

Good Hope / Meadowbrook MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 6th, 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 6:11pm by Chair, Diana Martin. Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0 Roll Call: Diana Martin (Chair), Giovanni Aguilar (Vice Chair), Faviola Benavente (Secretary), Willie Moses, Maha Harb; Alternate(s) – Victoria Bella

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 – My name is Corporal Brazil out of the Lake Elsinore Station, Lt. Pemberton had another engagement so he sent me. We received 37 calls for service, 10 total arrests, 6 felony warrants, 1 felony resisting arrest, 3 misdemeanor domestic violence warrants. No homicides, no reported rapes, no reported robberies. We have 1 aggravated assault, 2 burglaries, 2 larcenies, 3 stolen vehicles and 1 arsenal. 4 warrants, 2 for traffic and 2 for obstruction. Lt. Pemberton wanted to let it be known that the shots fired calls are down considerably in the area. Mostly due to BLM enforcement, the road enforcement by the Sheriff's Department and by Station enforcement. Does anyone have any questions?

Q: There has been two burglaries on our road, one happened in broad day light, thanks to the neighbors and the response team the Sheriff's Department that burglar was caught. The second time at the same house it happened when our neighbor was not there we couldn't see what was going on so we didn't call you. We would like to see some more patrols out in area. There was a guy yesterday who was eating the garbage out of my trash can.

-What street?

-Sharp Road. Then about a week ago there was a guy, I don't know what you call it but he a bunch of marijuana, like he had stolen it from somebody and he was trying to do whatever he needed to do with it on my property. If we could get more patrols in the day time because there is people walking up and down doing various things. It would just help, appreciate it.

Q: Are the road units going to continue for the shots fired calls?

-I have n idea, I'm not the Lt. and I don't make those kind of decisions. I can ask Lt. Pemberton to relay that information if that would be helpful.

Q: Did you get a lot of calls for fireworks this year?

-There were numerous fireworks calls.

Any other questions?

3.2 Riverside County Fire Station #9/ Capt., Steve De La Hoya – Hello I'm Steve De La Hoya for those of you that don't know me, I'm the Fire Captain next door. The questions in regards to the fireworks, yes we did get a lot of calls for fires as well. We did have a firework related fire in the area last night. I did bring stats for both May and June as you requested. For the month of May we ran 61 calls. 44 of those calls were emergency medical calls, 3 false alarms, 1 public service assistance call, 1 stand by call, 4 traffic collisions, 1 vehicle fire, 2 wild fires and 5 other miscellaneous types of fires. For the month of June, we responded to 66 calls to the community. 48 of those were emergency medical calls, 1 false alarm, 1 public service assistance call, 2 residential structure fires, 2 stand by calls, 5 traffic collisions, 1 vehicle fire, 4 wild land fires, 2 other miscellaneous fires. That's it as far as the incident stats for the last two months. Yes, we have been having numerous firework related fire calls over the last two weeks leading to the 4th of July and I'm sure we'll probably see some more. So if you see them, call it in and report it because all that grass is dried up and it doesn't take much for that grass to spark off and start the fire. Especially with the increase heat and lowered humidity levels. Our fire activity over the last weeks have significantly increased, I am actually surprised to be here today. It's been the first day this week that I haven't been at a fire this time at night. I'm happy for the break, we have been extra busy these last few weeks. The County Fire Chief did exercise the moratorium on open burning, so there is no open burning permits being issued in the county until the weather changes and we get a return of rainfall. We are also continuing our weed abatement inspections when the time permits, with the increased activity we've been having a hard time getting out there as frequently as we had hoped but we are doing them as time permits. If you haven't done so, please clear any dead or flammable vegetation from your property. If you do it please do it in the morning, I would suggest stopping by noon. To go beyond that you risk causing a spark and a fire, that happens pretty frequently as well. Any questions?

Q: Who do we call, the police department or the Fire Department if someone is setting off fireworks?

-You should call 911 and the dispatcher is going to direct you to whoever you need to call. Initially it's going to be a law enforcement call, unless there is a fire or injury related to the fireworks, at that point it's also going to be a fire department related call. Any other questions?

-I brought some flyers about getting notified if 911 notifies your home phone, most people don't have home phones anymore and there's a website you could go to online to add your cell phone.

