

McSwain MAC meeting minutes January 28, 2016

Present: Darren Olguin, Maria Skordos-Moore, Roy Torres, Gerald Solano, Valerie Roden

Absent: Andrew Kersten, Toby Soares

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda and approval of meeting minutes **Roy motion to approve second Gerald**

Reports:

Merced county Public Works director Dana Hertfelder was not present to give report. Sgt Pacheco representing Merced County Sheriff's department had no news to report. Daniel Martinez was there for Senator Costa. Moises Onsurez is dealing with the McSwain School Traffic issues.

Non-emergency sheriffs - 209-385-7445

Non-emergency CHP - 209-356-2956

Planning and Economic Development - 209-385-7654

Old business

Darren reported on his meeting with Caltrans to discuss improving the 140/gurr road intersection. 11 accidents have occurred. Issue is ongoing. Darren requested authorization to continue discussions with Caltrans and Merced County Public Works for ideas and solution to improve safety at Gurr Road and 140 interesection. **Motion by Roy and second by Gerald to allow Darren to continue conversation and meeting w/CALTRANS on Gurr and 140.**

Welcome to McSwain signs are under construction. 18x24 reflective Placement of signs was discussed. It was determined that the signs should be placed so as to include McSwain school. Possible placements were: 140 and Thornton Road, Bert Crane and 140, Applegate and Atwater Jordan, Buhach and SP

Communications

Pam Naveres and Oksana Newman presented a short presentation regarding county housing element for merced county. Speaks briefly on economic development required a look at the projected housing needs. There are 15880 units in cities and county total. 4445 units in county only. Possible zone changes to accommodate housing needs. She passed out a survey that needed to be submitted by February 1st asking 8 questions: Do you live in Merced County. What are the major housing issues in your community. What can be done to address these

issues. Are there specific segments of the population whose housing needs are not being met. What can be done to help meet these housing needs. There is a big focus on planning for affordable housing in the Housing Element. Do you think there are specific barriers to building affordable housing in the county. What can be done to address these barriers. She also discussed new senate bill for emergency shelters; which would allow shelters to be set up for homeless in M1 and M2 zones 60 beds or less. Bill also includes TRANSITIONAL HOUSING in all residential areas for homeless for limited stays to 6 months or less.

New Business

Introduce new member Valerie Roden

Zip code change for McSwain; Discussed process to change zip code for McSwain. Create petition with signatures from McSwain residents. Representative for Senator Costa, Daniel Martinez said his office could assist with the process. Roy motioned to change zip code making sure to include McSwain School District - motion failed Motion amended by Valerie to change zip code using the McSwain School District boundary - motion passed

Valerie Roden and Debbie Lee Chapman have stepped forward to oversee the McSwain MAC participation in neighborhood watch program which includes other farm watch programs in Merced County. They are the administrators for McSwain Community Watch which is a closed community group on Facebook. All McSwain residents are encouraged to join.

Request to begin conversations with PG&E to help clean up right of ways and keep landscape sustainable.

Create 10 year Community Place for McSwain

Create program to utilize community service requirement for BCHS students.

Motion to adjourn by Gerald second by Roy meeting adjourn 8:17pm