

# Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council

Minutes of February 14, 2024

6:30 PM

The Retreat at Wedgewood

8007 Soft Winds Drive

Temescal Valley, CA 92883

## 0.0 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

### 1.0 Roll Call

**Present:** Lee Wilson (Vice Chair), Jerry Sincich (Secretary), Kelli Noss, Glen Nelson, Fred Myer (Alternate), Julie Showalter (Alternate)

**Absent:** Bob Hafner (Chair), Eric Werner

## 2.0 Announcement of Temescal Valley MAC Meeting Rules and Regulations – Lee Wilson

### 3.0 Approval of January 10, 2024 Minutes

Approved and entered into record

## 4.0 Community Updates

### 4.1 Congressman Calvert Staff Update

- Jett Benavidez provided the update
- Congressman's main priority for the remainder of this month and moving into March is going to be the community project funding
- Congressman's number one priority right now is getting those individual appropriation bills pass and getting the community funding projects
- The Congress voted to introduce the treatment and homeless housing Integration Act, HR 7186. The goal of this legislation is to help connect homeless Americans that are currently receiving federal housing assistance with treatment for substance abuse and behavioral health disorders. The Congressman's legislation with direct HUD housing developments to require grantees of the continuum of care program to refer participants to community based treatment.

### 4.2 Senator Seyarto (SD 32) Staff Update

- Absent

### 4.3 Assemblymember Essayli (AD 63) Staff Update

- Casey Deaver provided the update
- This is a bipartisan bill. Senate Bill 1011 and it's a bill that specifically prohibited people from sleeping on sidewalks and public facing shelters.
- The other thing is we have more bills. We're at the beginning of the legislative session, so everything is pretty new and were trying to get a lot of things in motion.

### 4.4 Riverside County Sheriff's Department Representative

- Lt. Steve Favero provided the update
- The crime stats for the month of January. The Sheriff Department responded to 350 calls for service which was a decrease 34 calls for service from December.
  - Assault 3
  - Burglary 4
  - Grand Theft 6
  - Stolen Vehicles 1

- Theft from Vehicle 3
- Total Arrests 17
- Felony Arrests 3
- Disturbing the Peace 9

**4.5 Riverside County/CAL Fire Representative**

- Battalion 4 Jason Allan provided the update
- There were 161 calls for service in January at Station 64
  - Traffic collisions 12
  - Standby 1
  - False Alarm 8
  - Public Service Assist 18
  - Medical 119
- Average response time was 5.8 minutes. 79 calls were less than five minutes and 61 calls were just over five minutes.

**4.6 Code Enforcement**

- Shane Hidey provided the update
- Last month 15 cases were open and 14 cases were closed
- There are 117 open cases still being worked on
- So today we were out in force doing vending enforcement. There was some activity in this area, we did address it, and not every vendor is in violation some vendors do have their proper permits. If you have a vendor question, you can call in.

**4.7 California Highway Patrol**

- Absent

**4.8 Riverside County Emergency Management Department**

- Eric Cadden provided the update
- We continue to work with cities and special districts in the county as they get their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans approved by FEMA. Riverside County’s plan is already approved.
- We are currently working on updating the County’s Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The EOP identifies roles and responsibilities for various county departments and county personnel. It is not a tactical guide to responding to emergencies. The EOP is reviewed annually and updated every five years. With us reviewing the EOP we encourage our community to review the EOP and please complete a simple survey with your feedback on the plan.
- EMD, CAL FIRE/Riverside, and TLMA work to ensure sandbags and sand remains available. Sandbags are available at all County Fire Stations, and EMD has a large supply on hand to restock as needed.

**4.9 Supervisor Karen Spiegel’s Office**

- Melania Castellanos provided the update
- The Temescal Valley MAC meeting dates for the year can be found on the back of our meeting agenda. The Town Hall meeting will be on April 10, 2024 at the Luiseno Elementary School Multipurpose Room.
- Nominations are still open for the Riverside County’s Women’s inspiration awards. All nominations must be submitted by February 19<sup>th</sup>. Nominations are for the woman that exemplifies empowerment and leadership and unwavering commitment to a better future.

