



HIGHGROVE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Highgrove Library
530 W. Center Street, Highgrove, CA 92507
Wednesday, May 20, 2015
7:00pm
Minutes

1. Call to Order:

1900 by Barney Barnett

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Greg Casteel, Highgrove Fire Captain

3. Roll Call and Introductions:

Melanie Zimmermann, Raina Boal, Denis Kidd, Becky Luther, Don Earp, Barney Barnett, and Vince Yu.

Self introductions: Buzz Bavielloo and Fred Marcher-Sheriff Volunteers, Lieutenant Ken Werges, Toni Mize, Mark Visyak, Debbie Melvin, Beatrice Etchison, Dena Guyer and Louise Gutierrez.

4. Approval of Agenda & Minutes for April 2015

Tabled until next meeting

5 Old Business:

- **Riverside County Sheriff fee.** Parcel fee: Spring Mountain Ranch (SMR) not being charged or paying the fee. On April 22, 2015 Barney Mel and Denis met with Supervisor Tavaglione and 8 others and discussed the parcel fee. Barney discussed the map and showed that Spring Mountain Ranch is within the county lines and is within Highgrove's parcel fee jurisdiction. On May 4th Barney had another meeting with Supervisor Tavaglione, Jason Farin and John Field and the \$120 annual parcel fee was discussed. Supervisor Tavaglione is in agreement with the MAC and is committed to finding a solution pending legal advice. He will hold a meeting with County Counsel. The Parcel owner fee is a lot of money that could go to help pay for our own Sheriff. Debbie stated there are about 100 additional parcels already being considered in another project that is not part of Spring Mountain Ranch. The MAC board was not aware that the Spring Mountain Ranch property owners were not being charged the parcel fee until after the decision was already made and it was announced by Bill Brown at the

Feb. 18, 2015 Highgrove MAC meeting. Denis stated that SMR was part CSA 126A which is everything east of the I-215 freeway.

- **Neighborhood Watch:** Deputy Werges asked who is still having problems with mail theft. No one raised his or her hand. Denis said there were two burglaries in Grand Terrace. Everyone who signed up for the neighborhood watch or Citizens Patrol from last meeting was contacted. There is strength in numbers with a Neighborhood Watch and residents were encouraged to participate. A new program called Next Door was also mentioned. It's like Facebook for a neighborhood and provides maps and email accessibility to whoever signs up for the program on the computer. We went over a Neighborhood Watch checklist which is useful for those with health risks or residents observing unusual cars parked in the neighborhood. Buzz Baviello and Fred Marcher discussed the Citizens Volunteer Patrol program. Volunteers fill a lot of different roles, in clerical, logistics, event participation, armory, DUI checkpoints or those who ride in the vehicles and respond to incidents or patrol. In order to patrol, a 40-hour training program is required to learn CPR, radio dispatch, and driving, etc. Melanie wanted to know what response we got from those who signed up at the last meeting. CVP is not armed but their presence deters crime from happening. CVP meeting time is on the 4th Wednesday every month at the Jurupa Valley Station Sat 8-5pm. Academy is 3 times a year and you must attend within one year of being hired. Once graduated then they take you out to help get acclimated to the process or the radio calls, etc. Toni Mize stated there is a Crime Free Multi Housing training program like CVP at Riverside City Police Station. Barney encouraged community members to sign up and volunteer.

6. **New Business:**

- **Highgrove Day,** May 9, 2015 recap by Deena Guyer. We had about 50 vendors and a peaceful family fun event. Melanie mentioned Diving Dogs for next year and thanked Toni Mize and Vince Yu for donating to the event. We had a Kids Zone and a 42 member concert band under the main canopy. And we had fly over by a T-34 airplane from MARB. We thanked Louise Gutierrez for her volunteering. Dena will let everyone know when recap meeting is for the committee.
- **Highgrove Financial Report:** \$3,127.81 is available for 2016

7. **Agency Reports and Board Member Reports:**

- **Board of Supervisors Report:** No one from County present.
- **Sheriffs Report: Officer Werges:** Said there is a SWAT team and focuses on enforcement that has 6 cars. Part 1 crimes have decreased significantly. Down on crime overall about a 55% drop in crime in the last month. Beatrice thanked Officer Werges. Melanie asked Sheriff about the alarm going off at the Highgrove Elementary school and wanted to know who to call when the alarm goes off.

Riverside County Fire Dept: Captain Greg Casteel spoke about not planting orange grove in the plot of land by the fire station, but now approval for water saving landscaping.

8. MAC Members Report:

- **Denis:** 4th Sunday of this month at Highgrove Methodist Church is a free breakfast. Sat., June 6, Grand Terrace Day. 3rd Sat in June is Citrus Label Society Meeting
- **Becky:** Spoke about Linda, the RR crossing guard having to stand outside her car at all times and wanted to know if there is anything we could do to get her a shelter
- **Vince:** Said Highgrove Day went well.
- **Melanie:** Vendors from HG Day brought in: \$730.00
- **Barney:** Sent package off to Sacramento about Regional Transportation Plan - Metrolink.

9. Public comments:

- Debbie would like to change the name of Blue Mountain Drive on the east side of Mt. Vernon Ave. back to East Spring Street and will talk to the two property owners on Blue Mountain Drive. .
- Tony Mize: Pointed out the signs that are going to go up at the Highgrove Blossom Apartments stating NO SMOKING on the property but SERVICE ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED AT THE APARTMENTS.
- Mark brought up Dog on Dog altercation at the pocket park at the Highgrove Blossom Apartments.

10. Items for Future Agenda:

- Sheriffs parcel fee
- Neighborhood Watch and Citizens Volunteer Patrol
- Street name change from Blue Mountain Drive to East Spring Street
- Sewer for Highgrove

11. Announcements:

- Louise: Beats Program starting and 50 plus exercise class every Tuesday and Thursday from 1030am
- Next meeting date: Wednesday, JUNE 17, 2015, at 7pm

12. Adjournment:

8:50 pm

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