

Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council

Minutes of the September 12, 2018 Meeting

6:00pm

Trilogy

24503 The Lodge Drive
Temescal Valley, CA 92883

1) Pledge of Allegiance

2) Roll Call

Present: Jerry Sincich (Chair), Eric Werner, Craig Deleo, Lee Wilson (alternate), Kelli Noss (alternate)

Absent: Glen Nelson (Vice Chair), Bob Hafner

3) Approval of Minutes

A. June 13 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Lee Wilson motioned and Kelli Noss seconded the motion and it carried.

4) Reports

A. Update from CHP – Captain Tyler and Officer Reyes

1. Closures from the Holy Fire caused some delays and issues in CHP enforcement in the area. CHP assisted law enforcement during the evacuations.
2. CHP continues to do routine enforcement and strike teams in the Temescal Valley area. Areas of focus include Dawson Canyon, Knabe, and Horsethief Canyon. Commercial enforcement teams have been in the area and have been conducting commercial vehicle inspections, resulting in citations and one vehicle was impounded.
3. Community members are encouraged to call the Riverside office for focused areas of enforcement at (909) 388-8000.

B. Update from Riverside Sheriff Department – Lieutenant Kevin Smith

1. There were 488 calls for service to the unincorporated areas for the month of August, which was an uptick from July. Calls for assistance during the Holy Fire increased the call volume.
2. 11 arrests were made during the month of August, none of which were related to the Holy Fire. Six of those arrests were for various felonies. Riverside Sheriff's Department did not make any arrests due to looting from the fire. It was explained that arrests were the last resort during the fire because it would have required removing an officer from the field to transport and process.
3. Thefts continue to be an issue in the area and the department encourages residents to make their property more secure by making sure their vehicles are locked, no valuables or perceived valuables are visibly stored, garages are kept closed.
4. Residents asked about calls for halfway houses or sober living houses. There were no specific concerns from RSD about those types of homes.
5. The new fiscal year budget is allowing additional deputies to be on the street. It will take time for the department to hire and train new deputies to fill those positions. The budget is also allowing for more use of specialized teams in the community to support standard street patrols.

C. Update from Riverside County Fire/Cal Fire – Captain Jim Brown

1. Jim Brown wanted to thank the community for their support, the calls, and donations, all of the treats, the events, cards, and so forth that have come since the Holy Fire incident. They are appreciated. Any financial donations can be sent to the Riverside County Firefighters Bereavement Fund as the station cannot accept any financial donations.

2. There were 173 calls for service in the month of August, this is an increase over July's numbers. The department had a total of 24 false alarm calls in relation to the Holy Fire and 100 calls for medical service. There were also several calls from the public for assistance in evacuating during the fire and Station 64 handled firefighter injury calls for assistance during the fire as well.

3. On the subject of the Holy Fire, it was stated that while full containment is near, the fire would more than likely burn for several weeks – or months – until the first rain. The US Forest Service is still doing daily surveillance to monitor the fire. Smoke or flares within the perimeter of the fire do not need to be reported to the fire department.

4. Community members asked about unified command and why there was not any clear information on whether the fire was fully contained or not. Chief Scott Lane from Cal Fire/RCFD introduced himself and stated that Cal-Fire did have a seat at the unified command however; US Forest Service remains the lead agency on the fire as most of the fire burned on their land. Division Chief Jeff Veik also reiterated that all of the agencies have been working together in their firefighting efforts on the Holy Fire.

5. Shane Reinhart from Riverside County Emergency Management Department was introduced to talk about their role. EMD was setup as a stand-alone department instead of being a sub-department of Cal-Fire/RCFD and operates behind the scenes. EMD was on the ground at Station 64 before the Holy Fire crossed over into Riverside County and continued to assist as needed. Now that the fire is almost fully contained at 98%, EMD is beginning to look to the winter and next few years for mudslides and debris flows and have consulted with other counties who have experience with mudslides following a fire. They are working with other county departments including Transportation and and US Forest Service to plan and make training available to residents. As soon as those trainings are available, the information will be released to the public. As of the meeting, the BAER and watershed reports were not available but would be posted on the US Forest Service once they were ready for the public.

6. Alert Rivco is the program for notifications for evacuations if you do not have a landline or are using a VoIP service for home telephone. You can register online and alerts will be targeted to your specific address. This winter EMD and Cal-Fire are expecting there to be evacuations due to potential mudslides. EMD is revising their evacuation maps to move to a grid system with more specified evacuation zones instead of whole canyons.

D. Update from Code Enforcement & County Transportation/Land Management – Michelle Cervantes

1. Code Enforcement has hired a contracted officer to assist in the area.

2. Code Enforcement currently has over 7,550 cases in Riverside County and all of those open cases have been “touched” or looked at by officers.

3. Officer Marez is working on cannabis calls in the unincorporated areas. At the time of the meeting, grows and dispensaries are still illegal in those areas.

4. Code Enforcement has done investigations to close illegally operating corner vendor businesses as well as illegal auto businesses.

