

# 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, June 2, 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.

(1) To participate via video by visiting here:

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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.sbcounty.gov](mailto:supervisor.baca@bos.sbcounty.gov). Your comments will be read into the record at the meeting.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Call to order: 6:33pm and pledge of allegiance

### 2. ROLE CALL OF MAC MEMBERS

Gary Grossich - Present  
Angela McClain - Present

Stephanie Santoyo - Present  
Dianne Mendez-Cantu - Present

Larry Burgos – Not present  
Teresa Escoto – Present

Chair Mendez-Cantu introduced new MAC member Teresa Escoto. She shared about her background and experience.

Chair Mendez-Cantu introduced Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr. He shared District 21 All Stars will be hosted at Kessler Park. He spoke about the budget adoption process. Bloomington will be receiving Full-time Sheriff, code enforcement officer, and 2 fulltime maintenance workers. He shared that his office is currently in the process of setting up meeting with Code enforcement, Sheriff, and CHP to address truck traffic. He shared that Omnitrans stations have been cleaned up and is currently working with SBCTA to apply for funds to get benches and coverings. Unpermitted truck routes in Bloomington are being investigated. Supervisor Baca, Jr. sked if the MAC could adjourn the meeting in honor of Sergeant Vaca.

### 3. INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES IN ATTENDANCE

Daissy Arteaga- Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Gomez Reyes  
Greg Young – West Valley Water District  
Andrew Goldfrach – San Bernardino County Department of Public Health

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Approval of Minutes – May 5, 2021 - Stephanie motioned and Angela second. All voted and approved.

### 5. AGENCY STAFF REPORTS (pending availability)

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

292,990 total cases. 1.7 cases per 100,000. Meeting threshold for yellow tier but must hold it for 2 weeks. 6,066 total cases in Bloomington. Total deaths 87. Total tests are 44,022. 13 county run sites and 271 providers. Over 250 mobile vaccination units in the next three weeks with 16 providers. Partnership with Metrolink coming soon. 857,618 total residents vaccinated with 687,209 are fully vaccinated. 86.4% residents of Bloomington are partially or fully vaccinated. Great initiatives are on their way. New campaign is starting next week “operation sneakers and vaccine speakers” which will include canvassing neighborhoods.

Questions:

MAC member Grossich asked if eligible residents include those who can be vaccinated. Andrew answered yes. MAC member Grossich asked how Bloomington measures up next to Rialto. Andrew said we are doing much better.

b) CHP – Officer Michael Tovsen

22 crashes which is lower than last month. Last month was 40. 9 arrests. Over 70 enforcement contacts. No fatality with collisions.

Questions:

MAC Member Grossich asked what to do with truckers who leave their trucks parked on Cactus as storage. Officer Tovsen informed the MAC that he will investigate. Roxanna will connect MAC member Grossich with Officer Tovsen. Officer Tovsen will forward if signs are present to code enforcement.

c) State Legislative Update – Daissy Arteaga from Assembly Majority Leader Eloise Gomez Reyes

Daissy Arteaga is the field representative for Bloomington. Shared AB 438 worker protection for all school employees bill. AB 469 increasing access to financial aid. AB 1072 small business bill which will provide services for underserved/minority business owners. Shared her information for case work, specifically for EDD.

d) Sheriff Department – Sergeant Ruiz from the Fontana station.

Calls to service include 1072 total calls including 54 music disturbance, 41 welfare checks, 77 traffic, 64 music calls, 37 911 calls, 34 vehicles checks, 33 subject checks, 34 domestic violence, 15 subject disturbance calls, 12 keep the peace, 11 fireworks, 10 child protective service calls, 10 security checks, 10 warrant arrest, 8 vandalism, 7 civil problems, 6 assault with weapons, 6 stolen vehicles, 6 shots heard, 6 transient calls, 4 flag down calls, 4 graffiti investigations, 4 psych evals, 3 attempted murders, 3 deaths, 3 dog bites, 3 drug activity related calls, 3 attempted murders, 3 missing person, 2 drug overdoses, 2 drunk in public, 2 federal offenses, 2 landlord issues, 2 identity theft calls, 1 car arson, 1 car theft, and miscellaneous. Season is starting to pick up. July 2-4 will have 2 deputies designated for Bloomington from 6pm-2am. 4 new deputies that are in training, 2 males and 2 females.

Questions:

MAC Member Grossich offered condolences for Sergeant Vaca's death. Asked if the 2 extra deputies are in addition to the deputies that are already stationed there. He answered yes.

MAC member Escoto asked if Sheriff's department could attend tournament for security purposes on June 19<sup>th</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, and July 5<sup>th</sup>. Sgt. Ruiz said he would follow up.

e) County Fire Department – Chief Michael Westfall

Informed the MAC that there is an emergency training. Rolling out new equipment. Training in currently occurring. Calls for service 250 on average per month for station 76. May 4<sup>th</sup> assisted with 44-acre fire in the Cajon pass. It is fire season, and it is expected to increase. Hazardous material release on Slover and Spruce recently. The train company noticed the smell of chlorine and called the Fire department. Primary concern could have spread to nearby communities.

