and apologizes for absence due to sickness.
- Paz Trevino: taking minutes, no comment
- Jon DeFries: Water tank being built on Sulzer Rd.
- Sterlon Sims: Thanks audience for attending.
- Charles Romero: Support the library, donate books.

7.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office

7.1 Thomas Ketchum, Legislative analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- The state passed bills to facilitate food vending and left it up to the county to follow through.
- Environmental Health does detailed presentation, for info and help contact Enrique Rueda at (760)320-1048
- Mr. Ketchum highlights issues from Jeffries Journal volume 7 issue 3
 - 22 million down the drain, in 2000 the County of Riverside spent 15 million on voting machines, in 2003 the state ordered they be replaced by 2006.
 - Lobbying for your dollar, every two to three years the Board is requested to evaluate and fund lobbying efforts in Sacramento (210k for next fiscal year). Current figures estimate we are spending fewer dollars than other counties. Report did not include those employed by stand alone departments like airports and flood control. Supervisor's office concerned with renewing contract with firm that has no reported success but offers a nice newsletter for 60k per year on Riverside County's lack of success.
- Don't complain on Facebook. Complaints should be brought to Tom or the MAC Board. Do your homework before you complain. County only maintains county roads. Private roads are the responsibility of the residents.
- After hearing complaints of tires on Sulzer Rd. Tom decided to take a weekend and help those residents out but calling on them to assist. On a Saturday Tom Ketchum borrowing a trailer from MAC member Paz Trevino met over ten residents showed along with MAC members Jon DeFries and Sterlon Simms and cleaned up over 100 tires taking two trips. Thanks to all those involved. This is the type of community involvement that will ensure results.
- Tom and the new Code Director Jason Horton toured the troubled areas in Mead Valley that code will need to address.
- Interpreter issue, a remedy has been attempted twice before. I machine was brought and never used to abandoned and a separate Spanish MAC meeting was started and not attended. As it says on the agenda, if you need assistance call ahead.
- Town Hall meeting scheduled for September. Exact date to be determined.
- Truck traffic issue: the law is the law, if you restrict use on general law areas you have to designate a truck route road. Staff is working on issue.
- Supervisor has voted no on new commercial developments until infrastructure issue can be dealt with. RCTC says no improvements on 215/60 interchange for at least 25 years. Focus on small retail to keep work force here and off freeways.
- Park Issue: park on Majestic Realty project only going to be a small area for local employees to break and lunch. Not intended to be a Mead Valley family fun gathering place. There is a plan in force to link all trail systems.

- Day and Brown Streets are going to be widened with a turn lane
- Overall Cajalco Expressway widening not expected to go past Alexander.
- Retail business concerns not determined by Board. Board of Supervisors does not pick and choose what retail stores come to an area, but when the opportunity presents itself, they are asked to consider. Community demand, support and tolerance will determine which retail business' choose to invest in our area.

8.0 Future Agenda Items

none

Adjournment time: 8:18pm Attendance: 48