5. A community member asked about clarification on RVs. RVs are considered recreational vehicles and cannot be lived in. Any issues with roving RVs should be called into Code Enforcement as the caseload follows the infraction.

6. Michelle brought along copies of the flooding preparation pamphlet from the County of Riverside. Residents may contact Jarrod with the Transportation office at (951) 712-5494 for information on how to move watercourses on their property safely.

7. Residents are encouraged to use the County of Riverside reporting app to report down transportation signs so they can be fixed in a timely manner.

E. Update from Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez's Office – Samantha Stillwell

1. Melissa Melendez is hosting a series of Town Hall meetings, including one at Trilogy on

September 22nd at 6:30pm in the ballroom.

2. AB2126 was co-authored by the assemblywoman and would establish a conversation corp program that would benefit the Inland Empire and three other areas that would allow for additional firefighting resources and jobs. It is currently waiting for the governor's signature.
3. SB1172 changes the authority on who oversees the high-speed rail. The assemblywoman suggested that if you have an opinion to register it with the author via phone.
4. AB186, which would provide safe spaces in San Francisco for illegal drug use, is now on the governor's desk. It is specific to San Francisco and no state funding will be used for the program.

5) **New Business**

A – Proposed AT&T Wireless Communication Facility (APN 282-210-050)

1. The proposed tower is would be near the Temescal Valley Water District roadway south of Clay Canyon Road, east of Bedford Motorway and west of Aster Court. It is accessible by current Temescal Valley Water District service roads.
2. The tower will be designed to look like a eucalyptus tree instead of the mono-pine styled tower that is more frequently seen in the area. Residents asked for a local example of one and the representative stated that the closest one he could think of was located in Irvine.
3. As of the meeting date, the tower is an AT&T tower only; other carriers have the opportunity to add antennas within the tower later. When asked, the representative said he would look into whether public safety radio or HAM antennas could be added.

B. Transportation Update by County Transportation Director – Patty Romo

1. The Temescal Canyon Widening project is necessary to handle the growth of the area and the overflow from I-15. The project is moving forward and is currently taking contractor bids with an anticipated ground breaking in December 2018. The project – including the Temescal Canyon culvert near Trilogy – will take 10-12 months to complete. The widening will take place first, followed by the culvert installation during the summer months to better manage traffic flow with the local schools.
2. The first segment that will be completed on the project will be widening Temescal Canyon Road in a 1.3 mile stretch between Dawson Canyon and Dos Lagos with 4 lanes with center turn lanes, some median space, and a sidewalk from the east side of the Wild Rose business park up to the Dos Lagos segment. The shoulder space will also include a bicycle lane up to Dos Lagos, as well as curbs and gutters. There will be a concrete art relief piece
3. This phase of the project was fully funded in August utilizing SB1 funding, Measure A, and other funding sources.
4. Dennis Green is handling the outreach and management between residents/business owners and the contractor as well as coordination with the other projects in the I-15 corridor including the Cajalco project, Limonite exit/on-ramp work, and I-15 widening to make sure closures are not scheduled at the same time as other portions of other projects. Dennis will be the point of contact for residents and business owners with questions about the contractor or project concerns. Dennis will be utilizing the sign-in sheet from the August 2017 meeting to send information out to residents and business owners in the area.
5. Anticipated work schedule - while maintaining one lane of traffic in each direction during peak commute hours (Mon-Fri mornings 4:30am-9am and Mon-Fri afternoons from 4pm-6pm) will include night and weekend work to expedite the project. Flagman may be used to control traffic for safety for the contractor.
6. The project does not include upgraded landscaping as it moves those items back to private property.
7. Resident comments included a request to look at the Temescal Canyon Road re-striping, as it appears to be causing issues with deceleration near Carl's Jr. The County of Riverside will send

a traffic engineer to look at the area and make adjustments as needed.

8. Other comments from residents included praise for the Knabe restriping and the inclusion of bike lanes in projects moving forward.

6) Old Business

A. None

7) Public Comments*

A. Dan Smith introduced himself as the We Are Temescal Valley Business Chairman and wanted residents to save the date for October 16th's Temescal Valley Bicentennial Business Expo from 4pm-8pm at the Terramor Terrace Club. The flyer and additional information will be available via social media the next few weeks.

B. Jannlee Watson spoke about the We Are Temescal Valley newsletter and its coverage of the Disaster Safe Council formation and upcoming meeting. Any residents or business owners who are interested can subscribe to it free via email.

8) Representative from County Supervisor Kevin Jefferies' Office

A. Report from Supervisor Kevin Jefferies' Office – Tricia Almiron

1. Tricia thanked residents for their understanding due to the cancellation of the August meeting as most of the council was impacted by the mandatory fire evacuations.

2. The Director of County of Riverside flood will be attending a future meeting to discuss the upcoming winter storms and preparing the area for potential rain.

3. RCTC approved the extension re-striping for the 91-toll lane entrance on I-15 north, which utilizes pre-existing pavement in hopes of helping with the backup on the freeway. That project should be completed within the next 10 days.

9) Items for Future Agendas

1. County of Riverside Flood Control

10) Date of Next Meeting

A. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 6:00pm.