

# Good Hope / Meadowbrook MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

January 4th, 2018 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, Giovanni Aguilar Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Giovanni Aguilar – Happy New Year! Before we start, if you have a question or opinion please voice your name loudly. This allows our secretary to document your name. My second plea is if you want to speak please come up so we can document what you have to say. Thank you very much.

**1.0 Roll Call:** Giovanny Aguilar (Chair), Maha Harb (Secretary), Willie Moses, Diana Martin, Victoria Bella (Alternate), Vacant. Faviola Benavente (Vice Chair) – Absent.

**2.0 Approval of Minutes:** Diana Martin moved, Maha Harb seconded; Vote unanimous to approve.

## **3.0 Public Safety Updates**

**3.1 Riverside County Sheriff's Department** – Captain Dan Anne/ Lt. Kevin Smith. I'm Lieutenant Smith from Lake Elsinore Station. For your area for the month of Dec. you had a total of 221 per service, which is down by 41 calls from Nov. Out of those calls you ended up with arrest increase for your area. From Nov. you went up 9 to 12 that's by 3 in misdemeanors. Felonies and arrests remain the same. Overall, everybody was busy with the holidays. Your part one crime that we report to the FBI your burglaries and thefts went down for the month of Dec. Overall, Dec. looked a good month for all of you down here. Thank you.

**3.2 Riverside County Fire Department-Fire Station #9/ Captain Steven De La Hoya-** I'm Joe Kennedy. I'm the medical engineer at Station 9. Captain De La Hoya transferred to Station 68 in Menifee. In the next couple weeks, we will know who is our new captain. Sorry for the wait. I did get the Dec. stats but not the Nov., but I did get the 2017 stats for you. In Dec. we got 118 calls. Six false alarms, 56 medical aids, 4 other fires, 2 public assists, 24 residential fires, 15 traffic collisions, and 3 vehicle fires. For 2017, Station 9 ran 1210 calls, 81 false alarms, 550 medical aids, 103 other fires, 3 other miscellaneous, 23 public assist services, 67 residential fires, 7 rescues, 32 standbys, 128 traffic collisions, 34 vehicle fires, 118 wild land fires.

Q: Diana Martin- Are we going to get bags for the rain?

A: I don't know, I will ask.

**3.3 Code Enforcement Office – Michelle Cervantes** - Good evening everybody. My name is Michelle. I work for Transportation and Land Management Agency. Tonight, I will be representing both Transportation Land Management Agency and Code Enforcement. I'm here representing them both in the incorporated area. So, for Code Enforcement we have a brand-new computer system and went live on Dec. 11. So, we are still working how to use the new system, we still have the main line call 951-955-2004. For those who picked up pens and pencils, anything from Code you have the number on it for you. Any calls will go to the main number. So, if you want to talk to the supervisors or officers call the number first so they have someone in the office to talk to when you go there so you don't waste your time. Right now, your officers are Jen Morris and Danny Pipe. They are working on the marijuana issues. Dispensaries are not legal in our area. We will continue to enforce the law. Please call us and let us know what is going on. Jen mentioned there was a dispensary around here that was recently closed. If you see anything please give us a call, and we will continue enforcing the law until the laws and regulations change for the country. Homeless enactments are working closely with the sheriffs to try to remove the homeless enactments. I know they had one further in north and we remove everyone from that area with the help of the sheriff's help. They were able to contact the property owner. They signed a 602 form which is no trespass form. This gives the sheriff's the right to come out to the property to move who ever is out there.

Q: Eric Larson-If you know there is people there what information do we give you?

A: Tell us where it's at. Give us cross streets such as north, south, east, and west. How many people do you see, is there any RV, cars, dogs, any information that will help the officers. Parcel number will help if you have it.

Q: Mike Margis- Is there services to help the homeless. I always run into them. How can we help them?

A: Yes, we can let them know of the services we have if they are willing to accept them. We have a task force that can help them. I can look it up and find flyers to have ready for next meeting.

Q: Gerald Katz- Is there any plans? The problem is trash and sanitization.

A: I'm not aware of, but I will ask the task force for what kind of services are offered. I can bring it to the next meeting. Any land violations call the main number.

