

Mecca-North Shore Community Council & County Service Area 97

Minutes

6:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 12, 2022
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

1. **Call to Order - 6:05pm**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance - led by Rogelio Mendez**
3. **Roll Call - Rogelio, Jaime, Larry, Gabriela, absent Adrian**
4. **Approval of the Minutes – Sep. 8, 2021 & Sep. 16, 2021 - Tabled for next meeting**
5. **Staff Reports:** Presenters must direct their report to the council. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chair may allow questions. Each speaker must first be recognized by the Chair.
 - A. Office of Supervisor V. Manuel Perez – Esmeralda Perez, 760-863-8211, Esperez@rivco.org
 - Maria Machuca, thank you for putting together the Mecca Christmas parade.
 - COVID 19, variant going on and high numbers, recommendation to get vaccinated, wear a mask and get tested. Testing sites on rivco4.org
 - Mecca sports park to be completed by Fall 2022, bids are being reviewed
 - Community Clean-up for Mecca at Mecca Landfill on Feb 5th from 8am-12pm.
 - Clean-up for North Shore on March 5th at North Shore Yacht Club from 8am-12pm. Flyers pending.
 - Plaque survey shared with community and results show the bridge will be dedicated to Mecca Family and Farm Workers with 70% response favoring.
 - B. Sheriff's Department – Sgt. Porfirio Rubio, 760-836-1600, prubio@riversidesheriff.org

October 2021-January 2022 numbers: 782 calls for service, 7 residential burglaries, 36 thefts, 18 stolen vehicles, 11 recovered, 5 violent crimes and 3 arrests made. 26 cameras to be installed in our area, exact location unknown. Encourage community to report any suspicious activities.
 - C. CAL Fire – Captain John Wiseman (Station 41, North Shore), 760-393-3073
john.wiseman@fire.ca.gov

Not present
 - D. Emergency Management Department – Eric Cadden, 760-791-0734, eric.cadden@rivco.org
 - Recruiting for emergency services coordinator, 3 openings
 - 5 new positions for ECS for COVID response.
 - No test kits available
 - Majority of hospitalizations are unvaccinated individuals
 - E. CHP – Officer Rafael Espinosa, 760-772-5300, Rafael.Espinosa@chp.ca.gov
 - Present, but no reports available due to problems with computer. Normal DUI activity. Remind community of seat belts, cellphones, and distracted driving. Work at elementary school, unloading children and helping with traffic. Children not in right car seat or not with a seatbelt on. Been picking up junk cars, tag them and are picked up 3-4 days later. Cars being dragged out to the street by owners. North Shore area patrolling continues with issues with RZR's and quads.
 - F. Code Enforcement – Aaron Aceves, 760-393-3344, <https://rctlma.org/ce>

-Senior Officer Frank Mendez gave updates

-Community Cleanup with several agencies was a success at the entrance bridge in Mecca and next to the church

-Sara Montano has handed cases assigned to North Shore area to Frank Mendez. Sara Montano was covering large area and needed assistance. Frank will cover North Shore area moving forward.

G. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians – Jacquelyn Gonzalez, 760-408-5451, jgonzales@cabazonindians-nsn.gov and Joey Acuna, joeyacunajr@aol.com

-Not present

H. Desert Recreational District – Shayra Hernandez (760) 396-0257, shernandez@drd.us.com

Updates provided regarding an overview of programs in both Mecca and North Shore including:

-Mecca community, Senior activities Monday through Thursday 9am-1pm, Fit After 50 Tuesday and Thursday 9am-10am

-Community Meeting on February 1st at 6pm.

-Feb 25th Resource Fair at Mecca Park 6pm-8pm

-Valentines Event Feb 5th 5-7pm in Mecca Community Park

North Shore Community: Senior Activities on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-12pm

-Fit After 50 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-10m.

-Valentines Event Friday Feb 4th 5pm-7pm.

-Community meeting of what the community wants to see in North Shore Feb 16th 6pm.

I. Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia – Ruben Perez (760) 347-2360, ruben.perez@asm.ca.gov

No reports available, New legislative year, working on bill ideas and budget request. Remind community that they are still open to help with other assistance and programs. Chair for the committee on utilities and energy, no longer chair for water parks and wildlife. Question by Jaime regarding funding for parks. No application submitted by county and Desert Recreation to request funding. Conchita Pozar asking about having representation with IID due to infrastructure problems in the North Shore area. Patricia Leal, what are some of the brainstorming or ideas with efforts being made with the eastern part of the Coachella valley. Suggestions for community forums to ensure the community really benefits. Idea with IID did not pass last year.

J. Other Departments and Public Agencies:

6. New Business: Presenters must direct their report to the council. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chair may allow questions. Each speaker must first be recognized by the Chair.

A. Riverside County Transportation Department:

i. 66th Avenue Grade Separation Update

ii. Urban Greening Grant Project Update

Mojahed Salama, Deputy Director, Transportation Department - msalama@rivco.org

Catherine M. Wampler, Engineering Project Manager, Transportation Department - cwampler@rivco.org

-Ave 66 grade separation is completed, pending fencing on pedestrian walkway will be here next month. 3 traffic signals that are installed, pending to be turned on. Bridge to be opened Mid March.

-Mecca Neighborhood Park and Greening Project- funds received by the state 1million dollars, corner of 2nd St and Hammond Rd.

-Project scheduled to begin next year

-Hammond Ave and 66th Ave Street improvement project. Bring sidewalks to street missing sidewalks and widen up the pavement. Project scheduled to begin next year as well.

B. Annual Officer Rotation, per Riverside County Board of Supervisors Policy A-21

Rogelio nominates Gabriela Centeno for Chairwomen, motioned by Larry, second by Jaime
Vice Chair-Rogelio Mendez, nominated by Jaime, Motioned by Larry, second by Gabriela
Secretary Position-Jaime Gonzalez, volunteered, second by Larry and Rogelio
Adrian has submitted resignation as of Monday 1/10/22, Position to be opening for his position, currently
vacancy.

C. Review of 2022 Calendar Date: Jan. 12, Mar. 9 (North Shore), May 11 (Mecca), Sept. 7 (North
Shore), & Nov 9 (Mecca).

7. Public Comments: All persons wishing to address the Council on items not specifically on the agenda or on
matters of general interest should do so at this time. Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes.

-Request for live interpreter at future meetings

-Animal Control on Harbor Dr. requested by Conchita due to children being present and dangerous hazards.

-HWY 111 has overgrown weeds that are covering traffic signs.

-Sidewalk request across Saul Martinez school by the field area.

-Concern regarding propane tank that was moved to the front of AMPM.

8. Councilmember Reports and Comments

9. Agenda Items for next meeting

10. Adjourn meeting

7:49- Motion from Jaime, second by Larry

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