

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, May 5, 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 prior to the meeting, please 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

6:32pm – Call to order by Chair Mendez-Cantu

Pledge by MAC Member Larry Burgos

2. ROLE CALL OF MAC MEMBERS

Gary Grossich - Present

Stephanie Santoyo - Present

Larry Burgos - Present

Angela McClain – Present

Dianne Mendez-Cantu – Present

3. INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES IN ATTENDANCE

Greg Young and Scott Olson from West Valley Water District, Edgar Castelan from Senator Leyva, Israel Fuentes from CJUSD, Chief Westfield from County Fire.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2021

MAC Member Santoyo motioned, MAC Member McClain seconded. Roll call: everyone approved.

5. AGENCY STAFF REPORTS (pending availability)

a) CHP- Public Information Officer Ivan Sandoval, 42 collisions and one fatality. Arrested 7 people for DUI. Strongly advised the community not to text and drive.

- MAC Member Grossich informed CHP that Cactus Ave. in the residential area is heavily trafficked with trucks and would like CHP to address.
- Officer Sandoval said he would address.

b) Sheriff Department – Deputy Dominguez from Fontana Station. Currently overseeing CJUSD. 982 calls in April. Those calls included emergency calls, wellness checks, vehicle checks, domestic calls, graffiti calls, and homelessness. Deputy Dominguez stated that the homelessness is an issue but they need to be able to stay clean/sober to receive services.

- MAC Member Santoyo brought up the issue of language barrier with community members that want to call but are concerned to report.
- Deputy Dominguez said they have staff that speak Spanish and those calling can remain anonymous.

c) County Fire Department Chief Westfall, April was busy, 250 calls. He reported numerous fires and medical calls. Structural fires were the majority of the fires but brush fires are picking up. Fire season in California never really ends. Training is wrapping up now for fire season. Cajon and North Fontana were recently on fire. Chief Westfall stated that through the CARES Act, the department will be receiving funds for equipment. Station 76 has seen an uptick in homeless people being hit by cars.

- Chair Mendez-Cantu thanked the fire department for attending the community clean-up and Bloomington Little League Opening Day.
 - Chief said they love attending community events and will continue to attend if their schedules permit.
- MAC Member Grossich asked if Bloomington is seeing any fires started by the homeless and how is Fire dealing with illegal fireworks

- Chief Westfall said it's not only in Bloomington. Their encampments will catch on fire and can quickly spread. Chief said that they have a large operation aimed to addressing the issue of illegal fireworks.
- d) Special District – Aaron Speer spoke positively about COVID-19 coming to an end. Enjoyed Supervisor Baca Jr.'s Earth day and the work that got done at the park. Thanked all the volunteers. Ayala Park is close to opening. Bloomington Little League Opening Day was a great day. Thanked the Supervisor for his support. Fall Brochure will be ready by next meeting for activities. Spoke very highly of the Olive Branch and the work they have been doing there for the community.
- e) Colton Joint Unified School District – Board member Israel Fuentes highlighted in-person graduations. Asked to check the website for the schools and dates. Each student will have 5-6 tickets. All graduations will be virtual. Breakfast and Lunch drive-thru will continue through the summer.
 - MAC Board Grossich would like to bring back Bridge committee to have better communication.
- f) County Legislative Update – Chair Mendez-Cantu informed that no update today but would be opening up for legislative offices to present at upcoming meetings.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

