

**Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council**

Minutes of the January 9, 2019 Meeting

6:00pm

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24503 The Lodge Drive

Temescal Valley, CA 92883

**1) Pledge of Allegiance**

**2) Roll Call**

Present: Jerry Sincich (Chair), Eric Werner (Vice Chair), Glen Nelson, Lee Wilson (alternate), Kelli Noss (alternate)

Absent: Bob Hafner, Craig Deleo

**3) Approval of Minutes**

A. October 10, 2018 & November 14, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Lee Wilson motioned and Glen Nelson seconded the motion, motion carried.

**4) Reports**

A. Update from Riverside Sheriff Department – Lieutenant Kevin Smith

1. The month of December had 373 calls for service in the unincorporated areas, three less than November. Grand and petty theft were up throughout the month, as expected with the holidays. The department urges residents to continue to watch for attractive theft options such as packages left on porches and garages left open. Residents should make certain their cars are locked overnight with no valuables or perceived valuables left inside the vehicle. There were 4 arrests in December – 2 felony and 2 misdemeanor.
2. Several residents asked about the motorcycle event that overtook the Temescal Canyon Road exit off of I-15 and spilled over into the Carls Jr. and Tom's Farms parking lots. Lieutenant Smith stated that CHP handles traffic infractions and that they would have only heard or been present if CHP specifically called for assistance or back-up as calls from 911 on a cell phone in the area would have routed back to CHP's dispatch. Residents are reminded that if they feel unsafe that they need to call 911 and not engage with riders.
3. On the topic of homeless people utilizing private property to sleep on, Lt. Smith stated that there must be an annual no trespassing letter filed by the owner of the property for the department to enforce the removal of trespassers.

B. Update from Riverside County Fire/Cal Fire – Captain Jim Brown

1. Calls were slower through Christmas but not on New Years. There were 128 incidents in December with an average response time of 5.8 minutes. The station is looking into the time as there are a number of factors that impact the response time as calculated by the software including waiting for a 2<sup>nd</sup> engine from Corona or Lake Elsinore or Code 2 calls which are non-immediate emergency calls (no lights used). In 2018 the station responded to 1,609 incidents, 65% were for medical emergencies. 12% of those were for traffic collisions, which bumps the medical call total to over 78% of their call volume. There has been a 63% call volume increase over the last five years.
2. The Spark of Love Toy Drive was successful with 484 toys collected at Station 64.
3. Call volume hasn't seen an impact with the recent rains. The station has over 2,000 filled sandbags for residents to pick-up with an additional 10,000 empty and available to be filled. Cooperation with the county has helped with resource calls. Flood Control has placed sensors in the basins that trigger additional support and swift water rescue teams are available in the event of an incident that requires rescue.

C. Code Enforcement & County Transportation and Land Management (TLMA) – Michelle Cervantez

1. Code Enforcement – road side vending – 10 citations within the last few weeks for unlicensed vendors for fruit stands. New temporary officers out in the field in the District 1 area.
2. Code Enforcement now has a new co-director, Jason Horton, who comes from law enforcement.
3. Transportation – each project has information available on their websites for closures and other impacting events. I-15 Cajalco Interchange website will give you construction alerts for what is going to be closed or changed.
4. TLMA is working on flooding concerns over roadways. The area of Temescal Canyon Road near the Glen Ivy RV Park will be fixed with the culvert project to start in Summer 2019. Residents are asked to keep their properties free of debris and junk to help keep natural waterways clear. If residents have questions they can call the office. When in doubt, reports for repairs can always be sent to the office and if it is outside of the jurisdiction they will forward the report to the appropriate agency.

D. Update from Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez’s Office – Samantha Stillwell

1. The prior Monday was the first day of the floor session and the assemblywoman is already busy. There is no full legislative update. The assemblywoman is working on a response to the AB71 bill which reclassified independent contractors to roll back the decision to the previous rules/test. AB2126 will go into effect on July 1, 2019 which creates the forestry core program in the Inland Empire.

## 5) **New Business**

A. America Recycles Calendar Art Contest (WMI) – Art Marquez

1. This year’s contest had the most entries it’s ever had with over 130 submissions which makes narrowing it down to 12 hard. This year’s theme was “Keep Calm & Recycle Often.” The contest was open to K-8 students attending schools in the Temescal Valley corridor such as El Cerrito Middle School, Todd Academy, Temescal Valley Elementary, and Luiseno School. 1<sup>st</sup> place through 4<sup>th</sup> place earned donations to their school and an ice cream party for their class, all twelve selections earned certificates and an art gift basket.
2. 1st Place: Mackenzie Crain, 6th Grade. Mackenzie earned an \$800 donation for Luiseno Elementary and an ice-cream party for their classroom. 2nd Place: Breanna Lee, 7th Grade. Breanna earned a \$600 donation for El Cerrito Middle School and an ice-cream party for their classroom. 3rd Place: Taylor Mosley, Kindergarten. Taylor earned a \$400 donation for Todd Academy and an ice-cream party for their classroom. 4th Place: Vivian Lee, 2nd grade. Breanna earned a \$200 donation for Temescal Valley Elementary and an ice-cream party for their classroom. Runner-Ups: Jeremy Fors-Chang – Luiseno Elementary, Rayce Anderson – Luiseno Elementary, Justin Mosley – Todd Academy, Mckenna Pallares – Temescal Valley Elementary, Isabella Marro – Todd Academy, Rylie Rich – Todd Academy, Abbi Perez – Temescal Valley Elementary, Isabella Noss – Luiseno Elementary.

B – Adopting 2019 Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council Meeting Dates

1. Dates proposed: Feb. 20th\*, March 13th Town Hall, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th, July – Dark, Aug. 14th, Sept. 11th, Oct. 9th, Nov. 13th, Dec. – Dark. Erik Werner motioned to approve the calendar as proposed; Lee Wilson seconded the motion – the motion carried. Temescal Valley Elementary School will host the town hall in March.

C – El Cerrito Library Updates – Joan Tyler

1. Since joining the branch in April of 2018, the library has had extensive involvement in community activities. In May the library assisted in the mural project at Deleo Park for the Temescal Valley Bicentennial. The summer reading program had over 367 children participate with 17 local businesses donating prizes and five special events hosted during the summer (NASA at JPL, Future Link, Hidden Valley Nature Center, Santa Clause in the Summer, and Crown Town Choir). In October the library participated in the annual Trunk or Treat event.
2. Additionally the library has started an after school zone program for El Cerrito Middle School students that serves about 100 students per month which allows students a safe environment to do homework and stay busy.

The library also participates in an off-site library program at Olive Branch Christian Academy as they do not have a library on-site. The library has several on site programs including a STEAM club that meets once a month.

3. The \$5 a bag book sale will run between April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> during Corona Norco Unified's spring break.
4. Books and complete games/puzzles are always welcome donations at the library. The summer reading program can always use more donations for prizes from local businesses – especially those without under 12 restriction so they can continue to serve teens.

#### D - Cannabis Ordinance Update – Riverside County Planning Department - Charissa Leach

1. The County of Riverside's New Code Assistant Director – Jason Horton was introduced. He previously had a 25 year career with the sheriff's department and now in Code Enforcement. New goals for staff include accessibility, responsiveness, and to provide excellent service. 951-955-0058, rings into the office.
2. As a quick overview - on 10/23/18 allowed change to land use ordinance through the Board of Supervisors. The ordinance went into effect on 12/23/18 with applications beginning to be accepted by the county on 12/27/18. So far, there have been zero applications as of the meeting date however the office has answered lots of questions and inquiries. Cultivation and dispensaries will come through an implementation program with the county only accepting 50 cultivations and 19 dispensaries in the entire unincorporated county area in the first roll out of the program. Dispensaries can range from 500 square feet to 1 acre. Applications will begin to be processed once the policies and procedures are set by the Board of Supervisors. Each application will have to pay a developer fee (CFD) instead of increased taxation. The proposals have to go through the planning department before reaching the Board of Supervisors and they will be asked to be competitive with each other, as staff believes they want the businesses to become active community members and to interact with the communities they are asking to enter. The proposals will be in front of the Board of Supervisors on January 29th and from there will move to town hall meetings. The state issues the licensing and the county issues land use permits. RFPs and community meetings will kick off in June with the potential of having businesses under construction or opening at the end of the year.
3. Cultivation cannot be approved or done in residential zoned areas. At this time grows can only be in AG, A1, A2, AD, and AP zoning only. Personal medical grows are limited to six plants with two persons in residence limited to twelve. Rural residential cannot have commercial grows.
4. The application process will be extensive. The process will be in part like regular developers with attorneys required to create agreements and a consultant on land use. Two different teams will be scoring the applications – the county will be grading the community benefit and geographical equity. The hired outside firm (HDL) will be grading the safety plan either on their own or with a cooperative agreement with Code Enforcement. Both teams will individually score applications and then combine scores, with the highest scores moving forward through the process. Once that is completed, applicants still need to go through the land use process with the planning commission and finally the Board of Supervisors. The applications are being treated like a liquor store with signage on the potential application location, publically noticed in the paper, and regular notification of neighboring properties. The proposed use agreement is good for five years. The community benefits will be paid annually.
5. A resident asked where the community development fee would go. The base rate will, at this time, go into the general fund however, that has not been approved by the Board of Supervisors. The fee will vary based on the size of the business – the proposal is attempting to find a balance since it is not a tax. As the state continues to change and modify their process it affects the fees and licensing at a county level so there will still be adjustments made.
6. As the cases come to the judges on illegal grows, the planning commission will be able to see and make certain that they are not rewarding those who circumvent the laws in place. Once the regulations are in place, the state of California's enforcement will step up and work alongside Code Enforcement and other county-level services to stop illegal grows or dispensaries.
7. The advantage of working through the cannabis ordinances this way allows for the County to retain more control over the process, which was done on the advice of other areas that have done early roll outs since

legalization. Other areas who have chosen to stay out of the debate have seen ballot measures which take the language and enforcement out of the hands of the county services and into attorneys and others who have vested interests in the process. Riverside County does not have control over our surrounding cities who have addressed the issue (Lake Elsinore) and who haven't (Corona).

**6) Public Comments\***

A. Jannlee Watson reminded community members that empty sandbags are still available at Station 64 and that gravel provided by Werner Corporation is still located in the parking lot of Tom's Farms for residents to fill their own sandbags on their schedule. Residents will need to provide the shovel and the labor.

**7) Representative from County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office - Tricia Almiron**

1. Supervisor Jeffries was nominated to the chair position of the Board of Supervisors and was made official at 9:30am. Chad Bianco was sworn in yesterday as the new Sheriff. The office has weekly status updates with Emergency Management Department, Cal-Fire, Flood Control, National Weather Service, and other agencies to continue to monitor the incoming storms that may affect flooding post Holy Fire. Flood Control continues to try and stay on top of cleaning out the basins as quickly as possible between storm events. Anyone with questions should contact the office and continue to follow Rivco Ready on social media.

**8) Items for Future Agendas**

1. Corona-Norco Unified School District area updates
2. Mural presentations for Todd Academy and Luiseno School

**9) Date of Next Meeting**

A. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 6:00pm.

\* Those wishing to ask one question or make a single comment after a presentation should raise their hand or complete a speaker's slip. After being recognized by the board, please stand up, state your name, and ask your question or make your comment and sit down.

\* New issues raised during the public comment period will not be discussed by the council during that meeting. They may, if warranted, be included as a future item.

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