-Yes, you go to our website rvcfire.org if you don't have a landline you could register your cell phone and the fire department does have a reversed 911 system. So in an event of a large fire or any other emergency we do have an automated system that will notify residents via their registered numbers in case of an emergency where you'd need to evacuate. If you haven't registered your number I would urge you to do so. Any other questions? Thank you very much for doing that, I appreciate it. Thank you.

3.3 Code Enforcement Supervisor Manny Acueto – Thank you members of the council, my name is Manny Acueto I've been with the code enforcement for the last 14 years. I originally started my career as an officer and working in this area. I did supervise the Cajalco office in Mead Valley about 8 years ago and was transferred to open up the contract with the City of Perris, from there I was transferred to run a grant of over a half million dollar grant with Cal-Recycle and sent out to 4th District to run the office there in the desert. They've asked me to come back, as you may know Code Enforcement had a big lay off, we lost 24 officers from the department and as a result of that they've created regions. I now supervise the first district along with the second district, considered the Western region. We have an officer in the second District and 4 officers they've assigned here. So we took a big hit but I'm confident despite having to do more with less we'll still be able to do some good work here in the community. I'm bringing a whole bunch of new ideas and approaches and I'm pretty confident of that. I brought some stats here to share with you. Keep in mind for the month of June this was the month we did a lot of shuffling. So staff members retired, some staff members were laid off, staff members were transferred from other districts and a lot of moving and shuffling and getting reacquainted with new areas. We had just in the Good Hope Meadowbrook area, we had a total of 13 new cases open, we had about 46 inspection, 34 notices were issued for violation and we didn't have any abatements. Currently there's a case load of about 215. That doesn't count the dispensaries that are in the areas as well or any of those types of cultivation issues. The average case load per officer is about 300. We're looking at pulling those numbers down by adding

different approaches to these cases, we are reconfiguring. I anticipate next month's stats will be a little better. I do have a quarterly report from April through June. There was a total of 89 cases closed, 131 inspections, 22 citations, 71 notices were issued, 2 abatements which means we cleaned up a property and the quarterly report still shows 215 open cases. With that does anybody have any questions? Thank you.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Community Center Updates – Stephanie Morales, The Grove – Good evening everybody my name is Stephanie, I am your community center manager. I have some very exciting updates and announcements for the residents of Good Hope. First off I'm going to announce that we will be having a STEM summer camp here starting Monday and going to end on the 4th. It's going to be from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. We still have a lot of slots open, even though we have about 45 children signed up. If you're not sure what the STEM program is, it's the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematical day camp. It's an opportunity where kids get to learn, explore, investigate and engineer. If you guys would like more information or to sign up your kids or grand kids or anyone that you think might be interested I have a signup sheet in the back, go ahead and sign up. Another announcement, every Friday starting tomorrow with the exception of July 4th. We will be having a kid's movie day, where kids could come to the community center with blankets and pillows and get to watch movies on Netflix. I know there's a lot of dates but if you guys would like to pick up a calendar we have some in the back with specific details and times. On Wednesday July 9th we will be having dental services for the kids here at the community center from 10am-5pm. Also can't forget the adults, on the 21st of July which is a Friday we're going to be offering dental services for adults as well. Please stop by if you guys are interested. Another important announcement on July 31st it's a Monday, we'll be having a senior excursion and we'll be going to downtown Perris and we'll be taking the metro link to downtown Riverside to the box theaters. Anybody who's interested and is a senior there's a signup sheet in the back, feel free to sign up. Every Wednesday we'll be offering a Call to Care Presentation. It's an opportunity to learn how to be more effective and caring for others, it applies with elders and children as well. This presentation could help you to become a better communicator and a better listener. Its good information, we already have about 20 people signed up for the class. If you guys are interested and would like to take the class you could show up next Wednesday at 10am, it's a 2 hour class and it's for 12 consecutive weeks. The only thing is it's offered in Spanish because there's a high demand for this class and most of the participants are Spanish speaking but we plan to offer it in English. Thursday, July 27th is our Senior Birthday Celebration, we will be celebrating any senior birthdays in that month. It's going to be from 11:30am to 12:00pm if you guys would like to come by, the center provides a cake and coffee for our seniors. There's a lot of other stuff happening in your community center, if you guys would like to pick up a calendar on your way out so you guys could stay tuned for everything that's happening here in our community center, thank you.

