

Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council

Minutes of the July 10, 2024 6:30pm Meeting
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 (Chair), Jerry Sincich (Vice Chair), Kelli Noss (Secretary), Glen Nelson, Fred Myer (Alternate), Julie Showalter (Alternate)

Absent: Eric Werner, Bob Hafner

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

3.0 Approval of Minutes: June 10, 2024 Minutes

Approved with no changes as presented.

4.0 Community Updates

4.1 Congressman Calvert Staff Update (Jett Benavidez)

- The House Appropriations Committee wrapped up the Commerce, Trade, Justice and Science, Interior and Environment Bill, and the Energy and Water Development Bill. Today, they finalized the Labor, Health, Human Services, and Education package, along with the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Bill, and the Agricultural Bills processing. The bills are now awaiting the Senate's versions and then onward to presidential approval. \$55M is slated for projects within the 41st District. Full details available on the website.
- Congressional staff is happy to assist with needs related to federal agencies, including passports. Contact the office for further assistance.

4.2 Senator Seyarto (SD 32) Staff Update (Braxton Difuntorum)

- The senator is beginning to review the legislative budget report.
- SB73 – the veterans higher education bill – was sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee with the consent calendar. The hearing is set for August 15th and will progress from there. This is not a guarantee bill but is moving forward.
- Several other bills are either progressing through the steps like SB916 and SB920 and others have moved over to the assembly appropriations committee.
- Senate Bill 1034 – the State of Emergency Call for Emergency Extension & Senate Bill 1044 have been sent to the governor's desk. He has 12 days to sign it into law.
- Senate Bill 1122, the law enforcement degree requirement bill was pulled back to be merged with AB 85-2, the senator again will co-sponsor this bill. With support on both sides, it stands a stronger chance of being pushed through.
- SB1096 – the transparency fee bill – was signed by the governor.

4.3 Assemblymember Essayli (AD 63) Staff Update (Casey Deaver)

- Bills are being looked at and worked on to better address the retail theft concerns that many residents and business owners have discussed. There are additional changes

- proposed related to drug charges, specifically fentanyl. The last iteration was opposed by the Sheriff's association.
- The legislator is currently on summer break but the office is happy to help with any state level service issues. The office is located nearby in Dos Lagos.

4.4 Riverside County Sheriff's Department Representative (Lt. NEED NAME)

- New posting at the Lake Matthews station. He has served within the community for over 20 years including assignments in SWAT & Canine.
- Calls for service were level with the month of May. There was an increased amount of thefts specifically related to a local construction project. The suspect was arrested and 2/3 of the materials stolen were successfully recovered.
- More arrests were made than the last month due to proactive policing in the area.
- There were no reported calls for mail theft despite local social media posts related to mail theft. These do still need to be called into the station for reporting.

4.5 Riverside County/CAL Fire Representative (Captain Ramirez)

- New floating captain at Station 64 – will be at the station 1 day a week.
- June's stats included 12 false alarms, 149 medical calls, 13 public assistance requests, 1 house fire, 15 traffic collisions, and 1 wildland fire.
- Station 64 had one medical call for service on July 4th but no fire activity. The station did receive confiscated fire works from their patrol team.
- Elsinore Fire Break is progressing with work by both Cal-Fire & licensed cooperative partners. Cal-Fire has added 35 acres of work completed and the cooperative team added 75 acres of break coverage.

4.6 Code Enforcement (Officer Diana Rouwenhorst)

- There are currently 131 open cases with 17 new cases and 20 closed in the month of June.
- Working with the donation bin companies to come get their bins picked up before they are physically removed. The white boxes are supposed to be picked up by the end of the weekend, green boxes by the end of the week. So far unsuccessful in reaching the orange box company for removal but will give opportunity before the county removes them. Code Enforcement checks these boxes daily while they remain to monitor dumping and work with Waste Management to remove the items.

4.7 California Highway Patrol (Officer Balentine)

- Maximum enforcement and saturation took place state wide during the July 4th holiday weekend. Riverside County ranked 10th in citations given that weekend and 5th in overall DUI arrests. A total of 596 citations were given out during the enforcement period.
- Updated states for Q2 included 15 misdemeanor DUI arrests, 316 citations given, 69 total crashes with 17 of those having injuries. We had no fatalities during this timeframe within the valley.
- Smart Start training for new teen drivers will be July 17th at Ben Clarke Training Center from 5-7pm.
- Age Well Drive Smart class will be hosted at Trilogy on July 16th from 6-8pm. No registration is required to attend.

4.8 Riverside County Emergency Management Department (Cynthia Marin)

- Riverside County wants to know your feedback on the Emergency Operations Plan and community emergency preparedness. QR Codes are available in the back or on the EMD website for resident input.
- CERT training will be taking place at Deleo Park November 1-3rd with more information to follow.
- EMD participated in 9 power outage events in the month of June and 6 fires. EMD assists local authorities with support and evacuations during emergency events.
- Sign-up for Alert Rivco for up-to-date information related to evacuation warnings, orders, and shelter in place requirements. Based on your registered address, not just your phone tower so you can still get alerts for your home if you work out of the area.

