

MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 1, 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), Paz Trevino (Secretary), Shade Awad, Ali Mazarei, Charles Romero (Alt#1) Jon DeFries (Alt#2)
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Mazarei, seconded by Mr. Romero.
- 3.0 Public Safety Updates
 - 3.1 Deputy Thomas, Riverside County Sheriff
 - Crime is increasing
 - March 2019, 749 calls, 23 arrests
 - April 2019. 750 calls, 14 arrests
 - Some of the arrests were for very serious offenses
 - Starting May 9th, 12-hour shifts
 - RSO working on more Sheriff, more coverage
 - Question: Yolonda: any closure on body found on Mariposa? Answer: No
 - 3.2 Riverside County Fire Department- Fire Station #59 (absent)
 - 3.3 Code Enforce & Transportation- Michelle Cervantes
 - Code officer Manny Acueto moved to Supervisor
 - Code officer Jennifer Morris new Interim Supervisor
 - 590 open cases in Mead Valley
 - March & April, 2 new cases opened and 53 closed, 1 abatement
 - Transportation updates: flyers handed out on El Toro Ethanac Expressway
- 4.0 New Business
 - 4.1 Community Center updates- Hashish Winstead/The Grove
 - Feeding America commodities program 4th Wednesday of the month 7:30 to 10:30
 - OC Box senior food program, due to Memorial Day, next OC Box will be May 28, 12:30 to 5 pm.
 - Services: Spay Neuter bus, by appt, May 3rd & May 10th
 - Cool and Warm center, March 31st was the end of warm
 - Cool Center open June 1st partnered with Community Action Partnership
 - Sand bags still available
 - Upcoming events: Mead Valley Kids Fun Challenge, May 4th 9am to 11am
 - Mother's Day Brunch partnered with Dr. Rios and Majestic Realty May 10th from 10:30 to 1pm. Registration required.
 - Past events: Over 1800 people showed for the Easter Celebration
 - Special Thanks to: Staff at The Grove and volunteers, Adriana Rojas, Students of Citrus Hill High, The Grove Community Church, Pastor Noland Turnage, Tom Ketchum, Trammel Crowe Co., Mead Valley Feed Store, Dr. Javier Rios, Sheriff Department, Mead

Valley Library, Waste Management, Folklorico Group, Majestic Realty and Shopoff Group.

4.2 Senior Center update- Rosa Chappell/JGF

- Highlights: March & April over 581 patrons attended health & fitness classes
- 1457 participants signed up for nutrition-based programming
- Community Action Partnership and their volunteers coordinated 84 tax preparation appts.
- Mead Valley Senior Center with Family Resource Center hosted a Dia del Nino celebration in which 30 seniors and 64 children attended.
- Encouraged everyone to pickup a monthly calendar for a schedule of upcoming events and programs.

4.3 Mead Valley Library- Karen Snider

- Library had a total of 5082 patrons for the month of March and 5046 for April
- Library hosted 35 programs in which 482 people attended
- Dia de los ninos event turned out 209 people
- Upcoming events: Summer reading sign ups begin June 5th, Kickoff party beings at 1pm
- Special Thanks: Mainor Bojorquez of J&T Investments for their recent donation to the library.

4.4 Newcastle Partners – Amanda Tropiano [New proposed Logistics Center, Val Verde]

- Proposed 270,000 square foot warehouse on Harvill & Morgan St.
- 13 acres, light industrial storage, cold storage
- Will create approximately 250 construction jobs and 100 to 150 permanent jobs for the community.
- Project is still in the review phase and Developer looking for community feedback.
- Project Manager, Courtney Smith 951-582-9800 for comments or concerns
- To look up project and keep track of progress go to: valverdecommercecenter.com

4.5 Newcastle Partners – Amanda Tropiano [New proposed logistic center, Harvill]

- Proposed 320 – 340,000 square foot warehouse
- Located on 17 acres at Harvill & Orange by Salvation Army
- Project will create 300 construction jobs and opportunities and 200 to 400 permanent jobs for the community which will help alleviate traffic on the I 215 & 60 corridor by keeping jobs in the community.
- These projects are designed to protect the line of sight view for the local residents of the community. They will bring much needed Industry to the local economy while maintaining a certain level of aesthetic appeal which Newcastle takes pride in.
- Project manager is Courtney Smith, courtney@newcastlepartners.com
- For project updates go to: harvilldistributioncenter.com

5.0 Public Comments

- John Byrns: Update on Orange Rd.? Who is the individual responsible for future improvements to the Valley? What is being done about the flooding issue? Is someone looking for funds for the issue? Need to seek remedies for congestion and poor infrastructure.
- Joshua Naggar: Has issues with the length of time a resident has to tolerate construction. Wonders is anything can be done by the county to speed up construction to alleviate the burden on the homeowner. Has issues with the current industrial buildings emitting too much light. Can someone address the issue of light pollution?

