



**Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council**  
Highgrove Library  
530 W Center Street, Highgrove Ca 92507  
Wednesday, November 16, 2016  
*Minutes*

1. **Call to Order:** 19:02
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Jason Farin
3. **Roll Call and Introductions:** Members of community introduced themselves. Attached will find copy of members of community sign-in sheet that are present All board members present: Becky Luther, Barney Barnett, Denis Kid, Raina Boal, Melanie Zimmerman, and Vince Yu
4. **Approval of Minutes: POSTPONED until further review of revised minutes RAINA MOVED AND VINCE SECONDED.**
5. **New Business:**
  - **Proposed Development - Presentation by Greg Lansing.** Barney gave brief history of discussions. Barney stated in Sept 2014 had a meeting with Mike Severtson and MAC met and agreed that the Bigsby property would be single family homes. Barney presented a map in Highgrove Newspaper and article. Stated it is a good-sized site and within walking distance. Would like to bring a small shopping center to the area such as a Trader Joes and Starbucks, Panera Bread, etc. Greg Lansing of Lansing gave handouts and wants to purchase the land. If the community does not want to have it developed and is not in support of what the community wants then they will not proceed. Understands that that property has been through SCEQA and the Affordable Housing element that the state is requiring. Door will be closed after Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Is offering to the community and wanting feedback.

Community member asked what it is presently. It's a SFU currently.

Melanie wanted to know about the proposed housing. It's market rate housing and High Density Housing Concept. Which is mixed use type of project.

Greg Lansing stated we do need to know the vetting of the MAC to go forward

and change the zoning from SFU to MU in order to proceed with this project at the Dec 6<sup>th</sup> County meeting.

Barney stated that we need services offered in Highgrove. Need to be very careful on what we put in our heart of Highgrove and it's very important to make and decision. Wanting to know if there was a notice given to anyone about the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jason wanted to know from Barney if he is suggesting having another Public meeting re: a state mandate of High Density Housing.

Beatrice pointed out that 1400 units (1100 units per Lansing) would bring a lot more people.

Raina made a summary of the information presented and was in support of the development with additional business opportunities.

Melanie wanted to know if we could have an underpass built.

Barney stated we have more housing going in Spring Street and by Palmyrita.

Jason also supported making a decision.

Melanie likes the idea.

Tony Mize spoke and was in support of this development for our community and thinks it is a very good thing for Highgrove.

Developer spoke RE: Previous development. Helps the County of SBO develop property.

Denis Kidd motioned to make zone change to MU from SFU. Seconded by Melanie. All in favor

- **Highgrove MAC 2017 Schedule:** motioned by Melanie and seconded by Becky Luther. Schedule was approved for next years meeting.

## 6. Old Business:

- **Graffiti Project** Steve not here to present.
- **Truck Routes** Pre ordained that city to use Main Street as a truck route. Gilbert: Plan by transportation commission to build an underpass underneath the tracks. Another version is: on Main Street to build an underpass. The CJUSD has opposed the underpass. Jason is looking into it to see if Riverside County has approved it in the past. Residents from Main Street said it's a mess when the trucks are stuck going up Main Street.

- **Additional Questions for Highgrove Parcel Fee:** Parcel fees paying for over seven years. Have talked about this over several meetings and paying for a service we don't have. Have talked about a lawsuit with the county. Have a list of 27 questions to send to the County of Riverside.

Vince motions to send the questions to Supervisor Tavaglione's office, seconded by Raina. The submitted questions to the county will have a deadline to respond by Jan 3 2017.

- **Standing Water:** Barney talked to Jason, picture was given about Riverside Canal. If it is standing water then call Jason to inquire with Flood Control.

## 7. Agency Reports & Council Member Reports:

- **Sheriff Report:** Dept. Bragg, Sargent Davis, LT Sharp, Captain Horton spoke. Been a Capt. for 3 years. Reminding everyone that we do have 24-hour service in our community. If you have questions about outstanding concerns know you can call Lt Sharp and will take your phone number and call you back. He extended that there is no problem to small. Melanie wanted to know if we are getting Sheriff protection in Highgrove on the other side of the freeway. Capt. Horton said we are getting Sheriff coverage in the entire unincorporated area of Highgrove. Phone number provided by Capt. Horton: 951-955-2600 during regular business hours.

Stats: 15 Part 1 crimes. 6 burglary's, 2 identity thefts, 1 robberies 3 thefts, 1 assault, 1 homicide.

**Melanie wants stats and locations.** Says she has asked several times for this info and suggested we get this info at each meeting printed out.

- **Code Enforcement:** Not present.
- **CHP Report:** Not present.
- **Fire Dept. Report:** Not present.
- **Animal Control:** Mark: Oct 20 to Nov 15. 8 calls Mark ran. Had some kennel violation. Spay neuter bus had her last Wednesday. From Feb to present: 138 total spayed/neutered. (126 dogs and 12 cats.) Total \$14,127in savings to the community. Mark stated the bus would now extend to other areas. December bus is already all booked.

## 8. Public Comments/Board Member Reports

Public Comments:

- Gilbert Rangel: Used to work for Riverside County. He was the guy who did the budget for the CSA 20 years ago and every year they would do the

budget. Originally it was the light budget, and then the park side was added. He did the last one in 1996 and included the budget for the Community Center. Wanted to know how we could miss getting a report from the county. Stated Jason should have been at the meeting the whole time instead of leaving early. Stated that we are paying \$120 and what are we paying for. Wanted to know why the County is stonewalling.

- Denis: Brown is no longer there and SMR is paying the \$120 fees. Now we are getting special force and the Extended Sheriff coverage.
- Gilbert Rangel: Wanted to know about Barney's position as head of newspaper and being ahead of the MAC. Believe that it is a conflict of interest. Jason will check into that.
- Beatrice: Wants to know what's going on with the parcel. Barney answered: 36 SFH will be built.

#### Board Member Reports:

- Denis: Highgrove Methodist Church, Saturday November, free breakfast at 9-10am. Sponsored by the Box Springs Parish. December 31 the Highgrove Methodist Church will offer another free breakfast to the community
- Vince: Did want to know how to get ahold of Steve about the Graffiti Project, as he has not made contact with Vince yet.
- Barney: No whistling Zone for the trains. Barney sent a note to the county to ask them to pursue a no whistling zone.

*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**

- Response from the County regarding the 27 Questions
- Graffiti Update
- Truck Route

#### **10. Announcements:**

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, January 18, 2017

#### **11. Adjournment**

Further questions or comments please contact:  
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