

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, July 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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(2) To participate via phone:

1-415-655-0002

Meeting number (access code): 145 837 2944

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

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by Chair Mendez. Pledge of allegiance lead by MAC Member Burgos.

2. ROLE CALL OF MAC MEMBERS

Gary Grossich - Present

Stephanie Santoyo - Present

Larry Burgos - Present

Angela McClain – Present (late)

Dianne Mendez - Present

Teresa Escoto – Present

3. INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES IN ATTENDANCE

Greg Young from West Valley

Brendon Biggs from Public Works

Ignacio Nunez from Code Enforcement

Andrew Goldfrach from Public Health

Daissy Arteaga from the office of Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Gomez Reyes

Edgar Castelan from the office of Senator Leyva

Chair Mendez introduced Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr. He started off by stating that he was proud of Kessler Park hosting the All-Stars tournament. He spoke about potentially bringing a grass infield to Kessler Park. He congratulated the All CIF in Softball freshmen Stephanie Varela from Bloomington High School. The only student from San Bernardino County to make All CIF. Improvements coming to Kessler Park like the basketball courts going from two half courts to one full court. Updated the attendees about the traffic mitigation meeting which occurred last week. Cedar over-change construction will begin next May which will be a three-year project. Updated the attendees about the Omnitrans four-year pilot program coming soon to Bloomington. Discussed he received the letter from the MAC about the Cedar Truck terminal and informed the MAC he would be sending a formalized response soon.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Approval of Minutes – June 2, 2021

Motion by MAC Member Grossich. Second by MAC Member Santoyo. Roll call vote, all approved except MAC Member McClain as she was not present.

5. AGENCY STAFF REPORTS (pending availability)

a) COVID-19 – Andrew Goldfrach, Interim Director of Department of Public Health

294,712 total cases. Adjusted case rate is 3.1 per 100,000, positivity rate 2.1%. total deaths are at 5,056. Delta Variant is at 5%. Continues to advance vaccination efforts. Myturn, pharmacies, and all county sites accept walk-ins. Over 100 mobile vaccination sites. Close to 1 million residents are fully vaccinated. In Bloomington, 13,482 total residents are partially vaccinated, 11,495 are fully vaccinated, 97.6% of Bloomington are partially vaccinated, 83.2% are fully vaccinated.

Chair Mendez thanked everyone for helping spread the word to Bloomington residents. She also thanked Andrew for having the information in Spanish.

MAC Member Santoyo asked if there is a certain number of cases that need to be reached for the county to go backwards in the sense that the variant is increasing that we should be concerned about closures again.

Andrew stated that no data shows this happening, but the State could change their mind.

MAC Member Grossich asked about the case rate in Bloomington and asked about the variant.

Andrew said the numbers were from last week. Andrew stated that 0 hospitalizations and 0 deaths from the variant. People still may have COVID when vaccinated but may be asymptomatic.

- b) CHP - Officer Sandoval and Officer Tovsen
Towed 34 vehicles, 67 enforcement stops, arrested 5 DUI, 20 traffic collisions, recovered 7 stolen vehicles, no fatalities collisions in Bloomington. Gave an update about the trucks on Cactus as he inspected last month. Noticed a tractor idling but was waiting for the driveway to open.

MAC Member Grossich asked if big rigs are allowed to park in residential areas unattended.

Officer Tovsen clarified that if the area is zoned residential, the trucks are not allowed to park there but it becomes a bigger issue of enforcement.

Roxanna Gracia asked if this conversation could be put on pause until the presentation on Bloomington Traffic mitigation occurs later in the agenda.

Officer Sandoval offered to do a ride along with any MAC Members who may be interested.

- c) State Legislative Update
Daissy Arteaga from Assembly Majority Leader Reyes' office notified that \$1.5 million is coming for Ayala Park for park maintenance. This weekend there will be an event at SBVC for tenant assistance.

Edgar Castelan informed that Senator Leyva introduced 20 bills and 4 resolutions this legislative year. Senator Leyva is now having in-person meetings. Invited the attendees to the upcoming Backpack event at the Bloomington Community Health Center on July 17th. Also shared that Senator Leyva was able to get \$1.5 Million for a Colton Fire Truck. Wants to connect with the Supervisor's office to work to get some money through the State Budget for next year.