- Jerry Avila: The Board, The Sheriff, the residents of the community need more authority in the valley they reside or patrol in. Sheriff need a satellite office in the Valley. Ben Clark range is driving him crazy.
- Maricela Martinez: Gives thanks the developers for bringing growth and jobs to the community.
- Gloria Hernandez: Owner of a property on Brown and Orange installed a 6' wall. Now visibility of oncoming traffic is hindered. Stop sign needed.
- Arturo Martinez: Has an issue with street vendors who sell without permits. He purchased a food truck and obtained permits to sell legally, yet he has to deal with competition from food vendors who sell illegally. He feels he is being treated unfairly and is at a disadvantage. His fines and penalties for operating legally are less than those who operate illegally.
- Maricela Salgado: Has an issue with the illegal dumping in Mead Valley. Mead Valley is turning into a dumpsite. Sends pictures to county. Wants to create a petition. Trash is creating a health hazard for the community.
- Lincoln Cooper: Speaks for Concerned Family Events and Food service, Concerned Family health fair served 350 people. Starting a music class for youth. Only has 3 staff serving community and is looking for volunteers. His organization helped 50 people get jobs and off the streets.
- Pepe Del Rio: Community activist who cleans up after the community. Calls and picks up dead animals, watch out for kids on bikes with no lights, pleads to the community to clean up and do what you can for the community.
- Yolonda Williams: Has an issue with the county not cleaning up the right of ways they are responsible for. Has issues with the increase in illegal vending. Has an issue with the truck traffic on Old Elsinore Road. Has an issue with a property on the corner of Orange and Elsinore Rd.

6.0 Mead Valley MAC Board Member Comments

- Mr. Awad: Change takes time, be patient and do your part.
- Mr. DeFries: Fox Street water tank has a 12" main installed, people looking for work should go to business's on Perris Blvd with help wanted signs. Take the RTA for transportation issues.
- Mr. Mazarei: thanks everyone for attending
- Mr. Trevino: Unemployment in Riverside county has dropped to 3.8%, things are changing for the better.
- Veronica Valencia: For those who are going to speak in Spanish please request a translator in advance.
- Mr. Romero: thanks for attending
- Sterlon Simms: Thanks the community for attending the MAC meeting and thanks Newcastle Partners for the presentation on their proposed project.

7.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office

7.1 Thomas Ketcham, Legislative analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- West Coast Thunder event changed with not notice to the County Supervisors' Office
- Sharon Bridges for Riverside County Cemetery explains the event is for charity, it benefits the cemetery, 5000 bike riders anticipated, should not last more than 1.5hrs, will end with a show and Color Guard at Storm Stadium.

- Environmental Health speaks on the street vending. The state is asking counties to be more flexible on food vending by mandate and the county is abiding. Enrique and Beatriz explain what can and cannot be done in both English and Spanish. * note, their appearance at the MAC meetings will be scheduled regularly if you wish to hear in more detail.
- Tom Ketcham: community cleanup will be on May 18th
- On Street vending issue, don't buy from illegal vendors and problem will fix itself.
- On road issue, if you live on a county road, call Tom and issues will be handled. If you live on a private road it is owner's responsibility unless the owners all dedicate the property to the county.
- On the issue of illegal dumping, call Tom if it is on the right of way, but private property is the responsibility of the owner no matter who dumped it.
- On the issue of Police, do not call Tom or the MAC board, call Sheriff directly. He is an elected official and needs to hear from his constituents.
- On the issue of truck traffic. It is inevitable that with growth comes traffic. District 1 Supervisor Kevin Jeffries sits on the board of March JPA and has voted to not having more large development projects until the issue with traffic on the 215-60 corridor is reviewed and solutions proposed. Smaller projects are needed to keep residents local.
- On the issue of marijuana grows, It is a state mandate but grows are still illegal in the county and being eradicated as they are discovered.

8.0 Future Agenda Items

- Jerry Avila: requests the attendance of Sheriff Chad Bianco. Also requests the attendance of Building and Safety

Adjournment time: 8:41pm Attendance: 43