



**Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council**  
Highgrove Library  
530 W Center Street, Highgrove Ca 92507  
Wednesday, May 18, 2016  
*Minutes*

1. **Call to Order:** 19:05
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call and Introductions:** All present, but Barney. Absent and excused, Raina late due to Baseball opening ceremonies.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Deferred.
5. **Old Business:**
  - Highgrove Parcel Assessment: Looking into, will discuss at the next meeting.
  - Highgrove Day Report: No report at this time. Working on getting a 501c3 status. One cooking vendor was very good, the other food vendor was asked to leave by Health Dept due to the rain getting into the food. There will be an official report being prepared.
6. **New Business:**
  - Rails to Trails via Old Union Pacific RR Tracks: Old tracks to be made into trails.
  - MAC Appointments: Renewing the application and have one opening.
7. **Agency Reports & Council Member Reports:**
  - Sheriff Report Crime stats: 1 assault and 1 auto theft in this period. Sheriff Dept does not monitor Facebook for crime reports so they must be reported. We still have homeless in the arroyo and there is 5, one of which is a veteran. Sheriff Dept has a homeless team. There is a group of providers to help care for the homeless as there is no county jail space for them. Melanie wanted to know since they are right on the line of the City of Riverside and Highgrove and wanted to know if we are paying for our funds. The city is helping to pay for the Homeless task force as well as the County Task Force for the Homeless. They work together so they are not duplicating services and have documentation in the system to know who's doing what in the process.
  - Code Enforcement: Not present, Marr will be back next month.

- CHP Report: Not present
- Fire Dept. Report not present
- MAC Members Report:
  - Jason Farin: reported an update on the CSA parcel assessment fee. Exec office the county is busy with the budget and will have update on the audit after June. Mel wants transparency of the tax bill in the new homes and when they began paying. Jason announced MAC appointments everyone is due and advised to send an email showing interest
  - Denis Kidd: Last Saturday of the month Highgrove Methodist Church has free breakfast for the community.
  - Melanie: Stated that last year kids from the school are having sex at the park and wants to bring it to the sheriff's attention.
  - Vince: Involved in an incident at the park, concerning baseball and park use. Raina called Vince to intercede as there was a practice for her son's baseball team and a player and his grandmother were at the park already when another man showed up from a girls softball team aka (Colon) and was trying to take the use of the field from the boy and his grandmother and tried running him off. Raina arrived and explained to the softball coach that the boy was their first holding the field, that the team was having practice there and he is more than welcome to use the other open field at the park as it is a first come first serve basis and that the boy was their first. Raina said the softball coach was trying to bully the boy's team off the field and continue to set up his practice gear. Raina called Vince because she had to run to the hospital for a doctor's appointment and he continued to argue with Raina and would not get off the field and he wanted to talk to someone on the MAC board. Raina told him that she's on the board and reiterated that this is a first come first serve basis then the softball coach said he wanted someone else so Raina called Vince. Raina left to her doctor appointment. Vince went down to the park and called the police on the nonemergency line and then they put him through to the SB County Sheriff's Dept. When Vince got to the park both teams were there and the adult from the boy's baseball team was doing batting practice with the boy's. The girl's softball coach came up to Vince when he arrived and Vince told him he called the police. The girl's softball coach said he lived around the corner and normally practices at Reid Park, but the fields were full so he came here to practice instead for 30 minutes but the boy's team won't move off the field. Vince told the coach technically the boy's were there first but he couldn't use the other field. The softball coach said there are two people down there on the other on the other field right now. Then said well then that serves and proves a point that there is another person here and then the softball coach got upset and said that he was in law-enforcement and was a probation or correction officer or something. Vince stated I don't know what to do other than if you were here earlier than them they would concede to you but they were here before you. Colon, the softball coach was upset and stated that

Vince was just siding with Raina because she was on the Mac board. Vince said, "no I really don't even know what's going on, but since a kid is on the field first you can't ask him to leave... it's like a kid on a swing set and I assume if somebody's on the swing you can't just tell him to leave and take it from him." Meanwhile, Vince saw the sheriff show up. At this point the coach of the boy's team showed up and the coach from the softball team told Vince I don't want to be mean about it but, I'm going to have my team practice out in the outfield and I can't guarantee that one of our balls isn't going to hit one of those kids but "I don't want to be a dick about it." Vince stated that that was a bad move, but, Vince said he didn't know whose authority it was. At that point the gentleman who is helping run the practice for the boy's said if your practice is normally at Reid Park you're on the wrong side of the tracks, it's over there, and apparently this Softball coach "Colon" assumed that the man helping with the boy's team was making a derogatory remark. A black grandma that was there then started screaming at Vince and the man helping with the team that the boy's team and Vince were racist. Vince was in disbelief and stated that's not what he said. When coach from the boy's team showed up he stated look we just want to have practice and if you got here before us then you would have the field but you weren't and I don't appreciate you telling the boy that he cannot be there he has every right to be there. Right after the coach from the boy's team said that the coach from the softball girls team "Colon" turned around and said, "it's because I'm Mexican isn't it." Right when the sheriff showed up to the actual field the girls softball coach changed his tone immediately and said "we will go over there officer because we don't want to cause any trouble." Vince told the softball coach you need to apologize to him (the boy's coach) for calling him racist because there was nothing about being racist it was about you bullying and trying to kick the boy off the field. Vince said that the the softball coach lied and said, "I didn't say anything and walked away." The sheriff's then rolled their eyes and walked back to their car. Vince said Highgrove is not on the Riverside County Park and Rec website and is hard to find on the map as well. In addition there is no address mentioned by Dena Guyer.

- Vince: Wanted to know who has the key to the Highgrove Snack Bar.
- Melanie: said, "Do we have to have a sign on the entrance to the park this says first come first serve?" She stated that our park is not listed on the Website and there is no address to the park. Wanted to know if it's been fixed on the website and so the teams can look on the website to use and put in a permit for use consecutively.
- Raina: Stated that there was an audio/video recording of the incident documenting the boy's coach discussion with the softball coach and the softball coach calling him racist. It also showed the softball coach and his change in behavior when the Sheriff arrived and his change in his wording and tone playing "the peacekeeper role" when the Sheriff arrived. Stated there was no racial connotation at all.

- Melanie: 4<sup>th</sup> of July and fireworks: wanted to know if they was going to be security at the apartments. Advised all to call Sheriff Dispatch. Stated there is a 25 foot clearance to no smoking to entrance and on county facilities. Melanie wanted to know an update on the upkeep of the islands and the maintenance of them.
- Vince: said one guy is working on the medians and painting the pipes purple. Jason: said he would follow up on that.

## **8. Public Comments/Board Member Reports**

- Dena stated there were people in front of the library smoking and parking in the library parking lot. Tony Mize stated there is a 25 ft distance of not smoking from any county property. Louise Gutierrez, Librarian stated that there are no nonsmoking signs at the entrance of the Library. She is requesting no smoking signs.
- Jason Farin: Stated that the CSA maintains the oranges just off the freeway in the entrance area to Highgrove.

*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. Park on the MAP
2. Highgrove Day
3. Rails to Trails

## **10. Announcements:**

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, June 15, 2016

## **11. Adjournment: 20:00**

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