

Good Hope / Meadowbrook MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

January 5, 2017 at 6:00pm, Thursday
MOSES-SCHAFFER COMMUNITY CENTER
21565 Steele Peak Drive, Perris, Ca 92570

0.0 CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Chair, Diana Martin. Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0 Roll Call: Diana Martin (Chair), Giovanni Aguilar (Vice-Chair), Faviola Benavente (Secretary), Maha Harb (Member), Willie Moses (Member) - Present

2.0 Approval of Minutes: Giovanni Aguilar moved, Diana Martin seconded; Vote unanimous to approve.

Corrections made

3.0 Public Safety Updates

3.1 Riverside County Sheriff's Lt. Joseph Pemberton – Good evening, Lt. Pemberton apologizes that he couldn't be here tonight he did have a prior engagement. I'll be taking his place tonight. I'm the special enforcement team sergeant at the Lake Elsinore station and I handle all the teams at the station. As far as the calls for service in the Good Hope area we had 233 calls for service in the month of December, which is a little up from the month of November. They weren't more serious types of calls, there was just a higher volume of calls. As far as arrests there was 10 arrests made in the Good Hope area and 7 of them were felonies and according to our statistics most of these arrests were either warrants or parole violations for previous charges. None of them were new charges. There was only one that was a new charge, it was for shooting that occurred at the beginning of the month where an individual was shot in the leg and several days later the perpetrator was identified, caught and he is now in custody. So there's no further danger to the public in this particular situation. On New Year's Eve calls were way down, it was quiet. There was a few calls for service for the shots fired, fireworks and things like that. We responded to those as best we could on a call to call basis and we didn't have any arrests that night which is unusual. As far as shooting calls on private property they always escalate this time of year, people set up target areas they think it's legal to shoot. In this area, the Bureau of Land Management land is the only land that its legal to shoot on. There's not a lot of places that its legal to shoot at. If you do have those issues please give us a call and we will respond and cite people.

Q: We do have the loud music in the area that has started back up again. We complain and we complain but no one comes and gets it to stop.

-That's one of the issues we take case by case. There is a county ordinance that says we could cite these people. However, we have to know where it's happening, when it's happening and be there in a timely manner.

Q: My name is Margaret Drake and I have a question regarding the legality at the BLM property. I have discussed this with Lt. Pemberton and Officer Titus. They told me that they agree that the Western Riverside County even within in BLM land it is illegal to shoot unless you have a hunting license when you are hunting. Steele Peake is adjacent to the city of Lake Elsinore; therefore, it is less than a mile from the city of Lake Elsinore. It's completely illegal. It's also in Western Riverside County. I combed through the ordinances over and over and spoke to Lt. Pemberton and he agreed that it is illegal and that it's the county's responsibility to police that area. Every time I call they say its legal to shoot there and so there's a disconnect.

-Not anywhere in BLM land is legal to shoot.

-Western Riverside County is completely illegal from Hemet West. So we shouldn't hear anything in the hills that we hear constantly every day, all day.

-If you have a specific situation where you call and the deputy say its legal to shoot there, ask to speak with the Watch Commander he's going to be able to tell you if its legal or not or at least send a deputy out to find out if its legal. If you're saying that there's no place on BLM land in all of Western Riverside that's legal to shoot, that's news to me.

-That's the problem, all of you guys thinks its legal and you guys don't act on it. But bullets are flying through our yard on a regular basis and so it's a problem.

-That should make it illegal regardless, anytime it's at that proximity to homes it should be illegal.

-That's why we're here tonight.

-That's something we'll have to address with the sergeants.

-We'll be here until we get it addressed.

