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, JUNE 4, 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.
- (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

Angela McClain- Present Dianne Méndez - Preset Teresa Escoto- Present

Yvonne Delgado- Present Alejandro Mariscal - Present

3. AGENCY STAFF REPORTS (3-5 Minutes)

- a) Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr.'s Office Announced that the Bloomington MAC Meeting will not be held in July. Additionally, it was shared that National Night Out is scheduled for August 5, 2025, with plans to unveil the new veterans' monument on that day.
- b) State Legislative Update Ulysses, Field Representative, provided an update on Assemblymember Robert Garcia's bills: AB803, AB410, and AB12. He expressed a desire to meet with MAC Members.
- c) CHP No updates provided
- d) Code Enforcement Encouraged community members to report illegal dumping, particularly of tires, and to report instances of graffiti.
- e) Colton Joint Unified School District No updates provided
- f) County Fire Department No updates provided
- g) Sheriff Department Announced plans to implement a pilot License Plate Reader (LPR) near Dave Janes' property to assist in crime reduction. This program will run for 30 days. Clean-up efforts are ongoing in the areas of Locust and Orange. It was noted that an individual causing disturbances, named Ibrahim, has been arrested, and residents were urged to report any criminal activity to the Sheriff's Department.
- h) Special District Expressed excitement about the community enjoying the park, noting that Girl Scouts are currently baking, emitting pleasant scents. An upcoming arts class was mentioned, with a brochure expected to be available soon. The launch of the splash pad has been delayed, with further details to come. Gratitude was extended to Fontana Sheriffs for the installation of new cameras at Kessler Park, including a blue light intended to deter crime. A total of 19 cameras have been installed to monitor various angles. The Senior Prom has sold out with 120 participants, generating excitement. Additionally, movie nights at the park were mentioned, with an invitation extended for National Night Out.
- i) West Valley Water District Announced the upcoming launch of a water portal to assist residents with utility bill payments. Residents were encouraged to stay hydrated during the heat and to reach out if they are interested in partnering on special projects.

4. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

- Horsepower Ranch Project- Maria Kennedy Presentation removed
- Bloomington Road Work Improvement Project- Bob Vezutto Bob Vezutto provided an update through a PowerPoint presentation.
- Bloomington Chamber of Commerce A PowerPoint introducing the organization's activities and goals. He introduced his board members: Fernando as President, Edgar as Vice President, Angel as Treasurer, and Mary as Treasurer. He outlined several of their objectives, such as creating "Welcome to Bloomington" signs, hosting a movie night, and providing resources to residents. Recently, they have assisted residents in job searches and connected single mothers with local churches.
 - Dianne inquired about the membership fees for the chamber: \$200 for Small Businesses, \$300 for Non-profits, and \$500 for Corporations.
 - Is this chamber limited to Bloomington? It also includes Rialto and Fontana. Teresa asked why it is named Bloomington Chamber, if it serves a larger area and what benefits members would receive by signing up for

services. Meetings are held at the American Legion on Cedar, with plans to meet once a month. Where are meetings advertised? Angel mentioned that he walks the community and shares information on Facebook, Nextdoor, and other platforms. He was also asked if the minutes from the meetings are available.

<u>5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> — Chair Teresa stepped out, and Vice Chair Angela took over to conduct the meeting. May 7, 2024, Meeting - Approved unanimously

<u>6. PUBLIC COMMENT</u> - Individuals who wish to address the MAC are requested to fill out a "Request to Speak" form and submit the completed form to Supervisor Baca's staff. Each speaker is allotted a three-minute time limit. Please note that MAC Members will not engage in discussion or take immediate action on items presented during this public comment period.

- 1. Dave Jane Announced that he will host a horse ride event on the third Saturday of the month and another event on October 25th. He also expressed regret for his previous attitude toward the Bloomington Chamber.
- 2. Gary Grossich- Discussed the zone change, noting that it lacks community benefits. He emphasized the need for community action and urged residents to push their supervisors to take action on this issue. He expressed disappointment regarding the current situation in Bloomington, highlighting that the number of illegal truck yards has increased from 37 to over 200 and that there is no longer an Ad Hoc committee addressing this problem. He shared a photo of a semi-truck that had become stuck on a non-truck route. Furthermore, he reported a street takeover that occurred last week at Cactus and Santa Ana, during which shots were fired at an unpermitted yard that also contained food vendors and a pallet yard, indicating that no action is being taken. He claimed that code enforcement has been instructed to ignore these issues.
- 3. Pam Gail Thanked the Sheriff's Department and Code Enforcement for their support. She highlighted the problem of illegal vendors and advocated for their legalization. Pam shared that Bloomington needs to work together if not surrounding cities will determine Bloomington's future.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Old Business No updates
- New Business Support letter for the renovation and facelift of the shopping center that includes the Dollar Tree and a liquor store.

8. MAC BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Angela On June 29th, she requested donations for hot dogs and mentioned that there will be games and other activities.
- Yvonne Expressed gratitude to everyone for a productive meeting and welcomed the Bloomington Chamber.
- Alejandro Voiced his appreciation for the park community and acknowledged the concerns regarding all the changes. He noted that large corporations that exploit our laws do not want us to come together, but uniting gives us a better chance of achieving positive outcomes.
- Teresa No longer present.
- Dianne Was happy to see the park being utilized even If finding parking was difficulty. She also shared she received an email meeting request and will forward to Supervisor Baca, Jr's office. Lastly she shared she was on a vacation which was well needed and urged the community to do the same.

9. ADJOURN MEETING - 7:38 PM

NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 6, 2025, at 6:00 pm

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