Message from transportation is the rainy season is coming. Make sure your property is clean of debris and that will help with rain situation. We are also working on paving and repairing surfaces on roads. I was asked about Patterson and was told they will begin paving end of Feb./2018. You can go to transportation website [rcproject.org](http://rcproject.org). It

will list every project for district and every area. It will tell when is approximately construction date will be. My card is in the back if you get stuck on website. Call me and I can walk you through it. It will list all the projects in the incorporated area. If we are working with a city near us we will have it on the website as well.

#### **4.0 New Business**

**4.1 Community Center Updates – Stephanie Morales, The Grove** – Good evening everyone and Happy New Year. I hope you all had a wonderful time with family and friend. I'm going to update you with previous events we had in the past but I want to invite John over because we worked as a team and supported each other. To cover our breakfast with Santa we had an awesome event this year. We had over 1000 residents attend the event. It was the best event we have had since I have been here since 2014. Special thanks go out to Giovanni for his support. He gathered volunteers from his church. They all came down at 6:00 a.m. and were ready to go. We started off with the cooking and prepping. I want to extent my appreciation to Giovanni for helping us. Thank you, Giovanni. Another thank you is to Hope Depot for their support. They came on this day and brought the kits workshop for the kids to enjoy. Kids were able to build a craft with the help of their parents. I saw the community involvement. And working together. I wanted to thank Home Depot. They usually come every year. We had a real Santa. He took pictures with all the families. Another thanks you go out to Spark of Love for their large donation. On the other hand, other events that happened is the Christmas party for our senior citizens. This year we made it extra special by catering food from Dickie's Barbecue. We had dancing and raffles. Also, Riverside County Foundation on Aging came out and distributed gift cards to all seniors. They do it every year. If you feel you missed the event I still have some gift cards. Come see me after the meeting and you have to be 60 and over years old to qualify, the gift card is a \$15 value from Stater Bros.

**4.2 EDA Project Management-Blanca Limon/Sergio Pena, EDA-** Hello everybody we are here to talk to you about the park project next door. Let me first start by introducing ourselves to you. This is the team that will be giving you the update. Blanca Limon is the project manager for the project. Vince Coveen is the director of the project. My name is Hyde Marshall and I'm representing the economic development Agency at the County of Riverside. First, we will give you an update on the project. Then answer any questions you may have. I'm Vince Coveen. This is a great project for us. As you can see this was a house and we demolished it a long time ago. The front part of the design against the road is maintained with hard service and picnic tables. We are going to put weed fabric and mulch in this area, so we can cut on irrigated areas. As you transition into the back part of the property we are going to have a chain fence 8-foot-tall in the back. It will have some landscape, cobalt borders. There will be a decomposite granite pathway. It's like dirt but its compacted down. So, the pathway circulates all around. Everything is ADA accessible. In the middle will construct a pavilion piece that will have picnic tables underneath it with shade. The play structure we are keeping but we will have had rubber structure underneath. This will be accessible for kids with disabilities. Parking space will stay the same.

There is a handicap place. We are going to maintain the basketball court. That's pretty much the design. There will be a grass area where you can play soccer that will be seated area. The park is well under construction and it should be done in April. The grass will need establishment over time. We have to see how grass establishes before we open that part of the park. That's the general update. Do you have any questions?

Q: John Weiss: Will the pathway be usable?

A: It's usable and ADA accessible. It's a pathway all around.

Q: Eric Larson: Can you have a hard surface area for the kids with scooters, roller skates, etc.?

A: We are beyond the design phase but there is some race track (hard service). We can't change the design at this point. It's under construction. We increased the area for that kind of play.

Q: Will there be lighting?

A: It will be solar panels everywhere. They will be programmed.

Q: Will there be Kiosk for charging?

A: No

Q: Stephanie: Will there be any power source out there?

A: There will not be any outlet powers out there because of budget limitations. This is what budget supports. We are adding 7 of the solar posts. One of the main concerns is safety when discussing community needs.