4.2 Riverside County Transportation Department – Patty Romo/Cheryl Donohue – Good evening, I'll try to just use my voice since it seems like the microphone isn't working well. My name is Patty Romo, I'm the director of the Transportation Department and I wanted to talk to you about a couple of projects that the county is working on. One of them was the acquisition of Highway 74 that was under jurisdiction with Caltrans but as of last week it became a county road. The County of Riverside and the City of Lake Elsinore jointly worked together with Caltrans to take that piece of the 74 between the 215 and the 15. The City of Perris a few years ago, I want to say about 3-4 years ago had already acquired that portion to the City of Perris. The piece that was left for the county was between the City of Perris down to interstate 15, this was the remaining piece. So now its county jurisdiction and that piece is City of Lake Elsinore between County and I15 is City of Lake Elsinore. So that's been official because anyone whose wanting to develop, build a business for instance and your adjacent to State Route 74, now you just have 1 jurisdiction you have to worry about with the County of Riverside. In the past if you wanted to have a driveway connection or have some sort of business adjacent to State Route 74 you'd have to go through the county for development and then you'd have to go through Caltrans for a permit. I think it's going to help in that respect and then it gives the county the flexibility to grow 74 in coordination with the community. The other thing we've been working on is another East to West corridor between I15 and the 215, it's something that based on the growth projections we're seeing in the county there's going to be a need to have another East/West corridor. So we've been looking at Ethanac Road and extending that. So Ethanac Road right now connects to the 74 but it ends at the San Jacinto River. The City of Perris has a

development and they're working with a developer out there and he's being commissioned to build a bridge over the San Jacinto River. So that will get us that far but we still need to continue working further West. Now that we've got control of Highway 74 we can tie that in and make that a part of Ethanac Road. This is all real preliminary, we're looking at different options. It's going to be a lengthy process, we haven't started the environmental phase yet, we're just doing preliminary planning at this point. One of the things we're going to be looking to you for is input. We're going to have an open house in late Fall and the team's going to be here with exhibits, they'll have more information on traffic. The pattern studies that they're doing and it's your opportunity to ask questions. There will be a lot more detailed maps. We don't have a lot of information right now, what we're doing right now is gathering information, trying to see what's in the general plan, seeing how we can coordinate with the development that's projected. Just looking at different options that we think make sense on the information we have. This is certainly not set in stone. We're really looking for feedback from the community to help us to develop this corridor, what it should look like and where it should go. So I invite you to do that, Michelle Donohue is sitting out in the back. She's going to be your point of contact, she's helping us with the public coordination. She's got a signup sheet, please sign up so that we can notify you of future meetings. Get the word out to your neighbors, we'll get it in the newsletters as it gets closer. We really want the input from the community. So are there any questions? Please pick up a flyer, our webpage is on there to see any updates and future meetings. Thank you.

4.3 Election of MAC officers for 2017/2018 – Normally every year around this time between the Board we exchange positions or change and nominate new officers. I've been the chair for a year now, vice chair automatically gets bumped up to chair. So for introduction sake, the new chair will be Giovanni Aguilar and I'll be stepping down to member. Other than that it's time for us to decide or go ahead and make nominations and motions for secretary and vice chair. I'd like to have Tom come up and fill you in on any questions you may have.

-Actually you did a great job, that's the way it goes. Chair steps down, vice chair bumps up and amongst yourselves you guys vote for a vice chair and a secretary.

-At this point I'd like to receive motions for a vice president. Maha Harb has nominated Faviola Benavente to be the new vice chair, do I have any seconds? I second that, all in favor, I. Our vice chair will be Faviola. Next we do have to nominate a secretary for the year and if I can, I would like to nominate Maha Harb as secretary. I second that, all in favor say I, I. At this point in time we have Maha Harb as our new secretary, we have Faviola as our vice president and we have a new president Giovanni Aguilar. Thank you.

5.0 Public Comments: Jackie McDonald – Please see attachment for entire statement.

6.0 Legislative Reports:

6.1 Field Representative for Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez – My name is Samantha, unfortunately legislatively I do not have great news. I'm sure everyone is aware of SB1 the Governor's gas tax that increase the tax on gas going into effect November 1st. The Assemblywoman sent a letter to the Attorney General asking him to investigate how some of these votes were acquired in support of the bill because she does not believe it was done in a legal manner. She received a letter back basically stating thank you for your letter. We're not entirely sure if that means there'll be an investigation but we are hoping that means there is one. Senator Josh Newman, he was elected on the pretense that he was for the working class and he was not going to be voting for any new taxes. He's out of Fullerton, he actually did vote for the gas tax. They're currently working on the process for a recall but there's a bill going out, SB96 that would add months that it would take someone to get recalled and go through the process. It's basically a way for them to kind of stop the recall of this senator. That way they could keep him in office because it's just going to take too long to get him out if this bill does pass. SB562 which was the single pair health care bill that was going to be 400 billion dollar program providing health care to everyone in the state of California but it would take out 10 percent of your paycheck to help fund that and that wasn't even for all the funding. Senator Rendon for the assembly decided that he wanted to shelve that bill, he felt as though it was incomplete, they had no source of where they were going to get the money to pay for