4.8 Updates from Supervisor Karen Spiegl's Office (Phil Paulie)

- The Temescal Valley Community Development Fund currently sits at a balance of \$970,037 after the authorization of the high-level fiscal feasibility study at the last meeting. This was approved by the Board of Supervisors last week as an authorized expenditure.
- The county has tapped Juan Perez, the County of Riverside's Chief Operating Officer, who has worked with the county and is familiar with this type of study and the complexities of the valley.
- Juan Perez stepped in to introduce himself and explain the scope of the study. Web & Associates were selected to conduct this study, under their municipal engineering arm, Webb Municipal Finance LLC.
- The study is a very high-level look at the amount of money the Temescal Valley area generates in terms of revenue (taxes & fees) and what we would not only spend to bring services into the valley like fire, sheriff, animal control but if we are getting back what we are putting in at this time. If not, this can open the door to fight harder to allocate the appropriate number of resources to Temescal Valley.
- While key members of the community will be interviewed, like the MAC board, within the process the county also intends to do a community needs assessment to get a snapshot in time of what the valley is looking for now and in the future. This survey will be designed to be interactive to gather as much residential input as possible. The community has changed in the last 10-15 years with new residents and are hoping to capture their voices.
- The County of Riverside took time to dig out of the 2008 recession and has begun to positively put money towards the unincorporated communities through the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Fund. This allows for the investment in key projects within these areas outside of the county's nearly \$9B budget annually.
- A scope of work has been established but a key schedule of that timeframe hasn't been fully established yet. The goal is to have this presentable to the MAC board at the February 2025 meeting.
- This study is the very first step in a lengthy process to explore potential cityhood but it would take many other steps, actions, studies, and time to make that happen.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Glen Ivy Resort Project Update – Joel Morse, T&B Planning, Inc.

- GoCo Hospitality, which owns Glen Ivy Hot Springs Spa is an international wellness company focused on bringing high end hospitality through their properties. This project started to take shape in 2016 as they viewed ways to continue to serve the over 200,000 visitors who come to the spa annually.

- In 2016 GoCo submitted a foundation general plan amendment with work towards a specific plan. This project included additional spa facilities, 255 single family homes, some multifamily homes, 165 team hotels. This project was ambitious and with time, realized it wasn't feasible. In 2022, this plan was withdrawn and voided.
- The current functioning plan for the spa was approved in 2003. Portions of the spa were grandfathered in as they had been functional for over 100 years. The 2003 approved plan included space to add a hotel and other facilities totaling a total of 170,000 of footprint within the current property. Since this time, only 13,000 of the approved space was built.
- The new proposal includes shrinking several aspects of the project back to a total of 153,000sq feet of build out, reducing the single-family residences down to 11 and the keyed hotel to 100 rooms. The hotel would feature gardens, new dining spaces, and would be built up staggered into the hillside to work within the challenge of the footprint elevation. These buildings would be aligned with GoCo's designs which are more modern than the Temescal Valley guidelines. The buildings should not be viewable, outside of some residential views, from any main roadway that is not already within Glen Ivy.
- With this expansion comes more parking and the opportunity to keep guests on-site, making multi-day visits or retreats easier. Without this spacing, guests are required to drive some distance to stay in a comparable space.
- This doesn't require a foundation change but a plan adjustment to shift the footprint of the hotel space and the residential space borders. There is no additional footprint expansion of the property into new borders.
- A resident asks about fire/emergency access. There is a portion of the 11-home residential that would back up to Eagle Glen with a potential fire access gate that would only be used in the event of an emergency. This has been a point of contention between homeowners, the Trilogy HOA, and the spa. The homes are slated to be on over 20,000 square foot lots.
- The only major expansion of the commercial part of the project is the hotel which is still within the 2003 approved plan footprint and is technically 17,000sqft smaller.
- The maximum occupancy of the spa's daytime guests is driven by parking space but the spa is not hitting capacity as-is.

5.2 Letter Signing RE: Request for Southern California AQMD Representation at MAC

- Lee Wilson briefly explained the history of AQMD and the Purple Air sensors. The letter signing is a formal request to bring AQMD back to the meeting. The multi-step process of bringing the sensors into the valley pre-COVID have shown a driven need to have a full monitoring station here in the valley. Currently there is one at the Norco Naval base and one in Lake Elsinore, leaving us with our mines, landfill, and freeway unmonitored with our specific wind patterns.
- The letter was signed by Lee Wilson & Jerry Sincich to be sent by the supervisor's staff.

6.0 Public Comments -

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If you are able to attend the Age Well, Drive Smart class on July 16th at Trilogy it has been co-sponsored by the We Are Temescal Valley group. This can qualify you for a discount with your auto insurance after class completion.

There is a clean-up this Saturday from 7am-10am at the monuments across from the Shell station on Temescal Canyon Road. Kids with their parents are welcome, we will sign volunteer hours. You can bring gloves + tools to help weed but otherwise vests and pickers will be provided.

The Temescal Valley Education Committee, which has spent over eight years working towards bringing the high school promised and paid for with Measure U that was passed by the voters in 2006, cleared another hurdle by getting their requested line item added to Corona-Norco Unified School District's budget. This will allow funds to begin to be assigned or set aside to build the high school on the owned property here in Temescal Valley.

(Due to a medical emergency, the meeting was stopped at 8:05pm without completing the agenda or adjournment)

Kelli Noss, Board Secretary 2024-2025

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