

BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)

The mission of the Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council is to engage the community and advise the County in order to solve problems, create solutions and set a course for the future of Bloomington.

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 6:30pm

The Bloomington MAC will hold meetings pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown act. Members of the public may participate electronically in the meetings.

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Meeting number (access code): 145 837 2944

(3) If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or general public comment, please submit your comments via email to supervisorbaca@sbcounty.gov. Your comments will be read into the record at the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 6:32 pm

Chair Mendez-Cantu introduced the Supervisor to do the welcome. Explained that protocols were changed to make meetings smoother. County is now in the orange tier, vaccines are now available to everyone 16 and over. This Saturday there's an event in Fontana for vaccinations. April 17th we have an Earth day event. We want to help out the Bloomington Little League (BLL) to make sure the park looks great for opening day. Gave a thanks to all the speakers.

2. ROLE CALL OF MAC MEMBERS

Gary Grossich- Present
Angela McClain - Present

Stephanie Santoyo- Present
Thomas Michael Rocha- Present

Larry Burgos- Present
Dianne Mendez-Cantu - Present

3. INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES IN ATTENDANCE

Daissy Arteaga spoke on behalf of Assembly Majority leader Eloise Reyes. Scholarships event is coming up for their office. They have their Young Legislators program opening up soon. California Relief Act event coming up.

West Valley Water District Director Greg Young.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Approval of Minutes – March 3, 2021 – Motion made by- MAC Member Angela McClain and 2nd by MAC Member Larry Burgos. Approved by all.

5. AGENCY STAFF REPORTS (pending availability)

- a) CHP - Officer Michael Tovsen- Started this position in May. 119 citations this year so far. 156 parking tickets, 65 impounded vehicles between 2 officers. Spoke about the broken window theory.
- b) Sheriff Department- Deputy Garry Dominguez – Was not able to make it.
- c) County Fire Department - Chief Bryan O'Hara- 224 emergency responses including traffic, fire... etc. auto pulse that allows for continuous chest compressions. Firework surrender days coming up. Press conference tomorrow in Fontana going over firework prevention. Offered to come to Opening day for BLL. Offered to attend Clean up event in Bloomington.
- d) Special District - Aaron Speer – Is ready for opening day. Working to get fresh clay, control the gofers, and get the fields painted. Excited to partner with Supervisor's office for the Earth Day clean up event. Current challenges are vandalism. Ayala Park is coming along.

MAC Member Gary Grossich asked that BLL have a table for Bloomington MAC so the community could see who they are face-to-face and meet them. Brought up a senior picnic. Aaron will be following up with Gary to coordinate.

- e) Colton Joint Unified School District- Israel Fuentes – Distance learning will continue. Sports are opening up. Breakfast and lunch are being provided. More sites opening up soon. In person graduations happening this year. Offered his personal information if anyone has any questions.
- f) County Legislative Update - Adam Acosta – County sponsored bills include AB 1190, AB 412, SB 683, and Spoke about Assembly Majority Reyes bill AB 1547. By next MAC meeting we would like to bring it to the MAC and maybe a staff member from their office can speak on it.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

- a) COVID-19 – Andrew Goldfrach, Interim Public Health Director – We have moved to Orange Tier. Please continue to practice social distancing. 3.4 cases/100,000. Trends continue to go down. Positivity rate is 1.8%. Encourages community to get vaccinated. In Bloomington, we have had 5,985 and has a positivity rate of 2.8%. Pfizer vaccine is now available to 16+ but need a parent or guardian. Moderna and J & J are 18+. 7 sites in the county, 2 state sites (one in Bloomington). 785,380 fully vaccinated in the county. 6,173 total residents have been vaccinated, with 23.5% fully vaccinated. More than 20 community partners. Stressed to continue to practice social distancing.

MAC Member Thomas Rocha, would like to include Spanish presentations. → Andrew said he has made note.

MAC Member Gary Grossich, requested to move vaccination site to Kessler Park → Andrew said he would follow up.

- b) LA Barge Project - Adam Acosta – Did a walk through a couple of months ago and the project is coming along very nice. Library is opening up very soon. We should do a walk through with the MAC once it's safe. He spoke about the Supervisor bringing up that he did not want woodchips, but requested a softer floor material to be used instead. There will be a community center for the community to rent, over 100 parking spots, basketball courts and will be ready in late summer.
- c) Listos Presentation - Irma Herrera – Video presentation regarding program. Latino community program to get the community ready for emergency services. Presentation on April 19 and 20th.
- d) Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr. Earth Day Community clean up at Kessler Park, Saturday April 17th - Roxanna Gracia – Roxanna invited those in attendance to participate and shared her contact information.
- e) Bloomington MAC Sign - Adam Acosta – Shared that we will have a rendering by next MAC meeting.

MAC Member Gary Grossich - Asked if we should have the developer contribute funds for an electric sign. Adam asked to send information over.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Old Business
 - Meeting Protocols
Chair Mendez-Cantu apologized to MAC members for those who did not get to speak. Brought up MAC member reports on agenda to ensure all MAC members get to speak.
 - Required documents-Ethic training, Business Cards, - Adam spoke about the ethics training and Roxanna said she sent a follow up email with the link and requested to please complete and send certificate ASAP. Adam said that business cards are coming.
- New Business – MAC Member Gary asked if we could start the AD-hoc committees. Chair Mendez- Cantu asked to email Roxanna if interested. Roxanna asked if MAC Member Gary can email the existing committee names.

