

# 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, September 1, 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](mailto: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 6:31PM 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 – Present
Angela McClain – Present	Dianne Mendez – Not Present	Teresa Escoto – Present

### 3. INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES IN ATTENDANCE

Greg Young – West Valley Water District  
Israel Fuentes – Colton Joint Unified School District Board Member

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Approval of Minutes – August 4, 2021  
Motion by MAC Member Escoto, second by MAC Member McClain.

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

- a) Supervisor Report – Ed Chavez  
On August 28<sup>th</sup>, Bloomington was introduced with a new Bloomington Sheriff's vehicle with two new deputies. On September 14<sup>th</sup> a 4 way stop sign will be installed at the intersection of Santa Ana and Cactus to help mitigate accidents that have occurred in the past. Ayala Park will have the grand opening near November. On September 20<sup>th</sup>, is the day that has been set to honor Gary Mendoza with a monument and a bench at Kessler Park. Work has begun to install infield grass on field 2 for little league at Kessler Park.
- b) COVID-19 – Joshua Dugas  
324,870 total cases. Adjusted case rate at 28.8 cases per 100,000, positivity rate 8.2%, total deaths 5,348. Testing rate 555.3 per 100,000. Primary cases have been Delta Variant. In Bloomington, total cases 6,635, positivity rate 21.6%, total deaths 93, Adjusted case rate 63.5 cases per 100,000, total tests 49,932. Appointments for vaccine can be made at [sbccovid19.com/vaccine](https://sbccovid19.com/vaccine) or by calling (909) 387-3911. Vaccinations in San Bernardino County, total residents 1,097,298 and fully vaccinated: 947,969. In Bloomington, total residents vaccinated 16,528 and fully vaccinated 13,923. Pfizer has received full FDA approval for ages 16+. Booster shots available for people that are immunocompromised. September 20<sup>th</sup> may be the rollout for the booster shot for everyone else. Encourages to continue washing hands frequently, wearing a mask indoors, maintain physical distancing, and to stay home if you're feeling sick.

#### Questions:

MAC Member Grossich asked if there's still a facility at Ayala Park for vaccinations and testing. Joshua answered yes.

MAC Member Grossich asked how long it takes to get test results back. Joshua answered it can take up to 3 days but it's usually quicker than that.

- c) CHP – Not Present  
d) State Legislative Update – Not Present

- e) Sheriff Department – Sergeant Ruiz for Fontana Station  
Month of August updates. Calls to Service include 1,090 total calls including 98 traffic stops, 58 school visits, 37 subject checks, 36 area checks, 34 vehicle checks, 31 alarm calls, 30 extra patrol, 29 disturbance music, 28 welfare checks, 17 assist other agents or departments, 17 unknown problems, 16 trespassing, 13 transient calls, 12 keep the peace, 12 warrant arrest, 12 fireworks, 11 subject causing disturbances, 10 domestic disturbances, 10 grand theft auto, 9 assault with a weapon, 9 fire assistance, 8 indecent exposure, 8 psychiatric evaluations, 8 shots heard, 7 child protective services, 7 vandalisms, 6 commercial burglary, 6 party disturbances, 5 theft investigations, 5 domestic battery, 5 grand theft investigations, 5 criminal threat investigations, 5 violation of court order investigation, 4 animal related problems, 4 unknown disturbance, 4 special event, 4 unwanted subject, 3 absent without leave, 3 civil issues, 3 drunk in public, 3 found property, 2 adult protective services, 2 attempted murder investigations, 2 drug overdose investigation, 2 narcotic activity, 2 missing persons, 2 possession of dangerous weapons, 2 rape, 2 reckless driving, 1 brandishing weapons, 1 elderly abuse, 1 found narcotics, 1 identity theft investigations, 1 man with a gun, 1 missing juvenile, 1 stalking investigation.

Questions:

MAC Member Grossich asked if the deputies roll out individually or are there 2 to a car. Sergeant Ruiz answered that San Bernardino County Sheriff's, are 1 to a car.

