

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.

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 6:30pm

In lieu of making a comment in person, you may submit your comments via email to supervisor.baca@bos.sbcounty.gov. Your comments will be read into the record at the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 6:33PM by MAC Member Grossich. Pledge of allegiance led by MAC Member Escoto.

2. ROLE CALL OF MAC MEMBERS

Gary Grossich - Present	Stephanie Santoyo – Not Present	Larry Burgos – Not Present
Angela McClain - Present	Dianne Mendez – Not Present	Teresa Escoto – Present

3. INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES IN ATTENDANCE

Daissy Arteaga - the office of Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Gomez Reyes
Israel Fuentes - Colton Joint Unified School District Board Member
Greg Young – West Valley Water District

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Approval of Minutes – July 7, 2021
Motion by MAC Member Escoto, second by MAC Member McClain.

5. AGENCY STAFF REPORTS (pending availability)

- a) COVID-19 – Josh Dugas
Over 300,000 cases, 346 cases today. Adjusted case rate at 16 cases per 100,000, positivity rate 7.9%, total deaths 5,253. Testing rate 260.4 per 100,000. 28,000 total cases samples that they've genome sequenced. 30% of cases have been Delta Variant. In Bloomington, total cases 6,193, positivity rate 4.3%, total deaths 92, Adjusted case rate 20 cases per 100,000, total tests 44,585. Appointments for vaccine can be made at sbccovid19.com/vaccine or by calling (909) 387-3911. Vaccinations in San Bernardino County, total residents 1,012,603 and fully vaccinated: 876,782. In Bloomington, total residents vaccinated 14,870 and fully vaccinated 12,702. Encourages to continue washing hands frequently, wearing a mask indoors, maintain physical distancing, and to stay home if you're feeling sick.
- b) CHP – Not in Attendance
- c) State Legislative Update – Daissy Arteaga
Legislative updates: all bills are in the senate and are either on the senate floor or upon the upper regions committee. Two bills got added into the state budget, AB-469 and AB-992. Offered if the Bloomington MAC Members wanted any legislative presentations, they're more than willing to send down their Sacramento team come down to help. Last month, hosted 2021 non-profit of the year and awarded a El Sol neighborhood education center from San Bernardino.

MAC Member Grossich thanked Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Gomez Reyes for the \$1.5 million for the Ayala Park.

- d) Sheriff Department – Sergeant Jose Ruiz and Deputy Garry Dominguez
Month of July updates. Calls to Service include 1,111 total calls including 63 information calls, 59 Firework, 38 Welfare, 36 Music, 36 911, 34 suspicious suspect checks, 26 area checks, 26 assist other departments, 21 domestic disturbance, 18 vehicle checks, 18 warrant service, 15 county reports, 15 trespassing, 12 child protective services investigation, 12 keep the peace calls, 12 transient calls, 11 psych evaluations, 8 security checks, 7 assault with a weapon, 7 civil issues, 7 flag downs, 7 shots heard, 7 unknown problems, 6 indecent exposure, 6 vandalism, 5 identity theft, 5 lost property, 5 missing person, 5 petty theft, 5 suspicious person, 4 burglary, 4 spousal abuse, 4 drug activity, 4 special events, 4 suspicious circumstances, 3 assault, 3 commercial burglaries, 3 party, 3 fights, 3 dangerous weapons, 3 narcotics, 3 criminal threats, 3 vandalisms, 2 adult protective services, 2 arson, 2 attempted robbery, 2 death investigation, 2 discharge firearm, 2 disorderly conduct, 2 domestic battery, 2 stolen vehicle, 2 reports for stolen vehicle, 2 possession of a stolen vehicle, 2 runaway

juvenile, 2 shooting at a vehicle, 1 attempt assault with a weapon, 1 attempted murder, 1 cruelty to children, 1 drunk in public, 1 rape, 1 strong arm robbery, 1 shots fired.

Bloomington getting 2 new deputies coming in mid-august with brand new sheriff's unit vehicle.

Deputy Dominguez states 3 in Field Training Program lost 1 sent back, going to get another deputy, wants the best of the best. Traffic to come back when school comes does.

Questions:

MAC Member Grossich asked if the 2 deputies mentioned are 2 more on what they currently have or is it one more for a total of 2. He also asked if the deputies are permanent or temporary depending on the funding. Sergeant Ruiz replied that it's 2 more of what they currently have and as far as he knows it's permanent.

