

## **McSwain Municipal Advisory Council**

McSwain Elementary School  
926 N. Scott Rd., Merced, CA 95340

### **MEETING MINUTES Thursday, March 27, 2014**

The March 27, 2014 meeting of the McSwain Municipal Advisory Council was called to order by Chairperson, Darren Olguin, at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Roll Call**

Those in attendance: Darren Olguin, Gerald Solano, Pam Schroeder and Maria Skordos-Moore. Toby Soares was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gerald Solano.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Maria Skordos-Moore and seconded by Gerald Solano to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Gerald Solano and seconded by Maria Skordos-Moore to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Public Opportunity to Speak on any Matter within the Council's Jurisdiction that is not on the Agenda (5 minute time limit)**

1. Ezio Sansoni gave a report concerning his meeting with Ron Rowe of Environmental Health. They surveyed some of the areas of concern about gray water in the creeks. Also, discussed was abatement of the illegal encampment along Black Rascal Creek. In this dry year, Mr. Sansoni is very concerned there has been no effort to upgrade, maintain or repair creek banks in preparation for wetter years. The Stream Group, consisting of the City of Merced, Merced County and Merced Irrigation District, has been charged by the Army Corp of Engineers to maintain canals and creeks. The Beachwood area is at risk of flooding.

#### **Reports**

1. Sherriff Department  
Not present
2. Fire Marshal – Hank Moore  
Mr. Moore gave us a report about the grant that was obtained to promote and distribute smoke alarms in homes in unincorporated areas. The smoke alarms meet the new standards and are available where there are old or no smoke alarms. Applications are on the County Website or my contacting Hank Moore.

## **Old Business**

### 1. Planning Department – Dave Gilbert and Oksana Newmen

- Sahota Project – 28 acres

New CEQA document needs to be prepared. It will address water quality, traffic, aesthetics, land use and air quality.

- Quinley Project – 13 acres

The MAC discussed concerns that included, road improvements, fire protection, and adding new domestic wells during a drought.

It was noted that the paperwork was incomplete and not completely accurate. It was requested that the Planning Department makes sure that the applications are complete and accurate.

Recommendation:

A motion was made by Pam Schroeder to voice our concerns about water availability and improvements to the roadway and that until these issues are addressed we cannot fully support this project. It was seconded by Gerald Solano.

Carried 4 – 0

### 2. Kinder Morgan

Darren Olguin and Maria Skordos-Moore met with Steve Osborn of Kender Morgan concerning the fuel tanks at Buhach and Sp Ave.

We have been asking that Kinder Morgan paint the tanks, but they declined because they are considered surplus.

Mr. Osborn promised to take our concerns to a meeting in July when they are discussing budgets for 2015. Chairman Olguin will follow up with a letter.

### 3. Parks and Recreation

There is \$349,000 in development fees designated for parks and recreation in the McSwain area.

It is being proposed that the responsibility for McSwain Parks and Recreation will come part of the duties of the McSwain Municipal Advisory Council members. It would be mean a separate committee with separate meetings, but the same members.

A Public Hearing on the proposed new ordinance will be April 22, 2014.

The new Parks and Recreation Committee will be exploring ways we can use this money and what we want for our community. Project approval will lie with the Board of Supervisors.

## **New Business**

No New Business

## **Council Member Comments**

None

## **Supervisor's Comments**

1. At Castle  
Sierra Aviation Center has entered into a long-term lease with the County for the Aviation Challenge building at Castle. Work has begun on the building.  
Google has leased the simulator building and 60 acres.

## **Future Agenda Items**

1. Kinder Morgan
2. Parks & Recreation
3. Traffic congestion and enforcement
4. Environmental Health
5. MID

A motion was made by Maria Skordos-Moore and seconded by Gerald Solano to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried 4 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Pam Schroeder*

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Secretary