- d) Sheriff Department – Not in attendance

- e) County Fire Department – Chief Westfield
Responded over 200 calls for service calls. They have been focusing on illegal fireworks activity. 18,000 pounds of illegal fireworks and gave out over 90 citations. Assisted in shooting on freeway incident. On 4th of July, 8 fires close to Bloomington, because of the proximity to Fontana, but they were able to contain. No fatalities from drivers hitting transients this month.

- f) Code Enforcement – Ignacio Nunez
Thanked the Supervisor and MAC Members for inviting Code Enforcement. Supervisor just approved for Code Enforcement officer and vehicle with Bloomington decal coming to Bloomington very soon. To report, you can call into the hotline and a virtual counter on their website. They set the priorities based on the level of danger. 120 open cases: 30 level 1, 59 level 2, 7 level 3. Spring season 546 first notices, only 55 had not abated the notices. When they sent out the warrants, only 29 still had fire hazards. New Feature on website will show the easy fire hazard abatement notices to check if certain addresses have been served. Recent clean up include: 19 tons of trash, 6.4 tons of waste tires, 1,722 pounds of e-waste, and 93 vehicles were serviced. Spoke about the recent cleanup activities code enforcement has been conducting, as well as the street vendors. (909) 884-4056 to call in for complains. You can visit the website at cms.sbcounty.gov/lus.

Chair Mendez asked about the position for code enforcement Ignacio spoke about.

Ignacio clarified that it is an additional officer designated only for Bloomington.

Chair Mendez asked for time frame for response for level 1 complains.

Ignacio said within 24 hours. Level 2 within 1 week.

Chair Mendez thanked LUS about the clean up of Santa Ana and Cedar of vendors but stated they moved to the west.

Ignacio said that they cannot confiscate items because of state legislation that passed a couple of years ago, but they are currently working on county policy.

MAC Member Grossich asked if dumping is on the street, if it is a Public Works issue?

Ignacio said to call code first and if they need more assistance, they will call Public Works.

MAC Member Grossich asked if on any given day, is there a code enforcement officer in Bloomington.

Ignacio said that there is staff assigned to areas and they send staff to different areas based on level of priority.

MAC Member Grossich asked if code enforcement staff works on the weekends.

Ignacio said 8 staff members work on the weekend throughout the county.

MAC Member Grossich asked about the ordinance about vendors.

Ignacio said its drafted and coming soon.

g) Special District – Aaron Speer

Half of the basketball court is up at Kessler Park, the next one will be up next week. Thanked state for the \$1.5 million for Ayala Park. Prop 68 applications went out for Kessler Park and will keep MAC updated. Spoke to Sergeant Ruiz about the horse issue. They will be posting signs very soon. Brochure is out for activities for end of summer and the fall including kickball. Next Friday at Kessler Park there will be playing the sandlot movie at the park. New maintenance worker position is up on the website. Spoke about homeless at the park. Please call Aaron if they see anyone around that may need help.

MAC Member Grossich asked if there's lighting at the basketball court.

Aaron said not at this time, but they have temporary lights for now.

h) Colton Joint Unified School District – Not in attendance

Chair Mendez read Board member Fuentes' updates. Breakfast and lunch are still being offered. School starts first week of August.

i) West Valley Water District – Greg Young

Wants to remind everyone to stay hydrated and to monitor water usage. Wants to give a shout out to Congresswoman Torres for \$2 Million for the Bloomington Alley Project.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

a) Bloomington Traffic Mitigation – San Bernardino County Administrative Office – Luther Snoke and Brendan Biggs

Luther Snoke thanked all the County staff for the agency reports.

Brendan gave the update on the meeting that occurred last week. Right now, they are in the process of mapping out the area to go over a variety of traffic related topics in Bloomington. This will be a comprehensive approach to assess the situation.

MAC Member Grossich said that Rialto is doing the same approach and would like to be involved in the process. Wants the red curbs and stop sign on Cactus and Santa Ana.

Brendan said they are moving forward with red curbs through agenda item. They are looking at the data for the stop sign.

b) Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr. hosting three Backpack Giveaways in the month of July

7. AD-HOC Committee Reports

Code-enforcement ad-hoc committee will report next month as the meeting is scheduled for July 12.