- f) County Fire Department – Not Present
- g) Code Enforcement – Phil Salazar  
Has selected a code enforcement officer to be full time t the Bloomington region. A senior code enforcement officer, very familiar with Bloomington, such as illegal vending. Will be conducting the fall fire hazard abatement inspection sometime in September.
- h) Special District – Aaron Speer  
Aaron thanks Supervisor Joe Baca Jr., Little League, and the Olive Branch Library for all the help. Kessler park's little league infield is getting grass. Hoping to be done mid-October for fall little league baseball season. Currently hiring park maintenance worker. By march next year there will be 2 full time park maintenance workers. Had 2<sup>nd</sup> movie in the park and thanks the Olive Branch for the projector as well as the little league for the snack bar. Ayala Park, the front building does vaccinations and the back building does covid testing. Old Ayala Park will be closing soon when new Ayala Park opens. Youth soccer has the most kids they've ever had (144 kids). Co-ed softball on Friday nights at Kessler Park, flag football will start in later fall and end before Christmas. Looking to do another trunk-or-treat at Kessler Park.

Comments:

MAC Member Escoto thanks Aaron for everything that he's been doing at Kessler Park and Ayala Park. It's great to see so much activity at the park. Aaron thanks MAC Member Escoto and MAC Member McClain for their help and says he couldn't have done it without them.

MAC Member Grossich says that Aaron has done a remarkable job with the parks. Aaron says thank you and that more is coming.

Questions:

MAC Member Grossich asked if there is a timeline for the old Ayala Park and what they are doing with the statues. Aaron answered that the memorials are being cleaned and are getting put up at the new Ayala Park. The timeline for closing the old Ayala Park is determined by the County.

- i) Colton Joint Unified School District – Israel Fuentes  
If more information is needed about what the schools are doing about COVID, go to the website or call the local school and speak to the nurse or health assistant there. Wants to acknowledge the IT people for being at the meeting and helping for the technology part. Also wants to thank the person cleaning the tables and cleaning the mic.

Comments:

MAC Member Grossich asks Board member Fuentes to extend the MAC's appreciation to Superintendent and Facilities Director and the District for allowing to use the facilities.

- j) West Valley Water District – Greg Young  
Congresswoman was successful in getting funding for the Bloomington Alleyway Project (five phase project) and will help fund the third stage of the project. During her August work period she came to Bloomington, Greg and Channing Hawkins gave the Congresswoman a tour of 11<sup>th</sup> street. Wants to thank her for her efforts in completing the project for the residents.

## 6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

### 7. AD-HOC Committee Reports

- Code Enforcement – MAC Member Grossich and MAC Member Santoyo  
The county has assured that they are working on the common issues occurring in Bloomington and will bring ordinances for street vending soon and will continue to work on trucking issues.
- Business Recognition – MAC Member McClain and MAC Member Escoto  
Currently has a business that will be invited for the next MAC Meeting. The process to be recognized is to submit them to the MAC as a request for a business or a person that has done something outstanding in the community.
- Bridge – MAC Member Grossich and MAC Member Burgos  
MAC Member Burgos says that the Bridge will touch base with the new office regarding the new cedar avenue bridge. Wants to remind everyone that it is illegal to double park and unsafe for children.

### 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Old Business
- New Business
  - Update on the Bloomington Business Park Presentation  
Bloomington Business Park Presentation is postponed to next month until the EIR comes out. The public notice about the meeting went out wrong, causing people to go to the wrong location.

### 8. COMMUNITY EVENTS

Winter ball signups can be done in person or online.

Boy scouts need support in their popcorn sell at Stater Bros. or Bass Pro Shop in Ontario.

### 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roxanne Bazo – Thanked Israel and Colton for the buses and making it safer for the students.

Grace Garner – Speaking on behalf of her school to express their concerns of the Bloomington Business Park Project. Warehouses bring in more pollution, more trucks, more potholes. Wanted to bring awareness to the project and wanted to get people involved.

Caitlin Towne – Asking for a plan to ensure that the street vendors have a safe and designated place to work. Also asking for the members of the MAC and Supervisor to do what's best for the community and reject the proposal of the Bloomington Business Park Project and any future proposals of this matter. Also asking to make it known to the members of the community that the project has not been approved yet. More parks are being funded but more families are being displaced.

