

Good Hope / Meadowbrook MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

March 2, 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 6:07pm 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.

3.0 Public Safety Updates

3.1 Riverside County Sheriff's Lt. Joseph Pemberton – Good evening, Lt. Pemberton from the Lake Elsinore Station. Going to talk about the Sheriff's activity in this area over the last month. Sheriff's Department responded out to 172 calls for service and we made 9 arrests, 1 of the arrests was for a large marijuana grow. 1 for 2735 domestics, some were drunk in public and 6 warrant arrests. One of the things I would like to touch on is shots fired calls and our road calls. You are going to hear about this a little tonight and I just want to let you know from the Sheriff's standpoint it is all hands on deck for us. We are just trying to cut down on the illegal shooting that is going on up in our hills. We are getting more and more calls every month in regards to this issue and you are going to see some improvement in the near future. We have many resources we brought in; you are going to hear from some of them tonight. If you have any questions I am going to be available in the back, we could step outside and talk so we could get the meeting going.

Q: How many calls were there?

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3.2 Riverside County Fire Station #9 Capt., Steve De La Hoya – Good evening for those of you who aren't familiar I'm Captain Steve De La Hoya, Captain for the fire station next door. I brought with me today our new engineer Joe Kennedy; he works at the fire station Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. You will get both of us on Thursday nights, as our schedules overlap. I'll go over the stats and try to keep things moving along as well. We ran 51 calls for the month of February. 1 of these was a false alarm, 43 of these were for emergency medical calls, 2 were in the miscellaneous categories, 1 residential structure fire, 3 traffic collisions and 1 TMI call. It was a typical month

for us. One of the things I wanted to mention, I'm sure you guys have all seen, the tall growing grass in our hills and it is all nice and green right now, but I'm sure you're all aware it will be dead and brown in a few months. This is the time of the year you start clearing your property. I know some of the residents have started to clear off the grass in their properties; this is the time to do it while it is all still green. If you would like to obtain a burn permit to burn tumbleweeds now is the time to do it while it is still open. Once it heats up and things start to dry out the Fire County Chief will probably shut down burning. If you'd like more information on how to go about doing that feel free to contact anyone of us at the fire station, we're open 7 days a week, come by anytime between 8am and 5pm and we'll be happy to go through it with you. Some of you guys have probably noticed we are putting up a secured gate here, that's a new project and we're in the middle of construction for it right now, it'll probably be completed within the next month or so. Other than that, are there any other questions?

Q: What is it that Sacramento does when they tax you on weed abatement?

-The tax pays for additional fire fighter resources, as well as some other weed abatement administrative functions as well. If you would like I can go over it in detail with you at the fire station and bring up the home website on where to find that information on where those funds actually go. Any other questions? Okay, that is it for me, thank you.

3.3 Code Enforcement Officer Brian Bealer/Lori Lyon – Hello, everybody my name is Brian Bealer. I'm a Senior Officer with the Code Enforcement Department. I know we want to go kind of quick tonight. Therefore, one of the things we have been working on hard and we have seen an up tick on is illegal dumping on the roads here. So we've been logging those and making referrals down to Waste Management trying to get those cleaned up as quickly as possible so it doesn't encourage more dumping. We have also been doing our weekend patrols trying to hit all our problem corners for our taco vendors and other illegal vendors. So we've been doing that as well. We got a couple of abatements done in the area on Old Elsinore and Lopez. Some of you may have noticed a decrease in traffic off Sharp and Spring, we got that business shut down. Dispensary grow out here for marijuana, we got one dispensary shut down, the one on Chavez Market. However, it relocated down the street to another vendor location. So we're chasing that dispensary around. Another thing I want to talk about is there is a flyer out on the back table that we are having our community clean up on the 25th down at 74 and Meadowbrook. So if you have your large items that you can't get rid of bring them down there or you can use one of the two large appliance pick-ups per year. In addition, that is in a nutshell what we've been doing the last couple months. Any quick questions for me?

Q: I live off Sophie and Mountain and Sophie doesn't have a sign. Whenever I need someone to deliver something or any service it's difficult for them to find the location.

-That's for our Transportation Department, you can call them or maybe Tom could help us.

Q: Are those greenhouses legal?

-Greenhouses under 1000 square feet can be legal as long as they don't have electricity, ventilation systems, gas, utilities to it. So you could have a pretty good size without a permit.