3.2 Riverside County Fire Station #9 Capt., Steve De La Hoya – Captain Del La Hoya apologizes he's a little under the weather. I'm the active supervisor today Nick Yuhas, I'm a Fire Apparatus Engineer out of North Perris. I've moved over here to cover for Captain De La Hoya. I have the incident report at Station 9 here in Good Hope for a total of 79 calls. 2 of those were structure fires. The other 11 fires were miscellaneous calls, illegal burns, burning of trash, etc. Just a reminder here in Riverside County it is illegal to burn your trash. The only thing legal to burn is

agricultural waste in the form of tumbleweeds, etc. and you must have a permit for it which could be obtained at a local fire station. This has been suspended county wide due to the drought. There is no burning allowed in Riverside County at this time. You can be cited for it; we try to be cordial with you guys and first time offense you may not know. If we respond out to the same address multiple times, then we'll have to get our prevention involved and a ticket can be issued. Moving on 55 of those calls were medical aids, calls for sick or injured, heart attack, strokes, falls, anything like that. We did have 5 hazard calls which we categorize those from the rain as power polls that may have been short circuited, lines that have been damaged, etc. We had 6 miscellaneous calls, not necessarily a medical aid but when somebody falls and can't get up, they're not hurt and don't get transported to the hospital. We still come out. That breaks down the 79 calls for the month December. Like the deputy said this year for New Years it was quiet for us and it's probably just due to the weather. Although the weather for us does generate other calls, flooding's, traffic accidents and stuff like that. I'll take any questions.

Q: My name is Jackie McDonald and I recall at the last meeting or meeting before that they said the no burning had been lifted and you just needed to have a permit to burn tumbleweeds.

-To my knowledge it hasn't been lifted but if you come by during business hours Monday through Friday we can always call and find out. Sometimes it's on a day to day basis even if its permitted.

-We do have sand bags at the fire station, I just want to remind everyone these are to help you out in case of an emergency, please do not rely on those as your only preparation. Those are in case of an emergency they need to be spread out through the whole community. So typically, we give out 10-25 at a time. We don't mind doing it, we're more than willing to help. All I'm saying is to be prepared and don't solely rely on us because everyone else is experiencing the same problems your experiencing if you're being flooded, so just be prepared.

3.3 Code Enforcement Officer Lori Lyon – Hello I'm Lori Lyon with Code Enforcement. I don't have much to share tonight but I heard he complaint about the trucks and I thought I'd share a little about that, that is my case. That has been an open case for a while now, I've talked to the owner of the business several times and they've received a lot of citations. They're paying a lot fees, hopefully with Tom getting involve it will stop sooner, they've been telling me 2 months and we'll be gone for a while now. It is a trucking business; they're hauling things in and out. So hopefully they will stop soon, they're being cited pretty heavy on this. During the holidays, we try to slack on enforcement and we're more reactive. We were out working a lot, citations were issues. It's been kind of slow all around, this is about all I have, does anyone have any questions?

Q: I live on Post Road and we're starting to get people that are dumping trash and furniture again.

-If it's near the road rite away we call Western Waste and they could come pick it up. If it's on a property or back quite a ways then we have to open up a case on that property.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Community Center Updates- Stephanie Morales – Good evening everyone my name is Stephanie Morales and I now work for the Grove Community Church. I'm going to talk about some of the events that took place here at the center last year. We had our first Thanksgiving Dinner here and I wanted to thank Nolan and the Grove Community Church for helping us out. We haven't had a Thanksgiving dinner here in the past and it was such a great success. We look forward to having one this year. The breakfast with Santa was such a great success too. We had a lot of participation this year, we were able to serve residents. They received a free breakfast with pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and a choice of milk and orange juice. Thank you, Giovanni, for helping us with that event. He brought his volunteers and they helped us put everything together. They were in the kitchen helping us cook the breakfast and with the carnival games and just operating everything. The Grove Community Church also donated a van full of toys, thanks again. Thank you, Spark of Love they were able to donate 240 toys to the children of Good Hope and finally yet importantly thanks again Giovanni for the \$300 donation that went towards the breakfast with Santa. Thank you.

4.2 New Community Center Operators – Noland Turnidge – Thomas Ketcham started off – I'm just going to introduce them really quick. Obviously, Parks had the center, they were here for a while before Parks was EDA and we decided to transition yet again and we put it out to Public RFP we only had 3 people that submitted for the RFP and the winner was Grove Community Church. A lot of what went into this decision making was all the effort they've done previously. Coming down and helping with dinners, the medical clinic, the mobile eye clinic and everything else. I think that very much spoke volumes when the decision was made on who would take over the center. At this point, I don't want to steal anymore of Nolan's thunder, I'll let him come up and talk about his vision for the center.

