

MEAD VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
January 5, 2022, at 6p.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: Shade Awad (Chairperson) Veronica Valencia (Vice Chairperson) Alejandro Cobian-Excused (Secretary) Sterlon Sims, Paz Trevino, Charles Romero (Alt #1) Jon Defries (Alt #2)

2.0 Approval of Minutes: Motion approved by Shade Awad, seconded by Sterlon Sims

3.0 Public safety updates:

3.1 Riverside County Sheriff, Deputy Thomas

- Calls in November 865, Arrests 28
- Calls in December 770, Arrests 21
- Several shootings occurred in Mead Valley, some perpetrated by local residents
- Crime is on the rise; Recently passed laws have made it difficult to prosecute those arrested for some types of crime. Arrests don't always lead to prosecutions.

3.2 Riverside County Fire Dept

- Not in Attendance

3.3 Code Enforcement and Transportation, Jamison Cole

- Code Enforcement does not enforce homelessness
- All complaints are addressed regardless of race, economic status
- Illegal vending is being addressed; More agents will be hired to address weekend and special events.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Community Center Updates, Noland Turnage/The Grove

- December Festival of Lights was a great success
- 1,700+ people attended Festival of Lights event
- 300+ toys distributed to local children
- Thank you to the Grove volunteers and local businesses who contributed to the event

4.2 Mead Valley Library, Karen Snider

- Tiny Tot Storytime will begin Mondays for tots age 2-5; space is limited call to reserve 951-943-4727
- Free BP screening on Mondays 1:30-3:30; No appt needed
- Library has added 4 self-checkout stations

4.3 HOME-ARP, Alicia James (American Rescue Plan Grants)

- In September 2021 \$8.8 million was approved to be used by Riverside County
- Surveys were issued to see how funds would be allocated

4.4 Riverside County Transportation Department, John Ashlock

- Cajalco Road between I-15 and I-215 will be widened and enhanced for safety
- Project has already been approved but construction has not begun and an exact date was not given.

- Residents inquired as to why it is taking so long to begin the project and were informed that as this is such a large project with many departments involved it is difficult to move along quickly.
- Cajalco Road will widen from 2 lanes to 4 lanes for a stretch of 15.7 miles Temescal Canyon Road to the west and I-215 to the East

#### 4.5 IPT Riverside Logistics Center II LLC, Peter Shafer

#### 5.0 Public Comments

- Gerardo Avila- When will the Clark Street opening to Van Buren Blvd project begin. Traffic is getting heavier and opening that Road/Street will help alleviate the traffic. Why doesn't Sheriff Bianco ever show up to Mead Valley Mac meetings? He shows up to the meetings in Woodcrest and others.
- Maricela Martinez- Crime is on the rise and the Sheriffs Department is not coming out quickly enough or sometimes not even at all to address this issue. Stray dogs are becoming an increased nuisance and animal control needs to address this issue.

#### 6.0 MAC Board Member comments

- Shade Awad-Thank you all for coming tonight.
- Jon DeFries- Many local companies are currently hiring.
- Charles Romero- Jobs, Jobs, Jobs. Thankful to all the companies that will be providing jobs for local residents.
- Veronica Valencia- After two years of "two weeks" to slow the spread, why are masks still being enforced and mandated especially by those that create the mandates and will not wear themselves especially at public places.

#### 7.0 Report from supervisor Kevin Jeffries office

##### 7.1 Hashish Winstead, Legislative analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- Redrawing of District boundaries is complete.
- Mead Valley is part of New District 1
- Study for an OHV Park in Riverside County
- Festival of Lights was a great success

#### 8.0 Future Agenda items

- Animal Control
- Sheriff Bianco

**Adjournment: 7:39pm**

**Attendees: 22**