Q: Can you put anything in it?

-You can't put marijuana in it, we still have the local cultivation ordinance. Marijuana has to be endorsed if you the medical exception but you can't have a large scale grow or operation, so no.

Any other questions? Okay, thank you.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Community Center Updates- Stephanie Morales – Good evening everyone, my name is Stephanie Morales and I am the center manager of this facility. I am going to talk about some of the improvements that have happened here. I don't know if you all know but recently the Grove Community Church waxed and stripped our floors. Also the computers located in the back office are up and running, if anyone wants to use the computers they are available for you to use. The center will soon offer cable TV. Please make sure to stop by and enjoy. Some important dates for you to mark on your calendars every second Monday of the month from 10:30am to 12pm the Grove offers a Corner Pantry. That is a free grocery bag for any residents who would like to participate in that program and all the groceries are free so you are all welcome to stop by and pick up your food. I recommend you stop by before 10:30am since this program is very popular and at 9:00am we already have residents lining up for this program so please make sure you come in early. Another important date is every second Wednesday of the month from 9:30am-3pm we have the Mobile Medical clinic here onsite and they do free screenings, checkups, check your blood pressure. It's all free, so make sure you stop by and get your checkup. On March 22nd the Spay Neuter Bus will be here. It will be parked right outside, if you want more information there should be flyers in the back, please make sure to pick one up on your way out. Also on the last Thursday of the month from 11am-2pm we'll be celebrating our end of month birthday celebrations for our lovely seniors, so please make sure you participate. Please make sure you mark your calendar for Saturday, April 8th, the Grove will be having our Grand Opening/Easter Celebration event. It's going to be from 11am to about 4pm, so we'll have a lot of entertainment for the entire community at no charge. Does anybody have any questions? No, okay, thank you.

4.2 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) [Officers Kotlowski, Titus and Field Manager Doug Herrema] – Hello and good evening everybody can everyone in the room hear us, okay. Good thank you. Members of the council thank you very much for inviting us, my name is Doug Herrema, and I am the newly appointed field manager for the Palm Springs South Coast Field Office for the United States of Bureau of Land Management. Our coverage area goes from roughly the Pacific Ocean to the Colorado River, West to East and from Los Angeles County down to our international border Mexico. Covering all that area except a lot of the area around El Centro that's covered by a different one of our offices. It's a large coverage area. I'm joined here by two of our law enforcement rangers who are going to give you a few more details about some of the things that are going on with your community, but I wanted to thank you for your time and engagement tonight. I'll turn it over to Chief Law Enforcement Ranger Scott Kotlowski.

Good evening everybody, first off I would like thank the Supervisor's office for inviting us here along with the council. I'm Scott Kotlowski, I'm the Chief Law Enforcement of the Palm Springs South Coast Field. As Doug has stated we have a very large geographical area to cover, my staffing right now is sitting at 7 plus me to cover that entire area. I understand the shooting issues going on around here, they are coming to an end. We will start doing stuff about it. It is all hands on deck with the BLM and with the Sheriff's office working together to address these illegal target shooting problems. Especially here in the Steele Peak area. Aaron Titus is my South Coast Supervisor so we'll turn it over to him, he knows a lot more but I'll leave my number and some cards at the back table. Please feel free if you have a problem to email me, that's the best way to get ahold of me and also its public record.

Hi I'm Aaron Titus, I'm the South Coast Supervisor for BLM so I cover Riverside County, San Diego County and LA County. I have two officers under me. One out of the Temecula area and one soon to be out of San Diego. We're spread pretty thin over on this side, to concentrate mainly on the Steele Peak issues we have had meetings with Riverside County and we have an enforcement plan in place, as of two weekends ago all the signs at Steele Peak were taken down that even refer to any type of shooting being legal there. During that weekend we also started educating folks, over the last two weekends we've probably educated close to two thousand potential shooters in that area. We have been there very heavy on the weekends and during the week. We have been getting out there as much as we can to educate people and to let them know that they are not going to be able to shoot there anymore. I would say our stats for 2017, we have probably issued between 3-4 officers, and we have probably issued 30-40 Federal violation notices for that area. For various violations, mainly out of the Steele Peak and El Nido Area, a lot of shooting violations and other stuff. We will continue to tell people that shooting is not allowed there and we're working with the County very closely on that and also for a lot of the illegal off roading. Does anyone have any questions?

