

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, March 6, 2024, 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=PLqCYbka4xni198pxKAn3-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 – Present
Angela McClain- Present	Dianne Méndez – Present	Teresa Escoto – Not present

3. AGENCY STAFF REPORTS

- a) Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr.'s Office
Highlighted some upcoming community events, including a ribbon cutting at Kessler Park, the Public Defenders Expungement event on March 14th, Earth Day on 4/20, updates on Bloomington Affordable Housing, and the availability of the Spanish agenda in Spanish.
- b) State Legislative Update – None
- c) CHP – None
- d) Code Enforcement
Officer Sanchez extended an invitation to the community cleanup event on 4/20. Additionally, he encouraged community members to report illegal dumping and graffiti incidents to their office. Officer Morales highlighted the successful cleanup of the cross section on Randall and Locus with deputy assistance and urged residents to utilize the See-click-Fix application for reporting community-related issues.
- e) Colton Joint Unified School District- None
- f) County Fire Department -
Chief Mike Westfall of Station 76 mentioned their high call volume of around 200 calls per month, indicating a very busy period. He also noted a recent fire incident at the old convalescent hospital, where they successfully safeguarded neighboring homes. The ongoing CIP project, featuring fencing around the station, is progressing well. Additionally, Chief Westfall expressed gratitude to Supervisor Baca for the support towards the reconstruction of Station 76, which is showing positive progress. Furthermore, approximately 40 new recruits are nearing graduation. He emphasized the importance of the community regularly checking and changing smoke detectors.
- g) Sheriff Department
Officers presented an overview of domestic calls and a shooting, delving into a specific incident on 2/26/2024 at 9:06 pm, involving an attempted murder at the 1800 Santa Ana Block. The male suspect has been apprehended. Additionally, officers announced an upcoming sweep, ensuring heightened deputy presence in the area. Officer Nunez provided insights on the Smash & Grabs, elaborating on a particular incident where the suspect(s) gained access through a wall.
- h) Special District
Invited the community to attend the Grand Opening of Kessler Park and the Bloomington Little League Opening Day. Information on Senior Nutritious Meals was provided, along with details about the upcoming community garden. Additionally, community members were encouraged to register for soccer.
- i) West Valley Water District
invited to join their Earth Day event scheduled for April 20th. Additionally, it was mentioned that they traveled to Washington D.C. to secure funding for alleyway piping meters.

4. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

a) Lilac Avenue Maintenance Project Update – Maria Kennedy

Update on the Lilac Avenue Truck Maintenance Project - Maria Kennedy

Maria Kennedy presented updates on the Lilac Avenue Truck Maintenance Project and mentioned her availability for any community questions. She shared that mail has been sent to nearby residents and received two positive phone calls regarding the project.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 7, 2024, Meeting – Minutes approved.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was given

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Old Business
- New Business
 - Gary Grossich suggested the MAC members join the Ad Hoc committee and asked Diane Mendez to send emails with information.

8. COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Dave Jane invited to his easter egg hunt on 3/23 starting at 9 am. He also asked for volunteers.
- Kessler Park Revitalization Ribbon Cutting on March 8th, starting at 6pm

9. MAC MEMBERS REPORTS

- Diane Mendez expressed gratitude to the agencies for providing updates that contribute to the safety of our community and families.
- Angela conveyed her appreciation to the community for the feedback received and extended thanks to the Sheriff's Department for their efforts in ensuring safety.
- Ana expressed her gratitude to the community for their presence and support.
- Gary acknowledged the staff for the excellent minutes/agenda. He mentioned an incident on Cactus Ave involving a car exceeding 100 MPH that struck a telephone/electricity pole, resulting in a power outage for nearby residents. He also called for increased patrolling of semi-trucks using non-truck routes.
 - Gary raised concerns about warehouse traffic enforcement, citing workers rushing to work, violating stop signs, and littering. He proposed visiting the Amazon location in Rialto to educate and request compliance with truck routes.
 - He requested the railroad to provide an update on their current projects.
 - Finally, he thanked Supervisor Baca for his support and advocacy.

10. ADJOURN MEETING at

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 3, 2024, at 6:00 pm

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