that. The budget for the whole state of California was 125 billion, this program would be 400 billion. So it was a good thing that it was shelved but that only means that it could come back next year and this kind of give them time to figure out if they want to continue with it. That's all I have for today, does anyone have any questions for me? Thank you.

7.0 Good Hope/Meadowbrook MAC Board Member Comments –

Giovanni Aguilar – Thank you all for coming, I'll see you guys next meeting.

Maha Harb – Thank you for coming today and thank you for the new position, I'll do my best.

Victoria Bella – I'd like to thank everyone for being here, I'm happy to be apart of this board.

Willie Moses – I'm glad to be here also, I'd like to thank everyone that came in this hot weather. There's a lot of people asking if there are any questions. You got to make sure you come when we're having meetings about it, with the right people here to answer the questions.

Faviola Benavente – Thank you all for coming, it's so neat what the community does here. Stephanie you do a great job as everybody says. Fire Department, Sheriff and Code Enforcement everybody coming out. I think it's great to be able to hear from each department what's going on during the month at one meeting. Thank you guys for allowing us to be here.

Diana – I have one thing to offer to the community tonight, this is for students all summer long. Children and students can ride the RTA for 25 cents no matter where they want to go, even to the beach. I'll leave flyers I brought tonight in the back. Other than that I just want to thank everybody for coming. We had a great time in June with some of the programs that we had that started with the Grove Church, we've done a lot of eating and partying.

Stephanie – I forgot to mention we officially are a polling center from 9am to 4pm. If you guys are in the area and are exhausted and want to stop in to a place that's nice and fresh, we also provide you with water and snacks. So stop by and enjoy. John brought to my attention that I forgot to mention, the Perris Elementary Children Services has partnered with the community center and is offering free lunches to the kids and teenagers under 18 years. Please feel free to bring your children from 11am to about 12:30pm. Thank you.

8.0 Thomas C. Ketcham Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries –We did switch that if everyone noticed, that way when I'm done talking everyone could leave. I would like to introduce Caroline, she brought the water and cupcakes that are right over there, make sure you take one. If you have any questions or concerns about the services, she'll be here after the meeting so you could reach out to her.

Caroline - I want to thank you for allowing us to come to your meeting and I'm sorry it's been a while since I've been here. I am your representative for Riverside County, I have a few cards with my number please feel free to call me. Please Jackie don't apologize for the service issues, we think everything is going great until we hear differently. I can't fix it if we don't know. Thank you.

Tom - I just want to mention the job fair coming up over at the Mead Valley Community Center on August 30th. This is the only flyer I got right now but I'll bring more flyers and leave them with Stephanie. If you know anybody that's looking for a job there's going to be all kinds of people looking to hire. The newsletter just came out yesterday if you didn't get it by email there's copies back there and if you want to get it by email make sure you sign in and write your email address. The first article, he talks about last year on our budget, we were actually losing 1.1 million dollars a week. This budget cycle we're actually losing 365 thousand dollars a week. So it's kind of an improvement, since we're not losing as much. The article that came out on Press Enterprise, I don't know if you guys have read it or not, about Supervisor salaries, the Supervisor is the only one who objected salary increases ever since he's been