Q: Do you handle encroachment, there's a little strip above BLM land, I reported it to Code Enforcement for grading issues but they're still on that and of course there's people shooting.

-Absolutely, if they are encroaching onto BLM we will take care of that, I have several active trespass cases open right now in this area. Why don't we chat after the meeting? Thank you very much for your time.

4.3 CASC Engineering – [Highway 74 rezoning project updates] – Thank you members of the board for allowing us to come back and everyone. My name is Adam Rush. I work for a company called CASC Engineering and Consulting. We are working with the county on the Highway 74 plan. By a show of hands who has never heard of the Highway 74 plan before, okay so there a lot of return faces, I really appreciate that. We were here a couple times last year; we had a bunch of maps in the back. Showing everybody the research and the existing conditions at that time. So we moved into phase two of that project and we wanted to come back and give you all an update. We have a large map here in the front, same one in the back. We will go through a PowerPoint so everyone could see and then we could go into some questions. How many folks here are residents of the corridor area? Did you get a notice in the mail? So what we've done over the plan period is go through the area, looked at the existing conditions, drainage, intersection, as most as you probably know the highway has been widened by the County and Transportation Commission. The whole point of doing this project and why we're engaged by the County and Supervisor Jefferies office is to try and provide some type of incentive for the development for existing businesses in the area, to upgrade land uses to try and provide more shopping opportunities, more residential opportunities, more opportunities to pay for more under developed areas, to bring business and tax revenue to this area. So the purpose of the corridor plan going through some of the changes we're recommending and this all very much still in draft, nothing had been decided as of yet. We have a survey we would like you to take if you are willing and we really appreciate everyone filling it out. We have the papers in the back, please complete and hand it to myself or one of my colleagues. Tom is in the back and we'll collect those. The purpose of this is to take the purposed plan that we have right now and integrate your comments and then go from there. The overall process at this phase is to make the recommended land use changes based on what the County is looking for this area. Do all the environmental work and actually take a plan to the Board of Supervisors. I'll go through this briefly the project boundary goes though the City of Lake Elsinore to the City of Perris roughly there's a gap in here, which is Lake Elsinore City boundary and it basically goes from where about D Street is all the way to ¼ or ½ mile from the 15 freeway. It is a 2000-foot long corridor. We are not specifically looking at anything outside of that, we are sensitive to all existing land uses, residential, agriculture and all that. These are just an electronic version of what we showed last year. This map is about a year old. Definitely, need to stress this is a draft and we appreciate the community's comments, which is critical for the process. What it is we are looking for as a community, what do you want to see for this area? We want to hear your input so that we could shape the process.

Q: I'm looking at the survey and it seems to be from the stand point of how much do you want it, not how much do you not want it. Can we see by a show of hands how many people are for this and how many are against it?

Diana Martin - At this point I'm going to ask that you pass out the surveys, please complete it. If you're against it write you're against it and put your name, address and phone number so that they have something to take back in their hands. My question is as a resident, I've been here about 30 years now. When you come here I hear the emotion, the heart break or the enthusiasm. I wonder how come very few show up for the public meetings that are in front of the planning commission or in front of the Supervisors. My question is, why a group doesn't show up because the Supervisors meet virtually every Tuesday in Down Town Riverside. Of course who wants to go to Riverside but if I'm this concerned I'll go to hell and back for my property, so that my concern. Why don't people show up where we might be able to be heard?

5.0 Public Comments:

Deysi Belmontes – Good afternoon I am a parent, my children go here to Good Hope Elementary one of our local schools. As many of you got the flyer it's pretty concerning, please read over it. Our teachers don't want to go on strike but the district is forcing them to go into that direction because they're asking for a raise and the Superintendent doesn't want to give it to them. That's just one of these issues, another issue that has come to up as well is they have the money to spend to upgrade our schools and classrooms, they have the money there and it's not being spent and we don't know why. There's a meeting on March 9th at the district, I attended the last, teachers were there, parents were there and they're just not listening to us. I just want you guys to know what's going on in our local schools. If you have children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces please come out and support them, this is what's going on. The teachers at our district are the lowest paid teachers. The teachers are saying if this continues they will be forced to move to another district. It's very frustrating because we have very good teachers. I've dropped off flyers at the Mayor's office. I went to a meeting last time and they went into a closed session. They left the whole community there for an hour then they decided to come back. I don't think that's okay, this is why I'm here, please help us out.