**5.0 New Business**

**5.1 Update from Riverside County Sheriff**

- Chad Bianco

- On the 26th and the 28th we will have a community celebration. You can come to the station celebration; we are celebrating the one year anniversary of the Lake Matthews station.
- Last year we had just over 19,000 calls for service at the Lake Mathews Station
- Because we have such a huge presence now in this area, more people are feeling more comfortable reporting crimes that they didn't report before
- So if crimes aren't being reported, then we don't know that there's an issue and we aren't proactive in those areas. So I encourage everyone to report everything.
- So this area is relatively safe, other than a little bit of thievery going on, but we are very proactive. The SET team is extremely active here, and there I think they're doing a good job getting out into the neighborhoods, locating the individuals that cause most of our problems, and we're addressing those as they happen.
- So the beauty of the supervisors allowing us to open a station in this area is our response times, depending on the type of call, have gone down between 40 and 70%
- We arrested a principal of a high school because school teachers, nurses, doctors, are required by law to report any crimes against a child even like a domestic violence type of thing. They are mandated by law to report and there is a very disturbing trend in our California law enforcement in that they do not want any law enforcement on our schools. And I've been beating my head against the wall with the school districts and the boards about their responsibility to report crimes to us. And it's gone on for so long that I said enough. Enough is enough and that we're going to have to start making examples of people.
- There is a bill in Sacramento to remove the requirements of mandatory reporting. Now you tell me why anyone would think its remotely possible that we should remove the mandatory reporting of a teacher or a doctor or nurse or a principal to report to law enforcement that a child has been victimized.
- They're bringing back the bill that they're going to try and outlaw canines. They don't want law enforcement to be able to use canines.
- I'm going to be more vocal. I'm going to be spending more time in Sacramento beating the drum there of the ridiculousness that's going on, that we need to fix our state. We need to fix our businesses, our homes, our schools, our crime situation, the homeless situation. And all of that revolves around public safety.
- So I want you all to pay attention to your surroundings. Pay attention to your neighborhoods.
- I encourage everyone if you're so inclined, that you feel like you need or want to carry a gun for protection. There's a easy process of obtaining a CCW permit from the sheriff's office. We just hit 43,000 permits in the county of Riverside. There has not been anyone in the state that has used their concealed weapons permit illegally.
- Riverside County's jail policies and procedures are among the best in the country

## **5.2 Love Your Neighborhood Program Synopsis**

- Olivia Sanchez, WRCOG Program Manager
- Our program is to get materials to residents so that they can do their own cleanup in their neighborhood
- When debris increases in a neighborhood it invites people to start dumping
- We provide communities the materials (trash pickers, gloves, safety vests) to do their clean ups
- When you conduct a cleanup we ask you to provide us with the number of bags of trash collected

## **6.0 Public Comments**

- Jack Ferguson
  - For the first time since 2017 we are not pumping water into Lake Elsinore.

- They came up with a better plan for the control panels to manage the waste processing, still under budget.
- March 23 the annual Splash into Spring event will be at our headquarters building and it's open to everyone.
- Jami Merchant
  - I am running for the Corona-Norco Unified School District Board of Education, Trustee Area 5.
  - I have been very involved. For close to a decade I have been advocating for this community. I was on the committee to fight to make sure that you were keeping the land to build a high school here. I have two young children, a second grader and a sixth grader. So I know all the current needs that are going on within this area and in the school district so I can be an advocate and a voice for parents and our children.
  - I have been endorsed by the Supervisor as well as the Corona Council members, Mayor of Corona and Norco.
- Jannlee Watson
  - Italian dinner is on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Steve Lech will present the Butterfield Route through Riverside County.

### **7.0 Temescal Valley MAC Board Member Comments**

- The Retreat staff went out of their way to try to commemorate Valentine's Day with the chocolate covered strawberries. So we would like you to take a few before you leave. Don't take all the cookies because I do want to take some of them home.

### **8.0 Future Agenda Items**

- Fuel Beak Project
- Serrano Project
- Proficiency Project
- Planning Commission
- EVMWD – Lee Lake Dam

The date of the proposed next meeting is March 13, 2024 at 6:30 PM at Terramor

\*\*Please note the TVMAC meetings are held monthly on the Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM (Dark in December)

**Adjournment time:** 7:49 PM

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