- a) Roadmap to Revitalization: A Plan for Healthier and Sustainable Communities-
 - Supervisor Baca, Jr. spoke about his Roadmap including homelessness, The Bloomington Investment Program will include a full-time Sheriff Officer, full-time code enforcement officer, and \$300,000 for Kessler and Ayala Park.
 - Was extremely pleased about the Bloomington Little League Opening Day and partnering with Aaron Speer from Special Districts to make the day a success.
 - Asked If the MAC can support the Dodgers Dream field and provide a letter of support.
- b) COVID-19
 - Mr. Goldfrach presented on current case rates
 - In Bloomington: 6,039 total cases, 83 deaths
 - 9 County run sites and 245 providers
 - SB County took over 2 state sites including Ayala Park
 - Kessler Park is being considered for relocation from Ayala Park
 - NOS is now a vaccination site and no longer a testing site
 - Appointments no longer needed
 - 739,561 total residents vaccinated
 - Bloomington zip code 77% total vaccinated
 - 55% of residents of SB County residents live in the 1st Quartile and 36% are vaccinated

Questions:

- MAC Member Santoyo asked if there is a mobile vaccination site coming and what the County is doing to vaccinate the homeless.
 - Mr. Goldfrach stated that they are bringing a mobile vaccination site and that they were using the J & J. The County then transitioned to Pfizer when J & J was put on pause.
- MAC Member Grossich asked how Bloomington is measuring up against the County on vaccination % and how they are addressing students
 - Bloomington is about double the % of vaccination compared to the county.
 - Vaccinations at schools will be coming soon
- c) Proposed New Project for Bloomington – Repair facility would be located at 17955 Valley Blvd. Bloomington, CA 92316. It would include administrative office space and include 30 parking stalls. Landscaping, ADA sidewalks, would be included. Around this area on Valley there is a lot of empty spaces. Staff will be multi-lingual and will follow building guidelines. The application has been filed with the county.
 - MAC Member Grossich thanked him for bringing this project to the MAC in its early stages. Asked if the application was already submitted? Is the site plan ready?
 - Mr. Singh answered yes. They do not need to do waste management. Mr. Singh said that they have a site plan but needs more feedback from County.
 - They do not have a presentation but will come back with a site plan once it is ready.
- d) Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr. hosting expungement workshop on May 27th – Roxanna Gracia will be sending flyer to those in the meeting.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Old Business
 - Business Cards – They will be dropped off at the Olive Branch for MAC members to pick up.
- New Business

- AD-HOC Committees – Chair Mendez-Cantu asked if MAC Member Grossich was still interested in moving forward with this idea. MAC Member Grossich brought up business recognition, bridge, code-enforcement.
 - MAC Member Grossich made a motion to move forward with those committees, MAC Member McClain seconded. Roll call vote. Everyone approved.
- Omnitrans Stops – MAC Member Grossich asked if we had representation on the Omnitrans board.
 - Adam Acosta said that the entire San Bernardino County board is on the Omnitrans board.
 - MAC Member Burgos made a motion to share the pictures with Supervisor Baca, Jr. to ask if we can clean up the area via Public Works, and to request benching and coverings from Omnitrans. MAC Member Grossich second. Roll call vote. Everyone approved.
- Bloomington Business Park – Chair Mendez-Cantu asked if the board would like to invite the Bloomington Business Park to speak at the next available meeting. MAC Board members agreed. Supervisor's office will reach out for scheduling.
- Chair Mendez-Cantu asked if they can add to next month's agenda to review potential dark months in the remainder of the year.

8. COMMUNITY EVENTS – None to report

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Caroline Verduzco said that during last month's MAC meeting she spoke saying that MAC Member Grossich was going around representing the community and she felt attacked by MAC Member Burgos. She would like to ask both MAC members to step down and requested to have these meetings in person moving forward.

Janet Bernabe spoke about the Bloomington Tour that Supervisor Baca, Jr. and staff attended. Asked the Supervisor to vote in support of the community members. Asked to not add police to the community but to vote with the community.

Carolina Rios is in support of the Bloomington Business Park. Thinks the sidewalks and sewer work that they would assist with would help the community. The areas around the warehouses are more esthetically pleasing. No one is being displaced. It's only the ones that sign and agree.

Patricia Garcia, raised in Bloomington. Concerned about Fontana police department beating up a citizen and having a dog attack him. Is upset but knows she has to go to the City of Fontana but it happened in Bloomington.