Gerald Katz – I'm Gerald Kats I live here in Good Hope. Well I already said what I wanted to say, I thought that this would be the chance to speak on the issue but I think I've said enough on that and voiced my concerns. If they do put a sewer in that's going to turn Highway 74 back into a disaster, because when Riverside installed those main sewers the main highways, that's where they run it and it'll be torn up for years. How do we get messages, do you have a mailing list? Who sends it out, I wish we could get better updates.

6.0 Legislative Reports

6.1 Field Representative for Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez – Samantha and Brandon Webb – My name is Brandon from the office of Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez, you're probably use to seeing Jeff or Demi here but Jeff has gone off to the CHP. We've replaced him, here is field representative Samantha. I put some legislative updates in the back if you didn't grab one. The front is what the Assemblywoman has already purposed. One of them is AB27. Currently rape of an unconscious person is not a violent crime. So with that bill it makes it that rape of an unconscious person is a violent crime. Currently people that have been charged of this are able to be let out early because of Prop. 57. Another one we just purpose is AB351, so that takes the 1 billion dollar revenue from vehicle weight fees and puts that info specific projects for construction on the highway and local streets to improve our local infrastructure. The backside of that sheet goes over the legislative things that are being purposed that you guys should be aware of. The Assemblywoman is not proposing them but they are up in Sacramento, they are big ones. Does anybody have any questions for me? Thank you for having me, I look forward to attending your meetings.

7.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office

7.1 Thomas C. Ketcham, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries – Good evening everybody, thank you for coming out I really appreciate it. I just want to say a couple things really quick. If you look around the room, it kind of emptied out. What Diana said is very important, in our regular meetings we have about 10-15 people that show up, that's the reason we went to a bimonthly basis. It is important that you can hear the information that is being distributed. Not only from the planning department and BLM Officers, but also on other projects we have. It is important that you become active in the community. You are welcome to sign up to receive our newsletters. If you signed up and you are not getting one, you are more than welcome to call our office to find out what's going on. This whole project right here is not one developer, this is for your benefit. The Supervisor wants your comments and your feedback. The reason CASC is here now it to take that feedback, they are going to relate it back to the supervisors and planning department. Whether you are for it or against it, let them know. We want to know what your feedback is and what your thoughts are. We have to have some progress if we want to get things done in the community. We recently got a Dollar General in the plans of Richard and Highway 74. We have the Colinas de Oro Project; they are going to build about 450 homes, a school and a small retail shopping center. I noticed that many people who were very vocal did not understand what the project is, so I advise you to hang around and talk to Adam and Tom, our planning individuals, talk to me. Please get informed on what we are doing. This is for the benefit of everybody. Very quickly, I want to talk about our newsletter back on page 2, Supervisor Success Stories. We just finished paving Richard's Road, Giovanni actually lives on Richard's Road and I can tell you it was a great project. We were able to get that project done with the CSA Funds, give or take a million dollars. It goes from Theda all the way down to Highway 74. We are trying to get

roads paved, as much as we can. Keep in mind gas tax goes to pay paved roads. We are trying to do the best we can, the fastest we can. If you have a road and want to get it paved please see me afterwards I'd be glad to tell you what status your roads in. Please keep in mind we don't make the final call, we take your suggestions and turn it over to the Transportation Department. They are the ones that make the final call. Code enforcement has been out, if you are having issues with code enforcement please see me. I would be glad to sit down and work with you.

8.0 Good Hope/ Meadowbrook MAC Board Member Comments

Giovanny Aguilar- I encourage everyone to come every other month because it allows you to speak your mind and to be able to hear the things happening in your neighborhood. That is it, thank you for coming.

Maha Harb – I just want to say I've been on the board for less than a year and I've noticed every time a resident came with an issue, it was discussed and it seems to always be resolved at the next meeting. Going downtown will also be very helpful, it makes a difference.

Willie Moses- I'm glad to see everyone here, it makes me happy that you're interested in knowing what's going on.

Faviola Benavente- Thank you all for coming tonight and as everyone said, stay involved, this is for you all, the community. Keep joining us and becoming involved in all the events offered. Thank you.

Diana Martin- Thank you for coming, we hope to see you all again May the 4th.

9.0 Future Agenda Items

Date of proposed next meeting, July 6th @ Moses-Schaffer Community Center

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:58pm

Attendance: 114