Chair Mendez-Cantu shared her appreciation of the Fire Department and about her excitement about getting new EMS equipment.

f) Special District – Aaron Speer

Movies at the park are coming up. Youth soccer and youth flag football. Adult softball, soccer, and kickball. Summer/fall 14-page brochure with activities is coming soon including Halloween activities. August 28<sup>th</sup> asked everyone to come out for a concert in the park being coordinated by Parks and Rec, Bloomington Little League, and the Olive Branch. Kickball tournament coming up in the month of August on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ayala Park will be ready for grand opening.

Questions:

MAC Member Grossich brought up issue with horses at Kessler Park. Aaron said there is not much to do as it is an equestrian trail but with the added presence of a maintenance worker will help.

MAC Member Escoto shared a recent experience with horses as well and her concerns of the safety of the children. Aaron stated that he would be contacting the Sheriff's department to see if there is anything they can do.

- g) Colton Joint Unified School District – Not present
- h) West Valley Water District – Greg Young

Landscaping class will be provided virtually on June 19th. Turf removal, reducing water usage, and landscaping. If interested, please visit their Facebook page.

## 6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

- a) CCAEJ - Health and Safety Impacts and Disparities Report presented by Janet Bernabe

Presentation given on health and safety impacts including pollution and displacements. Discussed the Bloomington Business Park project and its potential impacts to the nearby community. Discussed existing environmental burden including pollution, diesel particulate emissions, cardiovascular disease, and asthma rates. Housing shortage, and up-zone sites, idling trucks, truck routes, and traffic.

- b) Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr. hosting Dental and Vision Services Event on June 12<sup>th</sup>

Roxanna explained that the applications are no longer being accepted but asked to please reach out if they would like to be added to the waitlist.

## 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Old Business

- AD-HOC Committees discussed included: 1) business recognition 2) bridge 3) code-enforcement.

Chair Mendez-Cantu asked the MAC members which committees each member would like to join.  
MAC member Grossich – Bridge and code enforcement  
MAC Member Santoyo – Code enforcement  
MAC Member McClain – Business Recognition  
MAC Member Escoto – Business Recognition

Chair Mendez-Cantu assigned MAC Member Burgos to the Bridge committee as it was the only committee that still had availability.

Motion by MAC Member McClain and seconded by MAC Member Santoyo. Roll call vote. All approved.

Follow up with MAC Member Grossich for bridge and code enforcement staff introduction.

- Bloomington Omnitrans Stops – Updates from Public Works and Omnitrans were provided during the Supervisor's welcoming remarks.
- Bloomington Business Park – Will be available to present to MAC after August – MAC Member Grossich made the motion to invite, and MAC Member Escoto seconded. Roll call vote. All approved.

- New Business

- Supervisor Baca, Jr. request for Letter of Support from MAC for Dodgers Dream Field – Motioned by MAC Member McClain and Seconded by MAC Member Santoyo. Roll call vote and all approved. Roxanna to follow up with MAC Member Mendez-Cantu. MAC member Escoto shared she has the petitions at the snack bar at Kessler Park.
- Discussion on dark months for MAC meetings – MAC Member Grossich stated he would prefer not to go dark. MAC Members agreed. MAC Member Santoyo made a motion to discuss next month where to meet after state opens. MAC Member McClain seconded. Roll call vote and all approved.

- o Letter to Land Use to complete EIR for Wiener Trucking Facility – MAC Member Grossich informed the board the history of the project. Motion made by MAC Member Grossich and Seconded by MAC Member Santoyo. Roll call vote. All approved.

## 8. COMMUNITY EVENTS

MAC Member McClain informed the group about June 11<sup>th</sup> End of Year Bash. MAC Member Escoto shared closing ceremonies Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. All Starts Tournament June 19<sup>th</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, and July 5<sup>th</sup>. Bloomington teams have made it to CIF.

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gabriela Mendez- Oppose the Bloomington Business Park because of health concerns. Stated that the community needs to be green. Asked to oppose project.

Cruz Baca – Against the Bloomington Business Park Project. Shared that the project will displace her. If these members are displaced, there will not be people to enjoy the services being offered.

Joaquin Castillejos- Bloomington resident. Spoke in opposition of the Bloomington Business Park Project.

Ana Carlos – Resident of Bloomington and mother of students who attend local schools. Wants the MAC to oppose the Bloomington Business Park Project.

Helen Castillejos – Against Bloomington Business Park Project. Does not want warehouses close to schools because of traffic and safety.

Miguel – Speaking on behalf of his mother because she does not speak English. Shared that the area that is being developed by the Bloomington Business Park will take away practice space for the students.

## 10. MAC MEMBERS REPORTS

MAC Member Grossich thanked Roxanna for running the meetings so smoothly. Development fees need to be monitored to ensure they go into services. Asked if Code Enforcement could come to the meetings to update. Truck routes need to be controlled on Cactus. Spoke about the trucking facility by Crestmore Elementary. Glad the Supervisor is looking into this. Discussed the Chandi Project going into litigation with CJUSD. Attended the Bloomington High School graduation last night. Excited about concert at the park.

MAC Member McClain thanked MAC Member Grossich for all the information.

MAC Member Santoyo is excited to meet everyone in person.

MAC Member Escoto thanked everyone for the support they have given to the Bloomington Little League. Is excited to work with the MAC and the Supervisor's staff.

MAC Chair Mendez-Cantu thanked everyone for their time.

## 11. ADJOURN MEETING

Motioned made by MAC Member Grossich to adjourn the meeting in the memory of Sgt. Vaca. Seconded by MAC member McClain. Roll Call vote. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:33

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 6:30pm

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