

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, November 03, 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) In person meeting will be held at the CJUSD Board Room, 18829 Orange St., Bloomington, CA 92316. Masks must be worn through the entirety of the meeting.

(2) To participate via video, visit here: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqCYbka4xnj198pxKAn3-ga88SWeui3tO>

(3) 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 was called to order at 6:30 pm by MAC Member Dianne Mendez and Pledge of Allegiance was led by MAC Member Gary Grossich.

2. ROLE CALL OF MAC MEMBERS

Gary Grossich: Present Stephanie Santoyo: Present Larry Burgos: Not Present
Angela McClain: Present Dianne Méndez: Present Teresa Escoto: Not Present

3. INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES IN ATTENDANCE

- Greg Young: West Valley Water District
- Israel Fuentes: Colton Joint Unified School District Board
- Ignacio Nunez: Code Enforcement Chief
- Guillermo Morales: Code Enforcement Supervisor

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Approval of Minutes – October 3, 2021
 - a. Motion for Approval of Minutes: Gary Grossich, Second by Stephanie Santoyo.

5. AGENCY STAFF REPORTS (pending availability)

- a) COVID-19
- b) CHP
- c) State Legislative Update - Edgar Castelan, Representative of State Senator Connie Leyva shared that the Senator is in the District and would like to announce resources available to residents
- d) Sheriff Department
- e) County Fire Department – Battalion Chief Michael Westfall discussed security concerns at Fire Station 76. He shared concerns from the firefighters and the community regarding activity in or around the fire station including:
 - 1. Truckers who park next to the fire station and cause traffic issues.
 - 2. Many cases of illegal activity including prostitution and drug use on the property since there is not adequate lighting or security fencing.
 - 3. Recent rise of transient population around the station
 - a. The homeless population has left trash and debris around the fire station and has also vandalized the property and building.
 - b. Transients have dug under the fence and shattered the windows of the fire station.
 - c. Threats of violence and continued break-ins at the stationFire station personnel has asked for support from Supervisor Baca Jr. to approve a new fence that would prevent unauthorized people from getting in the station. He would like Supervisor Baca Jr's help with getting this item to the top of the PND list for approval
- f) Code Enforcement - Ignacio Nunez introduced the new Valley Region Supervisor, Guillermo Morales who explained the various programs that will be implemented in the Valley Region which includes illegal dumping clean up
- g) Special District - Aaron Spears: Bloomington Parks and Recreation
 - i. Ayala Park is offering COVID vaccines and tests no appointment required from Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 6pm

- ii. New park in Bloomington
- iii. Just finished youth soccer
- iv. Little league has begun
- v. Adult Co-Ed softball will be offered in January 2022
- vi. Flag-Football league is now available
 - 1. Biggest challenges
 - a. The homeless population in or around Kessler Park has been unbearable and frustrating. They are lighting trash cans on fire and causing damage to the park.
 - b. Facing a dirt bike problem, children
- vii. The Halloween event was very successful and well attended
- viii. Have had conversations with Fontana PD and Fontana Code Enforcement regarding the homeless population between Bloomington and Fontana
- h) Colton Joint Unified School District
- i) West Valley Water District

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Bloomington Retail Development Presentation

- Scott Beard: Explains that he would like to develop a small strip mall on a 3.6 acre lot zoned as General Commercial in Bloomington, on the corner of Slover and Cedar. He has been talking with the county for about a year and a half regarding the development of this land. He would like to develop commercial businesses, such as coffee shops, fast-food chain restaurants, and a gas station.
 - o He explains that improvements would be implemented along Slover and Cedar, including a wall to protect the residents on the East side.
 - o Bloomington would benefit from retail and sales tax revenue generated by these retail businesses.
- Questions from MAC Members:

Has the developer entered into any agreements with any retail businesses such as Starbucks that would begin operating out of this development site?

- Answer from developer: No. He has been talking with businesses for over a year and has faced challenges recruiting businesses to this location

What does the developer mean when he said "Bloomington demographics are weak"?

- Answer from developer: He states that Bloomington population and income levels are not high enough to attract many of these businesses to the location.

Where the location of the "block wall" mentioned?

- Answer from developer: The wall would be on the east side of the property and would be 8 feet in height.

Where can residents could find out more information regarding this project?

- Answer from developer: This is the community meeting from him and that more information could be available at the county planning commission

How a sewer system would be provided?

- Answer from developer: Mentioned that the sewer system would be brought over from Rialto

What are plans for landscaping and maintaining the landscape around the development?

- Answer from developer: Yes, it would be maintained and brought forth during and after the construction of the development

How are they planning to bring forth retail businesses?

- Answer from developer: They have relationships and are having conversations to convince many of these retail businesses to come forward

Would the developer consider setting up a billboard for community updates on the corner?

- Answer from developer: It is something being considered

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were given

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Old Business – no old business to discuss
- New Business
 - o David Mlynarski, ASG Project – This will be presented at a future meeting.

8. COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 1) Bloomington Sheriff and Code Enforcement Vehicle reveal on November 17, 2021 at 3pm at Kessler Park.

9. MAC MEMBERS REPORTS

- 1) MAC Member Gary states that he has heard great dialogue from different community and environmental organizations and thus, proposes to have a special meeting between the Bloomington MAC, Howard Industrial, and the different community organizations involved. This special meeting would help with dialogue amongst the different groups to reach an agreement. He would like to create an opportunity for each organization to speak to each other and not past each other. He has heard many comments from residents and community members about rezoning properties and property lines. He would like to have a discussion about the different moving parts involved in many of these developments.
- 2) MAC Member Stephanie Santoyo would like to thank everyone and hopes she sees everyone at future meetings
- 3) MAC Member Angela McClain would like to thank everyone and hopes she sees everyone at future meetings
- 4) MAC Member Dianne would like to thank everyone and hopes she sees everyone at future meetings

10. ADJOURN MEETING

- 1) The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 03, 2022, at 6:30pm

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