Caitlin Towne representing the Concerned Citizens of Bloomington. Spoke about MAC Member who stated in last meeting that people who are not residents in Bloomington should not speak. She believes that anyone should be able to speak regardless of where they live. Wants the MAC Members to say that they welcome all to speak during the meetings.

Scott Olson from West Valley Water District would like to invite the community to a webinar about landscaping. Turf removal and conservation. May 15th from 10am-2pm. Asked to be added to the agency reports. solson@wvwd.org

Ana Carlos does not think that the Bloomington Business Park should be the way to beautify the community. Would request that Supervisor Baca, Jr. should come meet with the community. Do you want to keep our rural community or make Bloomington a warehouse community? Would like the Supervisor to stay for public comments.

Patty Gutierrez is in support of the Bloomington Business Park. This development will bring funds and jobs to the community. Spoke in support of Slover Street widening through the developers. Plans on staying in Bloomington.

Ana Gonzalez from CCAEJ thanked Supervisor Baca, Jr.'s office for the Clean-up and for joining the tour of the community. Wants to address the families who spoke in support of the Bloomington Business Park to bring funds for infrastructure. There is other ways to bring infrastructure. Asked the MAC if they would like to have CCAEJ present at an upcoming meeting about the environment.

Adonis Galarza from CCAEJ thanked the Supervisor for coming out to the tour. Does not agree that adding policing will make the community better. Bringing in opportunities and resources makes healthy communities. Bringing in warehouses do not make healthy communities.

Teresa Escoto would like to thank Supervisor Baca, Jr. for the community clean-up and for helping with Bloomington Little League opening day. Thanked Fire for coming to both events and the Bloomington MAC for showing support. Thanked all the volunteers and sponsors.

Roxanne Bazo spoke against new Bloomington Business Park. The spraying, traffic, health concerns, and other factors are not wanted. Would like to address comments about MAC Members Grossich and Burgos. She supports them because they care about Bloomington.

10. MAC MEMBERS REPORTS

Chair Mendez-Cantu made a motion to add CCAEJ to add them to next month's agenda, MAC Member Grossich second. Roll call vote everyone approved.

MAC member Burgos apologized for not making the Community Clean-Up. Thanked Angela and Aaron Speer for their work on the park. Is responding to the comments made about him. He said that he does not mean to disrespect people but rather keep the meeting in order. Has been in Bloomington for 57 years. Asks for everyone to stay safe.

MAC Member Santoyo asked for everyone to get vaccinated. Thanked everyone for coming out and assisting with the community clean-up.

MAC Member Grossich corrected the comment that they are not elected, they are appointed. Experienced the negative impacts of the truck traffic. Spoke to SBCTA about ways to move traffic throughout the area. Spoke to Mayor Navarro from Colton about having higher standards for warehouses. Thanked Ana for the comments made last night at the Colton City Council meeting about the moratorium on warehouses. Slover Development from Safe Routes to School is funded by developer. Would like to add item to next month's agenda to write a letter to Land Use complete EIR for the Wiener Trucking Project. Currently not scheduled to do an EIR. Another letter to consider is to Land Use about a need to tax developers. Would like to continue to have projects come to MAC meetings. Would like to add Land Use to agency reports. Would like to request a Red Curb on Cactus.

MAC Member Grossich made a motion to add to the agenda to discuss a letter for the EIR on the Wiener Trucking Facility. Chair Mendez-Cantu seconded. Roll call vote. Everyone approved.

MAC Member McClain thanked Supervisor Baca, Jr. for Bloomington Little League opening day and for the community clean-up.

Chair Mendez-Cantu spoke about the community clean-up and the Bloomington Little League opening day. Thanked the MAC board for their advocacy.

11. ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to adjourn at 9:10pm by MAC member Burgos and Seconded by MAC Member Santoyo. Roll call vote. Everyone approved.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 6:30pm

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