**4.3 Riverside Transit Agency-Julie Diaz, RTA-** Good Evening, my name is Julie Diaz. We have some service changes. I put service change guides in the back if you want to review all the changes. I will highlight the bigger changes happening on the 14<sup>th</sup>. So, we are doing service changes to improve liability and time performance and plus connections. So, the biggest change to the greater area is route 19, which stops at the Perris Transit Center. It's increasing service from 15 min. to 30 min. So, this is better for better access to the area. Also, access Moreno Valley with route 19. A new route starting is 200, which is a commuter express route. This route is providing service to Anaheim, Disney Land Resort and it will stop in Riverside including downtown Riverside. We are also introducing service to San Bernardino. First, route will be going to San Bernardino and stops at Transit Center. From there you can connect to train or Tran. This will bring better connections to Riverside county. There are no significant changes in his area. The only big change is route 19 which increases the frequency. We are also piloting mobile ticket with La Sierra University, we started a program this month mobile fares. So, we are going to try it for 6 months and see how it goes. Ideally, we want to expand it to all our passengers. You can buy a bus

pass using your device using an app. This is new mobile tickets and this way its less likely to be damages, stolen or lost. These are the major changes; do you have any questions?

Comment: Gerald Katz-My wife took the metro link and the train was there. It was an easy trip and saved us money.

Q: Diana Martin- Can you give the audience information about Dial Ride? What does it serve? Also, more about Buddy Service?

A: We have a Dial Ride service. It's our access service It provides door to door service for seniors and disabled citizens. It has a fixed route service. You have to qualify, you pay by booklets and per trip. If you are interested call costumer service at 951-565-5002. They can give you more information. They will connect you to a travel training team also and map a trip if you also need that. We also have a buddy service. Trainers will train seniors or veterans how to use the fixed route system. The go with you and teach you how to board, they take the trip with you.

Comment: Diana Martin- I'm requesting we would like to have you set something with Stephanie for the rider access so we can be shown how to take the bus and go where we need to go and not be afraid. We need someone to explain Access Ride. Lastly, in order to go places you have to use mobile app. It will help us know where to go. We need to know which app we need to know when we are travelling from one county to another. We need an advocate. I will let Lisa know to connect with your director.

## **5.0 Public Comments –**

**Gerald Katz** – I have been trying to contact Pipevan trying to find what is going on concerning highway 74. I want to know if it's a done deal or people still have an input. Reducing plan for high density and industrially commercial rezoning on existing rural and mixed-use areas. I want to know how to keep this diversity. I want to see more gardens, animals, horseback riding etc. that we have lost in this county.

**Mark Spigelmine** – I live in the community Good Hope. I want to thank Tom Ketcham for everything he does for the community. He gives up his Saturdays and he's always helping out picking up trash. He's a valuable asset to this community. He goes above and beyond helping us here.

## **6.0 Legislative Reports:**

**6.1 Field Representative for Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez – Absent**

## **7.0 Good Hope/Meadowbrook MAC Board Member Comments –**

Maha Harb – I wanted to wish everyone a happy new year. Thank you for coming tonight. I wasn't aware of what Diana discussed. I hope everyone benefits from the information presented tonight.

Diana Martin: Thank you community for coming tonight. Give yourselves clap. We have really grown together in the last 5 years and we have stuck together that's the main thing. Thanks especially to Stephanie she has been here as long as Tom.

Victoria Bella: Thank you for coming. I'm glad Stephanie had a great turnout for Christmas.

Willie Moses – I am so happy to see people coming to the meetings. Bring more people next time.

Giovanni Aguilar – Thank you for coming tonight.

## **8.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jefferies' Office**

### **8.1 Thomas C. Ketcham, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jefferies-**

Thank you everybody. I appreciate all of you coming out. Thank you for the comments. Although I don't live in the community I treat it as my own because I'm here quite a bit. I understand what you go through as residents and businesses. To me it's important to bring other staff, code enforcement, etc. to come out and see what you go through every day. I'm doing my job hopefully the next person after me will continue that tradition. The homeless issue we know it's growing every month, year after year. We are in a tough situation because we can't force them to leave. If they are on a property and have permission there isn't much for us to do. We can offer services, if they decline the services there isn't much we can do. We can't force them to go to a hospital or get a job. This is a problem we don't know what we are going to do. Kevin's corner the newsletter will be coming out next week. He talks about the struggles. I would love to buy 50 acres and put a bunch of tiny homes out there and tell the homeless you are welcome to go there; the problem is the state and all the environmental groups etc. who will come and say you don't have this and that. Our idea that costs one hundred will end up costing ten million dollars and we can't do that. At this time, we can help them as much as we can. If they want to help themselves great, if not we will try as much as we can.