elected. He's the only one who doesn't take a tax payer funded retirement and he's the only one who doesn't take stipends. If you saw his salary it was the lowest of everybody's. Sometimes that doesn't get out there but it was in the article and I want to share that. The second article talks about the developmental fees, fees that are related to construction. It just gives an example that it actually costs more money in Riverside County to build 100,000 square foot Ace Hardware. So if you took 100,000 square feet and amortized what we would charge, that owner would pay 123,000 dollars in fees alone. Yet if someone is building a warehouse, their fees for 100,000 square feet would be 17,700 dollars. I think we need to understand we need a balance here. We have warehouses coming in but we need other items coming in as well. Code enforcement Manny had to leave, we lost a significant amount of our officers and we are now down to 4 officers. At this point what we're going to do is prioritize the calls. If you're calling about a patio cover or something like that it's probably not going to be addressed right away. I'm not saying don't call, please do so. I'd actually recommend you go through the Code website and it'll actually generate a number for you and you'll be able to reference that number in the future. It's tough but with that being said we have a volunteer program with Code Enforcement. We are going to need volunteers now more than ever and there's a lot of things you could do. The Highway 74 map up there, I was very surprised that nobody had questions whatsoever. You could see where it starts close to the 215 and comes all the way down and stops at Salt Creek, the rest of the line is County until it gets up to Ethanac and of course down see where Nichols Road is what's called the El Toro Court. We have a couple of different lines down there where the proposal is but definitely ask questions, I can only bring them out so many times and this is your opportunity to let it be known. We are going to dove tail some of this into the rezoning that we're doing on the 74. Again, this is a very important piece and please make sure you ask questions, share with neighbors and share with business owners. Cheryl is in the back so if you guys still want to talk to her you could give her some feedback as well.

Q: Spanish speaker

Tom – I'll translate what he said. He lives of Pepper Street which is south of the community center. He received a letter from us, meaning transportation about a year ago stating that we were interest in paving the roads over there. The roads get washed out quite a bit when the rain comes. So we have kind of a beginning project that we want to do, problem is that I need the residents to come out so that we could tell them what we'd like to do and get their authorization. We sent out like 50 letters and we received 5 back. This was a letter saying we wanted to pave your road and so he called me about 3 weeks ago and we talked about that. If I'm trying to get something done for you guys I need you guys to respond and help me out. He's here because he's trying to reach out to his neighbors, he can't represent the residents and he can't sign for them either. We are going to try and tackle Main which is one of the main roads over there. We're going to see if that gets people out little by little. We're trying to do that, we're trying to complete that segment. Sometimes we have the ability and we want to do it and we just get stuck because the residents don't want to.

Q: Spanish speaker

Tom – He just saying he'd like for us to do something other than pave, possible coming and graving the road or do something but that's the part we have to work with. In order for us to fix the road and maintain it, we need signatures. We need them to give us 15-20 feet of their property so we can't do that, it makes it difficult. If you'd like please wait after the meeting and we could talk a little more. I will mention this, the minutes that you guys did, you did see the attachment in there and Jackie did send an email. Our County Counsel responded and did say the minutes don't have to be posted 72 hours in advance. It is something that we will strive to do but if you saw the minutes, there's a lot of typing, I have to give Faviola a lot of credit for doing that. You'll see your response in the email. The agenda has to be posted 72 hours in advance and that is posted timely. For the new members now that you guys have switched over you'll be going through a Brown Act training class, so you guys will be well informed of what needs to be done and what doesn't need to be done. I'll take any questions.

-We just want to make sure we thank Diana for her service.

Diana – Thank you. Well I have a Code Enforcement Volunteer Form, the official form so I'll get it to Stephanie to photo copy a few.

Tom – We do have one opening on the Board if anyone is interested let me know.

Q: We are new here and I would like to find out when we could have a chance to explain our vision for the community.

Tom – Mr. Medhat, has a project, West on Post, the mansion on the hill. That's Mr. Medhat's project, he has a bigger vision for that area, he has to begin the process with us but he will be coming shortly to the MAC to present his project. He's here tonight to see how the process is and how things are done. He still needs to present to us in Planning before. If you guys have any questions before hand, you guys are welcomed to talk to him after the meeting. Thank you all for coming, the meeting is adjourned.

9.0 Future Agenda Items

Date of proposed next meeting, November 2nd 2017 6pm @ Moses-Schaffer Community Center

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:09pm

Attendance: 38

July 6, 2017

Good Hope/Meadowbrook Municipal Advisory

1. There have been 2 burglaries on our road, one in broad daylight, thanks to the neighbors and a speedy response by the Sherriff's department, the burglar was caught. The second at the same house happened when our neighbor was not at home and neither were we. We would like to see some more patrols in the area.
2. Waste Management has been doing a poor job lately and they are raising the prices. They have not been emptying all of the trash in the receptacles and are dropping trash which never gets picked up. It makes our area look bad.
3. I contacted the Supervisor about the minutes and he responded: a copy is attached.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie McDonald". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jackie McDonald

21401 Sharp Rd., Good Hope

