



HIGHGROVE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Highgrove Library
530 W. Center Street, Highgrove, CA 92507
Wednesday, September 16, 2015
7:00pm
Minutes

1. Call to Order:

19:02 by Barney Barnett

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Supervisor Tavaglione

3. Roll Call and Introductions:

Melanie Zimmermann, Denis Kidd, Vince Yu, Raina Boal and R A "Barney" Barnett. Don Earp and Becky Luther absent. Self-introductions were made around the room.

4. Approval of August 2015 Minutes

Approved by Melanie Zimmermann, 2nd by Vince Yu.

5 Old Business:

Parcel Assessment: Supervisor Tavaglione spoke about CSA 126E parcel assessment. The assessment was put in place by previous Supervisor Younglove for Law Enforcement and Parks and Recreation. Denis Kidd recalled that when we wanted more Sheriff's protection, previous Supervisor Younglove said we would have to pay for it after voter approval. Tavaglione said he would not have recommended for us to have that assessment. The current Law Enforcement coverage is being paid from the General Fund. From 2002-2006 more Law Enforcement was added to the streets. The new Spring Mountain Ranch Development is not required to pay into the Parcel Assessment fund, and Tavaglione is unsure why they can't go back and change that, but they are talking to County Attorney who stated it may be possible to change it. Barney asked how long we have been without our Dedicated Sheriff. Barney referred to a question asked about what will the 2nd district do going in the future. Jason Farin stated in an e-mail that all new developments would be paying the fee. Barney stated that all parcels within the boundaries of CSA 126E have been paying the parcel assessment for many years and wondered why the new Spring

Mountain Ranch development doesn't have to pay. Barney said if it's too late to include Spring Mountain Ranch on the tax bills, maybe there could be a supplemental tax bill sent to the Spring Mountain Ranch property owners. Tavaglione doesn't know why Spring Mountain Ranch was excluded. Tavaglione: Stated he may not be able to go back and tax those homes already built, but maybe will be able to tax the new homes being built. Tavaglione said the audit is about a month away to see where our CSA126E money has been spent.

Parks Maintenance and the CSA 126E fee was addressed. Jason stated that Spring Mountain Ranch is paying about \$2,000 per year for taxes for maintenance of the arroyo, and landscaping but Barney said that none of the \$2,000 was going to the CSA 126E fund that pays into the Sheriff fund. Vincent said that we are having more Sheriff Deputies at night.

Vincent bought up the park maintenance and wanted to know why we changed maintenance services and why it went up exponentially. Jason: Previously it was EDA/Redevelopment maintaining the park but Redevelopment was dissolved. Now County Regional Parks is maintaining the park. Tavaglione: Park fee at Spring Mountain Ranch is being paid by the residents in SMR, but anyone can go and use the parks just as we in Highgrove proper are paying Regional Parks to maintain our parks, anyone can use either one of them.

5. New Business:

Barney spoke about the wording of the "Highgrove Community Center Advisory Council" that was established to help find out what programs the people of Highgrove want from the community center. He contacted the center and the wording will be changed so it won't be confused with the "Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council".

6. Agency Reports and Board Member Reports:

- **Sheriffs Report: Officer Werges:** Lt. Werges introduced new Lieutenant Dave Kondrit. Crime dropped when we didn't have the 40hr/week dedicated deputy. Same Deputies assigned to the same area and so it's a "Community" level assignment. Dept. has gone from 1,400 to 2,500 sworn deputies since Lt. joined the RSD. Stats are: overall crime down about 6% from last year. Sheriff has about 7-10 calls per day in Highgrove. Focused enforcement has been successful and is focused on Quality of Life issues. Adam asked about the pot dispensary and said he has called Code Enforcement already.
- **Code Enforcement:** No one present
- **CHP:** No one present
- **Riverside County Fire Dept:** No one present.

7. MAC Board Members Report:

- Barney:
 - Showed a picture of standing water on the south east corner of Mt Vernon and Center.
 - Spring Brook Estates Property: Barney corrected last month's reference to Spring Brook Estates that should be 650 houses "not 650 acres".
 - Barney showed pictures of Graffiti and the locations. Barney will give pictures to the County. County no longer paints over buildings on private property. Jason passed out graffiti flyers.
 - Would like to show Tavaglione where the Metrolink Stations are proposed.
 - Barney brought up an article concerning the Highgrove Community Plan from June 1999 and 61 people or agencies were notified but no one was from Highgrove.
 - He would like another Highgrove Area Plan. Barney presented a list of 16 items that are needed in Highgrove and will give a copy to Tavaglione to review. Barney submitted the 16 items to the Planning Department. Tavaglione asked Barney to resubmit the 16 items to his office.

- Melanie:
 - Brought up the Spring Brook Estates property and the tumble weed problems. Melanie wanted to know what about the notification of residences within 300 feet for new development around existing homes.

8. Public comments:

- Adam Ornelas: Stated that new development will be built in Colton which will be over 400 new homes on the west side of the freeway. Tavaglione will look into it at the planning dept. and will follow up.

- A member of the community wanted to know about a road in Reche Canyon. Denis Kidd said there is a plan for a new road from the top of Pigeon Pass in Moreno Valley to Highgrove but it is in the distant future.

9. Items for Future Agenda:

- Audit
- Spring Mountain Ranch parcel fee
- Graffiti
- Sewer

10. Announcements:

- Next meeting date: Wednesday, October 21, 2015

11. Adjournment:
20:55

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