Marijuana as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> everyone thought it's legal. It's not in Riverside County. In Riverside County we have to put it on the ballot, the tax portion of it. You get to vote and decide if you want to tax marijuana or not (retail, growing, etc.). Until that time

it's still illegal in the unincorporated Riverside County. If you go to Lake Elsinore and Perris it's legal. Riverside it's illegal. There are still some grey areas. We have to remind them you can go to Perris and buy. The Feds are saying marijuana is illegal and we are going to enforce the law. It's going to put state legalizing it, Feds say No. There is going on some interesting fights. We are going to end up paying the price because the Feds are starting to cut funds for sanctuary states like CA that legalized it. We lost a lot of money and we are going to lose more. It's going to be interesting what will happen. Importantly, you need to talk to your legislature especially the one in Sacramento. They are the ones that are making the decision for the rest of us down here. Also, on the county level we have to live with what Sacramento does. We are the ones that are told here are the laws and incorporate them and figure it out how you are going to disseminate it. The park design for those who have been around it has been a couple years. We got some input from the community. What you like to see and what you wanted, well we are at construction level. A lot of great ideas. The budget started at \$300,000 now it went to \$750,000. So, although we have great ideas that's going to cost a lot of money. I had to scramble to find for what we can do now. I'm hopeful there will be additions in the coming years. As for now, I'm happy what we are getting. I am looking for donations as long as it is in line with the county. I understand Stephanie's need for power. We have power everywhere in Mead Valley. We had problems with homeless charging their phones all night. We had problems with kids taking off the cabs and sticking stuff in outlets which costs more to fix. Bathrooms, playground, and barbecue equipment gets tagged. We don't have security. I'm sure we will have problems. We are trying to improve the community but there are certain elements that don't want nice things. The tractor got stolen. If you see something suspicious please call 911, do what you have to do. In Mead Valley Community Center, we have 24/7 security and people steal the mirrors etc. in broad daylight! The solar lights for the park is 24 feet high so batteries don't get stolen. They will be mounted up high so no one can steal them. There are many things we wanted to add but we couldn't.

Q: Diana Martin-I talk to young kids, they are the future voters. They skateboard at Mead Valley Community Center. How can we help them?

A: We banned that because they jump on benches and slide. That's not what the benches are for. Skate parks cost a lot of money. The problem at the other state parks there are bad elements that destroy and there is no monitoring. We are looking at this park as a great addition to the center. The more people who show up it will be a better place.

As for the area there are people who want to see stores. You have to look at it objectively. There are people who want more trees, parks, etc., but there are others who want more stores near them.

Q: Gerald Katz- Many people have been surveyed on how things should be and how people feel. We are getting all kinds of stores, more traffic and its limiting individuals

on what they want to do. We have a distant foreign government that is not listening to us.

A: I'm going to disagree with you. We've had many meetings here. We have sent mailers out. We can't force people to come to meeting, we can only ask. We can encourage them to come to make an important decision. If they can't come unfortunately we need to move on. We have been working on this for the last three years. You attended some meetings as well as neighbors as well as MAC members. We have to take the group that came and take their opinion on what they want to see. Who have few people who are vocal one way or the other. The majority of people who filled out the surveys want things here. If you look at any of the freeway 2017 San Bernardino was number 1 in the county of population growth. Second comes Riverside because land is cheap. I grew up here and I have seen growth. We need to move forward and be constructive about planning. There needs to be open areas, schools, and parks. Also, we need to give some services such as stores etc.

### **9.0 Future Agenda Items**

Date of proposed next meeting, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 6pm @ Moses-Schaffer Community Center

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:16 pm

Attendance: 35