



Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council
Highgrove Library
530 W Center Street, Highgrove Ca 92507
Wednesday, September 21, 2016
Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** 19:09
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Dave Kondrit
3. **Roll Call and Introductions:** All present
4. **Approval of Minutes:** August Minutes Motioned by Vince Yu and approved by:
2nd motion by Denis Kidd.
5. **Old Business:**
 - Highgrove MAC Appointments: Jason Farin discussed Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary positions to be appointed by MAC members tonight by their vote of positions. Will announce at end of meeting.
 - Highgrove Day Financial Report: Started out with \$ exp 5,000 balance 1,965.53 donations covered. Items paid for Trophies security and the tents. Donation thank you are going out. Becky will have a written report next meeting. Numbers may not be accurate and so Becky will send the numbers to Raina.
 - Highgrove Metrolink Report: Barney been working on this for 15 years. Barney has an idea of a location for that station. Diamond Bar AQMD meeting attended by Barney and showed a video in regards to numbers of trains that go through San Bernardino and Riverside. In 10 years 33,852 Metrolink Trains have been through Highgrove. Barney would like to get on the agenda for the RCTC meeting and that 3 minutes is not enough. Barney read the letter that he sent to Supervisor Tavaglione re: Metrolink Station in Highgrove asking for a 15 min time slot September 14 meeting Agenda. Jason Farin called and said Supervisor is not allowing Barney to be on the agenda. Barney has attended and did 3 minutes but it is not enough time to cover all the information that needs to be presented. Melanie asked if it was presented to the rest of the commissioners and encouraged Barney to go to meeting and ask the additional commissioners to get on the agenda. RCTC may use that area of land for storage. Denis asked about talking to the representative from Riverside. Raina asked who owns that plot of land and Barney stated its

owned by RCTC. Barney encouraged public support to go to the meetings. When Supervisor Tavaglione became Supervisor of our district he asked Barney about Highgrove becoming a city. Barney stated basically not in favor of becoming a city at that time.

- Grand Jury Investigation Report: Barney stated that a packet was given to the Grand Jury and that Highgrove had a number of supporters. Barney's June 24th, 2016 Complaint 16-17 004 letter was read re: CSA 126. On August 29th, Barney was notified by mail that an investigation and case has been closed as the evidence does not support a continued investigation. Barney wants to know If Spring Mountain Ranch is paying where does the money go to as a break down to Sheriff and to the Parks and Recreation. Barney believes that Highgrove is being treated unfairly. Audit is still pending. Barney suggests that we go to court to get our money back. Beatrice wants to know what additional Sheriff protection do we actually have and value the additional Sheriff protection. Barney states that we were paying a service that we weren't receiving. Vince clarified what is being Lt. Kondritt, Riverside County Sheriff, tries to put the same deputies here in Highgrove. Barney wanted to know how much specifically is being paid. Melanie suggested a new ballot. Jason asked if this is the consensus of the MAC Board. Raina asked how would this affect our community if this special tax was stopped? Jason stated Parks, streets and medians wouldn't be maintained. Denis clarified that he would like to keep the 120\$ fee. Beatrice suggested that whenever we ask for a financial report we should automatically be given one the next year. Jason Farin stated MAC could make a recommendation to request a financial report. Lt. Kondritt states he's 100% sure that the money for Special Sheriff Services is coming from the additional taxes we are paying. Raina motions to have a closed session meeting before our next meeting, and Vince Yu seconds in order to further discuss the CSA 126 tax and information surrounding it. We will set a date and let everyone know.

6. New Business:

- Riverside County General Plan/Highgrove Area Plan: Barney introduced the topic and gave the following background: New applicant to place a used car lot presented to Highgrove MAC prior to going to the county. General Plan to include 68 acres of High Density Housing which MAC had approved Single Family Housing. Kristi Lovelady From Riverside County Planning Dept. attended and spoke about the High Density Homes. Now the Bigsby Property has been taken out of the General Plan and will not have them as High Density Housing that's affordable. August 3rd attended the Planning Meeting re: Highgrove Development. Every 4 yrs update for housing for Baby Boomers and Millennials. County looked at 23 sites to accommodate 1000 acres and 30,303 units. Took it to environmental for EIR . Mixed-use land discussed and planning map shown. High Density Housing proposed for Mt Vernon and Center all the way to Spring St. Housing elements must be updated as required by the state. Oct 5th at 9am going to planning

commission for one additional hearing. November 15 or December ? of this calendar year. Existing streets are not proposed to change. Barney wanted to make sure that the community interests are being addressed in the General Plan Update. Kristi states that the county addresses that in a comprehensive way. Last two GP updates did not include Highgrove. 2017 will include Highgrove or may be a multi year process depending on funding. County has given Planning Dept. 3 outreach meetings to visit the MACs re: the General Plan and the Highgrove Community Plan. 5 Community Plans within this calendar year this year. Barney requested an update from the Planning Dept. at our MAC meeting and Kristi directed Barney to make request with Supervisor Tavaglione's Office and it's at the digression of Supervisors office. Barney highlighted the Highgrove Community plan in 1999 and 45 people were notified only in Highgrove. Melanie wanted to know if MAC could get a copy of the General Plan. Kristi directed us to go to the Riverside County Website. Louise Gutierrez, Library Manager said he could borrow it from the library. Kristi reviewed the transportation map. Pigeon Pass Corridor discussed but nothing to date is planned. Metro link station in Highgrove addressed by Kristi and Barney.

7. Agency Reports & Council Member Reports:

- Sheriff Report: Lt Spivacke came and Lt Dave Kondritt spoke and said that he has left the Jurupa station. Stated it's been a pleasure working with our community. This is final MAC crime report 9-6 to 9-19 2 Burglaries on Iowa St. 2: 1 on Iowa auto Viola Drive and Keone and 1 Burglary: Center St, one aggravated assault Iowa. 1 Petty theft on Iowa. MAC thanked him and congratulated him on his promotion to Captain at Banning Corrections Facility. Lt Spivacke listed his experience: In 28 years has worked as a Homicide Detective, a dog handler, a Sargent then transferred to Temecula, then to Detective Bureau and then to Hemet then to the Jails. He also works with the HOT team. He stated the November ballot may bring marijuana issues and with that homeless. Community member reported a Helicopter landed in empty field.
- Code Enforcement: Not present.
- CHP Report: Not present.
- Fire Dept. Report: Not present.
- Animal Control: Not present.

8. Public Comments/Board Member Reports

Public Comments:

- Community member stated that big rigs are parking in the community in our neighborhoods. Wants a sign on our streets stating the county ordinance. Truck is parking on the North side of Michigan. They give a ticket but still continues to park there again and again. Was given number to call.

Board Member Reports:

- Denis Highgrove United Methodist Church free Pancake Breakfast last Saturday of the month
- May minutes: corrections highlighted Motion to approve as corrected by Denis and Becky seconded.
- June minutes approved as presented. Denis Kidd Motioned to approve and Becky seconded.
- Nominations: Chairman: Barney Barnett, Becky Luther Vice Chairman, Secretary Raina Boal
- Barney spoke about the Graffiti right by the freeway.
- October 5th, 9am-12pm – Senior Health Fair at Country Village Senior Apartments in Jurupa Valley. Free dog and cat vaccines by Dr. Butchko and fly shots by Riverside County Public Health.
- October 13th - Spay and Neuter contact Animal Control for an appointment.
- Melanie wanted to know about Quiet Zone with the trains.

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

- Graffiti
- Measure O and 55 (repairs for schools)

10. Announcements:

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2016

11. Adjournment: 21:08

Further questions or comments please contact:
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