



HIGHGROVE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Highgrove Library
530 W. Center Street, Highgrove, CA 92507
Wednesday, February 18th, 2015
7:00pm
Minutes

1. **Call to Order: 1905**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call and Introductions:** Don Earp, Denis Kidd, Becky Luther, Barney Barnett, Raina Boal, Vince Yu, Melanie Zimmermann
4. **Approval of Agenda:** 1st Vince Yu, 2nd by Don Earp
5. **Old Business:**
 - **Presentation: Sheriff Coverage Options By Riverside County Sheriff and Riverside County EDA CSA**
 - Jason Farin spoke in regards to the options that would benefit Highgrove residents. Special Enforcement would focus on sexual registrants, noise sweeps, pole cameras for illegal dumping, Code Enforcement for the Neighborhood Watch, prostitution sweeps, Parolee/Probation check ups.
 - Sheriff Captain Horton stated that we have a Deputy Sheriff here 24/7. He would like to have these special teams to help mitigate crime before it occurs. Money would be set aside from the CSA to place two Deputies at an overtime rate to do a set of responsibilities that would report to LT Werges.
 - Bill BROWN, representing the county, summarized that the amount of money that we have been collecting per parcel is \$120/yr. and the amount this CSA brings in is \$251,000/year. The cost of a dedicated deputy exceeds the amount of money that the CSA brings in per year. Brown and Sheriff's dept. came up with a plan that they would like to use that allows the Sheriff Captain and his team to allocate the CSA money where it would fit into our budget to target the needs of our community.
 - Regional Parks and Recreation is now being used to maintain our one park and the little strip of land by the freeway with the orange trees. According to Bill Brown, in May 2013, County Supervisors made the decision to have Regional Park and and Open Space District (no longer the CSA) maintain the Highgrove Community Park at the rate of \$117,500/year for the 2014-2015 year which is 46% of the CSA budget. According to Bill Brown, there is

\$357,576 in the Highgrove savings account but we will be spending \$ 21,000 out of savings acct for deficit spending. The State of California mandates that we keep 50% of what we spend per year in our savings account. We need to keep money in case of an emergency (i.e. kitchen fire, bathroom burned down, etc.) because money from the General Fund may take a while to come in.

- The new houses going up on in Spring Mountain Ranch in Highgrove will be paying a \$2,000 fee per year for their special fund but that has no Sheriff built into that budget. The 1,409 homes in Spring Mountain Ranch and the taxes they pay will mainly be for landscaping, the water basin, Parks and Rec, streetlights, sloped landscaping and mandatory water control, according to Bill Brown.

6. New Business:

- **Sewer Hook-up:** No one knows how much it costs to hook up to sewer in Highgrove.
- **SOCAL Edison Representative Update:** Jason needs a list of the lights that are out.
- **Tumbleweeds:** Worksheet sent from Jason to MAC how to change the ordinance. Barney spoke to three property owners to try to put up a barbed wire fence to contain the tumbleweeds.
- **Neighborhood Watch:**
 - Deputy Cryder here to speak about Volunteer Citizens Patrol (CVP). Highgrove will not need to purchase a car as there are 5 available. Currently there are not any volunteers from Highgrove. CVP are extra eyes and ears for the Officers and assist the Sheriff. Contact: 951-955-9225 email jcryder@riversidesheriff.org
 - USAwatch.org, NCPC.org and brochures were presented. Talk to your neighbors about participating in Neighborhood Watch. Need at least 3-5 interested households. Signs are not provided by Sheriff's Dept. Contact county roads to get approval of where to put the sign.
- **Highgrove Day:** Dena commented on Highgrove Day. On hold until we get in touch with Regional County Park and Rec Dept. Jason said he will explore some options. Theme is "American Pride" for the 2015 Highgrove Day.

7. Agency Reports & Council Member Reports:

- **Board of Supervisors Report:** Jason Caesar Chavez Community Center free Health Fair 951 236 3171 8 am-4pm this Sat. Feb 21, 2015.
- **Sheriff Report:** No additional comments
- **Code Enforcement:** Call Marr Christian 951-955-5650 about the Big Rigs parked on the streets
- **CHP Report:** Not present
- **Fire Dept. Report:** On a call
- **MAC Members Report:**
 - Don: weeds up and down the streets of Highgrove.

- Denis: Sun March 8th is the Blue Mountain Hike 8am-1045 am start time and go down by 2 pm. Last Sunday of the month is a free breakfast at Methodist Church.
- Melanie: Tumble weed info.
- Vince: Believe there is another pot distribution place.
- Barney: has the building plans of expanding the John Deer Dealership, document dated Feb 2nd, 2015.

8. Public Comments/ Board Member Reports: Waste Management issue brought up by Melanie and asked if the woman has contacted Waste Management.

9. Items for Future Agenda

Sewer, Neighborhood Watch, Sheriff, Highgrove Day, SoCal Edison

10. Announcements: Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 18th, 2015

11. Adjournment: 2113

***Further questions or comments please contact: Jason Farin, Legislative Assistant 951.955.1020. Agendas may be found online the Monday prior to our meeting at the following address: www.rivcodistrict2.org