MAC Member Thomas Rocha wants the MAC to take a stance for the dilapidated Omnitrans stations in Bloomington and on the Bloomington Business Park.

Adam asked Mac Member Rocha to please send pictures of the Omnitrans stations.

8. COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Bloomington Little League Opening Day, Saturday May 1st – Teresa spoke and invited the MAC members to attend at 8:30am. They invited the MAC to have a booth. Chair Mendez- Cantu said that Fire can attend and bring a fire truck. Offered to connect the BLL to the fire department.

Roxanna said that she will reach out to have a presence from Supervisor Joe Baca's office.

MAC Member Gary congratulated the BLL.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ana Carlos spoke about the Chandi project and said she was disappointed in the decision of the Supervisor. Wants the Supervisor to hear the community. Is concerned of the traffic, warehouses in their backyards, does not feel like their voices are being heard. They want the community to stay rural.

Caitlin Towne is a public teacher and is speaking on behalf of the concerned citizens of Bloomington. Concerned for the future of the students. Is against the warehouses in Bloomington. Does not believe this is the best for the community.

Wants to address Israel directly to bring this up to the school district. Wants the community to be safe and does not want amazon at every corner.

Kareem Gongora, Planning commissioner for Supervisor, spoke about the planning commission meeting in the morning. Has been soliciting feedback from the community.

David Espinoza works for CJUSD and works at the 2 middle schools in Bloomington. Lived in Bloomington for 40 years. Started to see the development years ago and is concerned about the warehouses taking over. The roots of the community are being covered by these warehouses and the trucks.

Ana Gonzalez from CCAEJ representing the community of Bloomington. Wants to add that they do not want more warehouses. Does not believe the jobs that are coming from these warehouses are sustainable. These jobs will be automated. Wants to address the pollution and states that the community says they are being forced out of the community. Wants to maintain the agriculture sense of the community. Stated that the county has failed the community by not keeping up with the streets. Wants to see more green spaces, stores, grocery stores.

Kari Kalinich brought up the importance of health in the community of Bloomington. Warehouses decreases the quality of life, traffic implications, sidewalks are not safe, Bloomington should be more agricultural, developers who have a agriculture background.

Adonis Galarza-Toledo spoke about the Bloomington Business Park. Does not agree with this project. Said he is excited with new Supervisor and wants to see him vote for communities of color. We need more parks, programs, instead of warehouses.

Alma Marquez thanked the Chair for the smoother transition of the meeting compared to the March meeting. She is the Executive Director for CCAEJ and stated that they invited the Supervisor for a tour. Says Bloomington needs sidewalks. Says the county is out of compliance.

Pam Geil attended the Supervisor meeting yesterday and was upset about the Chandi project not including the restaurant but was happy that the Supervisor asked for the restaurant to be put back in. Asked how they can make sure this happens. Wants to see the original plans of the project that were presented to the Bloomington community. Wants to see this as a video presentation.

Gabriela Mendez resident of Riverside and works for CCAEJ. Has been knocking on doors in Bloomington and is frustrated with what she has been hearing. Is upset with the leadership of the Board of Supervisor. Shared a story about an elderly person who moved to Bloomington from LA because of the hustle and bustle but now is moving because of the warehouses. Does not believe that developers should be the way to bring sidewalks to the community.

Julie Towne is a teacher for CJUSD and lives in Fontana. Considers herself a victim to the warehouses. Has children who attended Bloomington High School. The children in our community has more asthma than other places in the County. Please consider not having more warehouses. Agrees to have CJUSD bring up this issue to the County.

10. MAC MEMBERS REPORTS

MAC Member McClain added that the Easter event went really well. Shared she enjoyed seeing the smiles.

MAC Member Burgos asked where CCAEJ was when trucking project on Cedar and when warehouses came to cactus. Did not see them come and make public comments. Wants to keep Bloomington issues with the citizens from Bloomington. Very upset with Chandi group and believes they have been dishonest and would like to have the Supervisor bring them back and provide more information on the restaurant, the above ground tanks, the missing car wash. Does not want to support business parks. Warehouses have places but not in the middle of communities.

MAC Member Rocha thanked the Chair for the structure of the meeting. Spoke about the 2 items of the Bloomington projects that were voted on during the Supervisor meeting on 4/6/21. Upset with Supervisor Baca about his votes. Expressed that the reason we are here today is because of the previous Supervisor's decision. Has been organizing against warehouses since the beginning and foresaw this coming. Upset about Supervisor not voting against the Chandi project. Resigning from Bloomington MAC effective today.

MAC Member Gary Grossich spoke in opposition of the truck stop. Said this project will create over 6000 trips. Wants to work with CCAEJ on the Slover project that received a settlement. How many of the 16 homes that were supposed to be serviced were actually services? What did CCAEJ get from Bloomington High School? Would like to know what CCAEJ

got from the settlement from the Fontana project? People want to leave Bloomington because of the illegal activity. There's a lot of work to be done. Another truck terminal, 260 trucks to come.

MAC Member Stephanie Santoyo wants to address the issue of the language barrier to get the community.

Chair Dianne Mendez-Cantu stated that she did not prepare any statements but wanted to share that she taught her kids that if you want to complain, you do something about it. Does not matter what side you are on, you speak up. Thanked all those who did show up because everyone here is concerned about our community and are willing to do something about what they are concerned about.

11. ADJOURN MEETING – Motion to adjourn by MAC Member by Thomas Rocha and second by MAC Member Larry Burgos at 8:47pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:30pm

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