

BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)

The mission of the Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council is to engage the community and advise the County to solve problems, create solutions, and set a course for the future of Bloomington.

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 6:00 pm

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 Ayala Park Community Center, 17909 Marygold Ave, Bloomington, CA 92316. Masks are optional for 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

2. ROLE CALL OF MAC MEMBERS

Gary Grossich- Present	Stephanie Santoyo-Not Present	Ana Paredes- Not Present
Angela McClain- Present	Dianne Méndez- Present	Teresa Escoto- Not Present

3. AGENCY STAFF REPORTS

a) Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr.'s Office

Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr.

- i. Supervisor Baca gave updates on the \$222 Million invested by the county for capitol, improvement projects which include the following:
- ii. Infrastructure on Valley Blvd. and other roads in Bloomington which will include ADA ramps, resurfacing, and new traffic markings.
- iii. Construction of 8 new lights to enhance night time visibility. 5 on Otilla St. and 3 on Mallia St.
- iv. New land acquisitions for Bloomington 4.0 to increase affordable housing.
- v. Revitalization for Kessler Pak which will include new lighting, safety corridor fencing, wi-fi, and modern amenities for community enjoyment.
- vi. Funding for Bloomington High's softball and baseball field as well as funding for Joe Baca Middle's soccer field.
- vii. Ayala Nutrition program which allows seniors access to meals and services.
- viii. Installation of a wi-fi hub at Ayala Park
- ix. Launch of a dedicated Bloomington marked public service vehicle.
- x. Community specific Code Enforcement officer.

b) State Legislative Update

c) Code Enforcement

Guillermo Morales, Code Enforcement Supervisor

- i. Three methods of contact are provided: calling the customer service hotline at (909) 884-4056, emailing the code enforcement division at [LUS.sbcounty.gov](mailto:code@lus.sbcounty.gov), or visiting the SP Code Reporter website. The SP Code Reporter website can be found through a Google search for "SP Code Reporter."
- ii. Code has been spending adequate time patrolling Bloomington including the weekends for illegal dumping.
- iii. If you are experiencing issues with graffiti call (909) 884-4056
- iv. Code is looking to adding a second community clean up for the Bloomington community towards the end of the year in addition to the Earth Day community clean up.

d) Sheriff Department

Sargent Reese & Deputy Nunez

- i. Sargent Reese discussed how the young man killed at a Halloween party the suspect has been found.
- ii. There have been a lot of burglaries taking place.
- iii. Sheriffs have been interacting with the community regarding the issue of drugs in the area.
- iv. There have been search warrants going out for the gang members that are hurting children.
- v. Deputy Nunez discussed the off-roading vehicles causing disruption at the parks. He did see a group of off-roaders whom gave him a bit of pursuit which led aviation to watch overhead and lead them to their suspect.
- vi.

e) Special District

Aaron Speers

- i. Aaron addressed the issue of motorcycle gangs in the area, mentioning that efforts have been made to keep Kessler Park safe. The motorcycle issue seems to have been resolved, and security measures have been implemented for contractors working in the park.
- ii. Construction in Kessler Park is progressing well, and the community has been able to use the park safely throughout the construction process.
- iii. 4,500 individuals attended the Halloween Trunk or Treat
- iv. Supervisor Baca's baseball clinic Saturday November 18th

- v. Santa photos at Ayala Park Dec 14th, 2023.
- vi. Aaron expressed gratitude to code enforcement, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, and other organizations for their involvement in community events and keeping everyone safe.
- f) Bloomington Roadwork Improvements
 - Bob
 - i. Improvements on Armstrong, Locust, and Jurupa
 - ii. Work continues adjacent to the road may start doing utility work towards the end of the year beginning of next year which should not affect any traffic.
 - iii. Towards March or April there will be road closures
 - iv. Continuing to meet with residents mainly on Locust on Jurupa Ave. since they will be the most affected by the inputting of the curbs, gutters, and sidewalks.
 - v. Bob expressed gratitude to Dave Jane for having IDI be a part of his event as well as congratulated Dave Jane for Hosting such a great event.

4. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

- a) S.W.A.G- Social Work Action Group

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was given.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Old Business
- New Business
 - Gary would like the transient occupancy tax on hotels to be looked into that's coming to Bloomington.
 - Gary motions to request that Supervisor Baca's office presents MAC with budget annually or semiannually before it goes to the board so the MAC members can have input. Dianne and Angela Second the motion.

8. COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Olive Branch 2nd Annual Dia De Los Muertos November 04, 2023

9. MAC MEMBERS REPORTS

- Diane Mendez thanks community for their participation. She also expressed immense gratitude to Angela of the Olive Branch for hosting such a successful Women's Empowerment Event.
- Angela McClain expressed wanting information for the man that was hit by a car and killed. She also thanked SWAG for attending as well as requested a follow up on a family that she had referred to SWAG.
- Gary Grossich discussed during the ad hoc committee meeting with code enforcement, multiple violations at the truck stop and the conditions of approval for the project. He mentioned that he had informed Guillermo about these issues and hoped that action would be taken. Gary also brought up a previous request from 2014, where he wanted to determine if Bloomington was financially benefiting or being subsidized by other county agencies. In 2016, a study showed that Bloomington generated approximately \$2.25 million in revenue while the county spent \$5.5 million on services for the community. Gary emphasized the importance of generating revenue and improving public safety for a better quality of life. He also expressed gratitude for everyone's efforts in addressing the homeless situation and roadwork improvement project.

10. ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 06, 2023, at 6:00 pm

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