Joaquin Castillejos – Opposes the Bloomington Business Park Project. The project is going to be located next to 3 schools and it will bring in more pollution. Bloomington is not for sale. Wants the MAC to oppose the Bloomington Business Project. Doesn't want Bloomington to become all warehouses.

Maria Elena – Opposes the Bloomington Business Park Project. There are too many warehouses, no need to bring them to Bloomington. The schools in Bloomington are really good and if there are more warehouses then that brings in more trucks causing accidents and risking the lives of the young kids.

Juan Orozco – Asking for a designated place where street vendors are able to go and sell, because with the pandemic, this is the only source of income for some people.

Maria Solis – Opposes the Bloomington Business Park Project. Doesn't want any more warehouses in Bloomington. There is no more space and too much contamination.

Ana Carlos – Thanks MAC Member Grossich and MAC Member Burgos for talking about the truck terminal. Against warehouses in the community, that take down homes. Many people are pressured to sell their homes because they tell them that all of their neighbors are selling. Met with Supervisor Joe Baca Jr. and explained that this project isn't a done deal. Wants support from the community and from the CJUSD to look out for the students and the teachers. Opposes Bloomington Business Park Project.

Alejandra Gonzalez – Opposes the Bloomington Business Park Project. People are allowed to build recklessly in Bloomington, next to schools and homes. Warehouses will bring pollution. Over 200 homes will be lost because of this project. Wants the MAC to respect the interest Bloomington residents and to oppose the Bloomington Business Park Project. Anyone that wants to get rid of community members is not for the community.

John Coffman – Has been in Bloomington since 1982. Wants the person that sent out the wrong notice to send apologies to everyone because the meeting wasn't scheduled properly. Wants the project to have it's own meeting so everyone can be heard.

Helen Castillejos – Opposes the Bloomington Business Park Project. The community comes out to speak out about the Bloomington Park Project. Wants to support the street vendors to have a place to sell. Wants the MAC to hear the communities' concerns.

Don Polo Ayala – Bloomington Resident, Street vendor, and was affected when they took the place where he would sell. Struggles to survive to support himself and his wife. Wants a place in Bloomington where he can sell.

Maria Arriaga – Wants to support the street vendors and oppose the Bloomington Business Park Project. Wants a safe place for street vendors. Wants warehouses to be on the edges of the community not in the middle. Doesn't like how they kick street vendors around and wants help from the MAC to find a place for them.

Ivan Castro – Opposes Bloomington Business Park Project. Can remember when Bloomington was beautiful with no traffic and now with all the warehouses there's traffic everywhere. Wants a safe place for street vendors.

#### 10. MAC MEMBERS REPORTS

MAC Member Burgos appreciates and thanks everyone for coming out. Wants the Supervisors office to help the street vendors and find an area for street vendors. Hears the opposition and concerns from the community. Wants the supervisor's office to bring information on how they can vend. Wants a bilingual person to come to the meetings or reach out to the street vendors to help out.

MAC Member Grossich wants to make sure that the people know that everyone on the MAC is for street vending. Wants to protect street vendors and lets them know that street vending isn't illegal. In the last 2 years, the bordering cities Fontana, Rialto, and Jurupa Valley have authorized that there will be 18 warehouses on the Bloomington border some of which are less than 50 feet from homes/schools. Bloomington residents aren't getting any benefits from the warehouses. Thanks everyone for coming out and voicing their opinions.

MAC Member Escoto says that they had a meeting with Supervisor Baca's office addressing the homeless encampment adjacent to Kessler Park. Thanked Supervisor Baca's office for taking care of the issue in a timely manner and were able to place a family in a program and into a motel. Likes having a solution and not just moving homeless people from one place to another.

#### 11. ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned by MAC Member Grossich at 8:39pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 6, 2021, at 6:30pm

All Board materials can be found at the San Bernardino County 5<sup>th</sup> District Website: <https://www.sbcounty.gov/baca>