Thank you, Tom, as Tom said my name is Nolan Turnage I am the Outreach Minister for the Grove Community Church in Riverside and we have a wonderful opportunity of coming out and doing events out here in the community for about a year and a half or so. Our biggest victory in this is we were able to retain Stephanie as the center manager. I would also like to introduce my boss, Joe Hobbs, also members of our church, John Wise and his wife Pam. I was also able to pull away my wife from all of her activities tonight. So just very quickly we are very excited about the opportunity we have to be a part of this community at even another level. As Thomas pointed out over the last year or so we have been able to bring out a medical clinic and bring out free medical care, vision clinic was able to stop by and offer vision checks with free glasses for those who needed those. We also came out on a regular basis with our corner pantry food bags. I hope you have been able to experience some of those

things. If not I would highly invite you to come and participate. As we move forward, we look first of all to maintain those things that have already been happening here at the center in the community to benefit the community. However, we also look forward and we'll be talking in future meetings as we move forward to add other things here for the seniors, for the youth and for the community at large. I'm excited about it and I trust that you are as well. Are there any questions? Thank you guys very much.

5.0 Public Comments:

Margaret Drake – Pass, already spoke.

Jackie McDonald – Loma Linda University School of Dentistry – Free Dental Clinic on Sunday, January 8th, 2017. Registration starts at 6:30am. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. 11092 Anderson St. (909) 558-4222.

Thanks to all that helped to keep Stephanie at the center. We are grateful to the Grove and participants here for making it happen. Thanks to Stephanie for wanting to stay here.

It is important to call the House and Senate and voice your objections to any cuts to Social Security and Medicare because they are on the agenda and the people who voted for President elect Trump did not vote for these cuts. In addition, contrary to reports you may hear or have heard neither is about to fail.

Thanks to Tom for handling the truck problem, which should be resolved by March.

Thank you also for the nice Good Hope signs on Hwy 74!

6.0 Legislative Reports

6.1 Field Representative for Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez – Good evening everyone I'm Deni Horne and I'm the District Director for your California State Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez. Jeff Pearson who had previously been attending your meetings has been picked up by the California Highway Patrol in a good way. He is going to become a California Highway Patrol Officer and we couldn't be more thrilled for him. He started the academy December 5th. Good wishes for Jeff. We have hired two new staff members, one full-time Caitlyn and one part-time Samantha. We will be bringing them around so you get a chance to meet them. The part-time is because I'm going to be getting rid of this medically, I'll be out for a little bit. In the meantime yesterday was the first official day of the 2017-2018 legislative session for good, bad or indifferent. I know if you refer to your minutes Jeff alluded to the need for votes and such they did lose seats in the assembly and in the senate, so now there's a super majority for the Democratic party in both the assembly and the senate for the next two years. So, what means is there is an opportunity to changes with Prop 13 and

those types of relief efforts for property taxes. I urge you to stay vigilant, I urge you to stay informed and we will be here to provide you with updates as they become available. At the onset, the assemblywoman did hit the ground running by introducing her first assembly bill this year, which is bill 27 to classify rape of an intoxicated or unconscious victim as a violent felony. As it stands right now believe it or not with the passage of Prop 57 this is classified as a nonviolent felony. She has introduced assembly bill 27 to reclassify it as a violent felony. The assemblywoman will be continuing her community coffees in the year 2017, we will begin with the last Friday of this month which I believe is the 27th at 10 o'clock at RJ Sizzle and Steer in Murrieta and then we will move to twice a month beginning in with February with the second Friday of the month always being in the morning and the 4th Thursday of the month being in the evening. Ladies we will be having a self-defense expo again in February, watch the Facebook page for the exact time and location. We have done this now for the last two years. We do have a Grand Master Darryl Vidal who comes and teaches the hands on techniques. Darryl Vidal is famous for if you saw the original Karate Kid movie, he invented the crane move. We will also have Sheriff come out and talk about situational awareness. Ladies we can't be too careful.