Bridge committee wants to have schools involved in the design aspect of the cedar over change. Meeting scheduled for the month of July.

Small business committee will report next month.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Old Business

- Letters from MAC submitted in June: 1) Dodgers Dream Field, 2) Letter to Land Use to complete EIR for Wiener Trucking Facility

Roxanna updated MAC about the status of the letters. Supervisor Baca thanked the MAC for submitting the letter for the Dodgers Dream field. Roxanna explained that Supervisor Baca would be providing a formal response to the MAC for the letter they submitted to him for the Cedar Truck Terminal project that is going to the planning commission meeting on July 22nd.

MAC Member Burgos asked that the Supervisor take the MAC into consideration as he votes on this project.

MAC Member Grossich asked if the letter that the MAC submitted was revised. He asked if the letter was shared with the rest of the MAC Members.

- Confirming Bloomington Business Park for August Agenda
Roxanna informed the MAC Members and attendees about the expected date of October because of the EIR getting pushed back to September. They would like to host this meeting during the public comment period of the EIR.

- New Business

- Location for in-person MAC meetings
MAC Member Burgos made the motion to meet in person, MAC Member McClain seconded. Roll call vote, all approved.

Roxanna said that she would inquire about having the meeting at the Bloomington library. Aaron said the back building in Ayala Park is available in case the library is not available.

8. COMMUNITY EVENTS

Backpack giveaway at Kessler Park on July 24th being hosted by the Olive Branch from 1pm-4pm.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Written comment below was read into the record:

Comment below was read into the record as it was emailed before the meeting:

Dear Supervisor Baca and others.

I can't believe you all are still considering that truck repair stop next to us on Cedar in Bloomington. Last we heard it was being scrapped, but I guess they won't give up in annoying us. My husband was raised in our same house here and we have been married almost 50 years. Your dad worked with my husband at the phone company way back and I am sure he is secure and enjoying his retirement in a nice neighborhood, we would like to do the same. You literally will be forcing us out and at our age in our 70's, this is something we really would not want to do. Would you like to live next to 400 trucks going in and out with pollution and noise constantly and lights shining out? I think not. Our elder neighbors behind us, Ray and Linda, also share the next-door boundary. We knew someday the field would have something being built, ie a small shopping plaza, restaurant etc which would be welcomed in our community, but NOT a truck repair shop. We heard in April they will start working on the Cedar overpass which will be another nightmare for all the wonderful residents south of the freeway. We know progress is coming but there are so many elderly folks who lived their lives here and feel pushed out. Please scrap this awful Project! Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Dale and Nancy Telizyn

Carolina Verduzco – Spoke about the homelessness issue. If we do not have a place for these people to live, then they will end up committing crimes. This issue needs to be addressed. Asked the MAC Members to investigate any dealings between the WVWD had in getting this truck project approved. Asked MAC Member Grossich to abstain from being involved in this investigation because of a potential conflict of interest being a board member and having a relationship with the Chandi Group. Asked MAC Member Grossich to not write letters on behalf of the MAC. Asked that they change the public comment period to the beginning of the meeting as it was before.

10. MAC MEMBERS REPORTS

Chair Mendez spoke about the 4th of July with the firework activities. Spoke about letter process and clarified that the letter was approved by the MAC.

MAC Member Burgos thanked Roxanna for assisting the MAC and thanked Gary for putting the letter together on behalf of the MAC.

MAC Member McClain thanked Roxanna for assisting with the clean up of the gas station a couple of weeks ago.

MAC Member Santoyo thanked everyone in Bloomington for getting vaccinated.

MAC Member Grossich thanked Roxanna for keeping detailed minutes of meetings and staying on top of all issues. Thanked Supervisor for attending the MAC meetings. Expressed he is excited about all the activities happening in Bloomington. Would like to get an update from the Supervisor about the 5-acre illegal truck yard. Thanked the MAC members for clarifying the Letter issues. Spoke about his opposition to the Chandi Group project.

11. ADJOURN MEETING

Motion by MAC Member Burgos at 8:33pm to adjourn meeting and Seconded by MAC Member Grossich.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 4, 2021, at 6:30pm

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