- e) County Fire Department – Bryant Ohara
Purchased Auto Pulse that improves life saving capabilities for someone that is in cardiac arrest. Struggling with homeless issues at fire station #76 on Magnolia, project to come that includes fences, lighting, and sprinklers.
- f) Code Enforcement – Ignacio Nunez and Phil Salazar
Thanked MAC members and Supervisor Joe Baca Jr. for inviting Code Enforcement. Residents could communicate through MAC members at AD-Hoc meetings if they wanted to. Phil supervises a team that is responsible for working in the Bloomington area. Received funding that allows a code enforcement officer assigned to Bloomington. Plans on starting interviews in the next 2-3 weeks. Recently had a community cleanup in Bloomington that happens about once a year, collected 19.13 tons of trash, 6.74 tons of tires, 2,000 pounds of E-Waste, and 93 vehicles participated in the event. Burttec has a bulky item program. Work release program that goes out to clean up the community. Graffiti program has ramped up the graffiti abatement in Bloomington. Website running that can allow you to submit a complaint called Sales Force. Fire hazard abatement program conducts surveys twice a year. Survey to come in fall, early to mid-September. Phil's team includes 3 Code Enforcement officers and is going to get the additional Bloomington officer. Phil will be the contact person for the Bloomington area and Fire Abatement Program.
- g) Special Districts - Aaron Speer
Bloomington parks will be receiving 3 new employees, 1 full time person in the hiring process for the parks department that will be a maintenance worker and another that will be coming on in December. Once Ayala Park is finished Aaron and a new office person will have an office there and will be available full time. Aaron invites people to come out and play Youth Soccer. Kick ball and Adult Soccer and Softball to come. Thanks Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Gomez Reyes for the 1.5 million dollars for the new Ayala Park. With the 1.5 million dollars they will be able to get the platinum option for the Ayala Park. Basketball court to hopefully be done by the end of August. Thanks MAC Member Escoto and MAC Member McClain for the support and everything they've done with the parks. Thanks Sergeant Ruiz and staff for the help and support at events and to keep parks safe.
- h) Colton Joint Unified School District – Israel Fuentes
Back to school was very successful, got to see kids in the classroom and see kids doing hands on activities with their teachers. Grand Terrace Elementary and Lincoln Elementary will become dual emergence schools. High Schools have pathways, it lets them get a feel for a career with hands on training. Pathways can turn into great internships. Going to bring back art and agriculture to the schools. Board approved a new culinary program, building a new culinary kitchen. Free breakfast and lunch for all of CJUSD. Working on a homecoming parade for Bloomington High School.
- i) West Valley Water District – Greg Young
We've had one of the driest winters in the past 40 years. Wants to encourage everyone to be very mindful of their water usage, unless we get a wet year, we will head into several years of sustained drought.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

- a) Adam Acosta
The Board provided direction to Land Use, Terri Rahhal, to look at the existing contract of the illegal truck stop to undo that arrangement between the county and the operator. Hopefully in the next month or two we will come back and see where that is at.

MAC Member Grossich is happy to hear that the Board of Supervisors took action.

7. AD-HOC Committee Reports

- Code Enforcement – MAC Member Grossich and MAC Member Santoyo Agreed to meet on a frequent basis. Had conversations about homelessness, illegal truck stop, and who handles these things.
- Business Recognition – MAC Member McClain and MAC Member Escoto Still working on that, will have business recognition next meeting in September
- Bridge – MAC Member Grossich and MAC Member Burgos Frist meeting on 16 of August to tackle items of the development projects. Cedar Bridge artwork is not going to happen because of COVID.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Old Business
 - Update on the Bloomington Business Park Presentation Adam Acosta explains that we're looking for a location that fits good with both developers and administration. MAC Member Grossich shared that Israel Fuentes said to maybe use school board office.
- New Business
 - CHP Ride-along to review areas of truck related concerns MAC Member Grossich went on the CHP Ride along and shared that CHP is working hard.

8. COMMUNITY EVENTS

October 23rd Kids Special Needs Program 8am – 2pm clompers are coming in to feed everybody however, looking for someone to bring candy to Kessler Park.

Bloomington Little League sign-ups for winter ball ages 3 ½ - 17 boys and girls, one-time fee of \$45 and anyone can come play. In person registration on Saturdays in September from 8:30-11am.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave - MAC Members work very hard. Wants the gas station to be torn down. Opposes the Bloomington Park Project.

Anna Carlos - Bloomington resident and mother of students who attend local schools. Concerned about the Bloomington Business Park project because it's proposed behind her house. Concerned with pollution and safety. Bloomington Business Park Project will wipe out her neighbors.

Caitlyn Towne – Bloomington resident that opposes the Bloomington Park Project and the proposed truck stop. Asks why we don't build libraries and community centers instead of warehouses. Warehouses stealing health because of pollution. States that her enrollment is going down due to warehouses.

Roxanna Bazo – Wants the water ways to be patched up because people and cars can fall in. It's a danger zone and there are speeding cars. When it rains, it's a hazard when walking to school.

Dotsie Bell - One of the families being displaced because of the project and is opposed to the project.

Deyadira Arellano – Volunteer with the Concerned Neighbors of Bloomington. Spoke about a report called Warehouses, Pollution and Social Disparities that pertains particularly for communities like Bloomington. States that the people that live closer to warehouses, don't shop at warehouses.

Pam Geil - Attended Planning Commission meeting about the illegal truck parking. At the meeting they brought up SB 1000 saying that Bloomington is an environmentally impacted zone. One planning commissioner opposed the project and 4 agreed to the project. Wants there to be an EIR required for the truck stop.

Anna Gonzalez - CCAJ brought up Fontana lawsuit. Explains that the similar outcome can happen with this project. Full opposition with Bloomington Business Park. Wants county to follow the current plan. Commends the MAC for opposing the Cedar Ave plan.

Frank Bell - One of the houses being targeted for sale. Concerned about neighbors that are being displaced. Asset is going to be cut in half if there are warehouses going to be put by houses.

Joaquin Castillejos - Resident of Bloomington. Opposes the Bloomington Park Project and doesn't want warehouses next to the schools, instead wants gardens and parks. Explains that people that rent don't get to choose if they sell the house.

Public Comment read by MAC Member Grossich sent via email. - Street Vendor issue. Taking up the sidewalk and leaving trash everywhere. Brings traffic and they don't give the right of way to pedestrians. Wants to know who to report the issue to and wants street vendors to have a designated area to sell.

10. MAC MEMBERS REPORTS

MAC Member Escoto wants to thank everyone that came to the meeting and want to spread the word for more people to come to the meetings.

MAC Member McClain thanks everyone for coming out to the MAC meeting and wants more people from the community to come out to the meetings.

MAC Member Grossich wants to thank everyone for coming out, wants to remind everyone that the warehouse project is in the preliminary stage. Explains that the two projects that the MAC oppose only bring negative things into the community.

11. ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned by MAC Member Grossich at 8:51pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 1, 2021, at 6:30pm

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