7.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office

7.1 Thomas C. Ketcham, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries – I'll start with the most important news and you may have read or heard about it, Supervisor Benoit passed away a day after Christmas. He represents the fourth district, pretty much from Desert Hot Springs all the way to the Arizona border. The funeral is next Tuesday, we're cancelling the board meeting and everyone is going to the funeral, its open to the public. I suggest if you're going to go out you get there super early. With that, we're going to be shuffling out some responsibilities between the offices. Supervisor Jeffries is probably going to be taking on more responsibilities until we could get a 5th Supervisor. We anticipate probably in the next 2-3 months we'll have an announcement. In 2018 Supervisor Tavaglione and Supervisor Ashley will be retiring. With those two leaving it will make Supervisor Jeffries the Senior member on the Board. Which is somewhat shocking since we've only been there one term. Good and bad, good because we're going to have change, new ideas, fresh concepts. Bad because sometimes people do not like change.

Richard's Road over there where Giovanni is at, we had some money left over from one of the CSA's and we are going to be paving Richard's Road from Highway 74 down to Theda.

Some sad news I have to report, all of you probably knew Allison Mallory the principal down at Good Hope. She moved to Colorado and she got job out there, moved in with her boyfriend, well, she was in a skiing accident the day before Christmas and she's now paralyzed from the waist down. If you guys knew her she was very active, skiing, hiking, biking, you name it she was doing it. They did set up a

GoFundMe page to help her with her expenses. We would like to get together as a community and give back to her via the GoFundMe page.

I would like to thank Noland for everything you do, you guys have been a tremendous help for the community and I would like to ask everybody to please continue to support them and everything they do.

Highway 74 rezoning we're still moving forward with that. We had to go back out for bid, we ran out of money for the original contract. The contract was released so we're going to pick back up. Other than that, does anyone have any questions?

8.0 Good Hope/ Meadowbrook MAC Board Member Comments

Giovanny Aguilar- It is a pleasure to see you guys and happy New Year. Thank you again.

Maha Harb – Thank you for coming tonight. It is important that we all meet, especially if we have issues or problems. I feel when the community comes together we could put an end to the problems and they will eventually be solved. We had an experience with Thomas for our market and it had been 10 years and we had to reinstate the CUP and it was back and forth with the county and our lawyers. We were paying them \$250.00 an hour, even for driving and when we came here we met Thomas and we presented our problem. It has now been less than a year and everything is flowing easily. I'm glad to see you guys are here presenting your problems, I know today you probably didn't get an answer but eventually you will. Have a good night.

Willie Moses- I'm glad to know what Good Hope is after 60 years. I was telling my daughter there is 9,000 people and she said 41, I said put 2 make me one extra. But I also want to thank the Sheriff's department when they keep that music down at 1:30, 3:30 and 4:30. Sometimes they should drive out there on the weekends and hear for themselves where the music is coming from. I don't want to be the one that keeps having to report it all the time, but it gets uncomfortable when you can't sleep in your own house. Thank you.

Faviola Benavente- Happy New Year everybody, I'm very thankful to be up here today. Thank you, Sheriff Department, Fire Department, Code Enforcement and the whole community. I look forward to the New Year, Thank you guys.

Diana Martin- I had quite a few comments tonight but everyone seems to get addressed before it gets to me. I just want to say thank you to the new staff, I'm really happy that Grove wound up with the contract, I was to the point of wanting to get the board together and getting some type of recommendation because of all the good things they have done last year. Then I found out they got the contract. The volunteers, the organizations, it's great. I understand that the Grove will help seniors

bag their bags and even bring it out to our house and help us get situated. I just want to say thank you very much for that. The Thanksgiving dinner we had, we had senior meals before but this was for the entire community and they organized it so well. They fed right over 300 people and the food was excellent. The same with Breakfast with Santa, it was organized. Even though it was so cold outside, everyone was in good spirits and the program went very well. Thanks for giving. On our end of Good Hope, there was very little shooting, now the music did keep up until 2am. We are only holding meetings every other month now. We do have senior game days on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11am before senior meals. I did attend the planning commission meetings to see what was going on with Highway 74 and most of those measures passed, it does now belong to the county now. I did attend the planning committee that did have Harb Market on the agenda and it's just to renew some old paperwork that had expired.

9.0 Future Agenda Items

Date of proposed next meeting, March 2nd @ Moses-Schaffer Community Center

Adjournment: Diana Martin moved, Giovanni Aguilar seconded, vote unanimous

Meeting adjourned:

Attendance: