



Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council
Highgrove Library
530 W Center Street, Highgrove CA 92507
Wednesday, August 17, 2016
Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** 19:02
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Jason Farin
3. **Roll Call and Introductions:** All members of MAC Board present, Melanie late. 20 members of the community present.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Deferred. Need to approve May, June, July 2016 Minutes.
5. **Old Business:**
 - Highgrove Day Financial Report: \$19.56 Want an income and expenses. Becky will provide next meeting.
 - Metro link Update: 15 years trying to get a stop in Highgrove 33,852 is the amount of Metro link trains that go through Highgrove and could stop if there was a parking lot. June 6 started service between Highgrove and Perris. Barney went to Riverside City Transportation meeting. AQMD meeting board meeting attended by Barney. Technical Advisory Committee of the Mobile Source on Air Reduction Review Committee meeting. City limits of Highgrove effected. 8/2009 excess property that connects the property between riverside and Highgrove is the exact same size that we need for Highgrove. Barney would like to continue to pursue this. Barney would like to know why they have not pursued this for so long.
 - Grand Jury Investigation: June 26, Barney mailed a letter to the Grand Jury re: the fees, (taxes) Highgrove is paying for CSA 126a. Barney also sent in a video
 - Video (2/18/15) reviewed of MAC Meeting from Feb 18, 2015 highlighting the statements and explanation given by Bill Brown, re: CSA 126 tax fee and budget overview. In that video Becky asked Bill Brown stated only allow 2% fee. Our contention is this: We had a ballot and voted 1997 another ballot that was approved by 75.8% of voters. Bill brown admitted in 2010 that we would run out of money. Assessment name was changed and records show 651,000\$ collected. If Sheriff was eliminated in 2010 there should have been another ballot and should have not been paying it if we didn't have the

dedicated Sheriff any longer. If you haven't signed a petition for the a Grand Jury investigation then please fill it out and Barney will send it in. Vince wanted to know if we are waiting for this investigation results to move forward. Melanie wanted to know what landscaping is being maintained. Community member wanted to know if he stipulated where the money is going. Jason gave information to Barney for us all to review tonight at the meeting and will be emailed to the MAC board to review. Melanie brought up Tony Mizes was honest and brought up to county that the agreement was that the apartments would pay the CSA tax. Community member asked if we have a vote again on this are we going to put in a sunset clause for the future.

Barney read the impartial Analysis of Measure T special tax to fund County service area 126. , Highgrove Zone A " The tax will be retained in the CSA fund to be used only for the purposes of continuing Extended Sheriff, Park and Recreation Services and improvements. The tax cannot be increased except by a 2/3 vote".

- Highgrove MAC appointments will go through next Tuesday, and will hold appointments in September.

6. New Business:

- High Density Housing and Bixby property. County wanting to change zone and permit from Single Density Housing and High Density Housing project. Barney asked Jason if we could get in writing that if a development is being considered that it comes to the MAC board first before the county approves and decides to build. Jason stated that it's already in writing and he will provide that to the MAC Board.
- Used Car Lot on Iowa Ave.: Mike Zgoul, Area Manager of 24 Apartment Complex Services, General Contractor. Map on the back developer would like to build a used car lot. Owner spoke a small building 1000 sq feet and rest will be a parking lot across the street from Barber and Taco Jr. MAC board voted and approved the lot to go in. Motioned by Melanie, and seconded by Raina to approve the plans that were submitted to MAC board this evening.

7. Agency Reports & Council Member Reports:

- Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Grant opened July 1. Non-profit or government agency. On the website. First come first serve
- Sheriff Report: Lt. Dave Kondrutt: Crime impact report: Highgrove had part 1 crimes (Shooting), 1 theft. Advised community to call and report, not to Facebook but to call the Sheriff. Dave said if they do not come then to call him. Car racing brought up. We receive \$25,000/year. Dept. is receiving \$35,000 for proactive specialized patrol. Dave does not know where the money is coming from or is it coming from our CSA fund or general fund.

- Street racing and fireworks brought up.
- Code Enforcement: Jason reported that Marr Christian is no longer our Code Enforcement officer as he has went to Perris, now its Marcy Villanueva and Tracey Towner.
 - CHP Report: Not present
 - Fire Dept. Report not present
 - Animal Control: Mark Visyak: reported that it has decreased since last month. July 21 to today only 11 calls. 2 dog bites. 1 death, 1 violation of dangerous dog order. Investigation of dogs, and leash law. Urban Coyote pamphlet discussed and handed out advise to keep small dogs and animals indoors. Animal bus was here today. Will bring the total stats for 10 months of the Animal Vaccination Bus that does microchipping. Next one is Sept 21, 2016. It's the whole process that is administered to the animals on the bus. Donkey Rescue with grant money has been set up in Highgrove by Bob Barker
 - MAC Members Report:
 - Becky: EDA tree memorial tree is going to be replanted by the gardener. Wants to know about the corner of Iowa and Center if there is a permit for the business.
 - Denis: August 27 Highland Methodist Church free breakfast
 - Melanie wants to know about the quiet Zone from the railroads.
 - Vince: Wanted to know about the graffiti.
 - Raina: No comment at this time.
 - Barney: How important it is for our minutes. How much went to the Sheriff etc and he went back to 1992. Gave the copies to the library for safe keeping for future reference and was sent to the Grand Jury as well.

8. Public Comments/Board Member Reports

- Steven Delayo: works for City of Riverside and asked for a donation for graffiti removal project, esp. next to Valero as it is the entrance of Highgrove and wants to know how to get onto the property as it is fenced. Jason advised him to get ahold of the property owner. Becky commented how to look it up with Tax Bill and the APN. Can ask for more money down the road for the future. Lt Kondrit said to send pictures to him of the graffiti.
- Barney gave a letter to Jason about how hard it is to get ahold of waste management.
- Barney brought up no whistling zone and wrote a letter to BNSF railroad and advised to contact Supervisor Tavaglione a week ago in order to start the process. In order to have a no whistling zone need a median and double gates on both sides.
- Highgrove station sign was removed and would like it replaced and Barney wrote a letter to Lena.
- Community member wanted to know why they are parked and the train blows the whistle while parked.

- Barney will get a ph number and put in the paper for those who have concern to report.
- Louise stated there will be a no whistling zone in our region as stated by RTC at a meeting.

All persons wishing to address the Council on matters not on the agenda should do so at this time. Please limit your remarks to three (3) minutes. As determined by the chair, speakers may be deferred until a related agenda item is before the Council's consideration. Please state name and address.

9. Items for Future Agenda

1. Graffiti Removal Project
2. MAC Financial Report
3. Riverside County Planning
4. MAC Appointments
5. No Whistle Zone
6. Grand Jury Investigation

10. Announcements:

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2016

11. Adjournment: 20:45

Further questions or comments please contact:
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