

# MECCA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF MEETING FOR DECEMBER 2009

Saul Martinez Elementary School  
65-705 Johnson Street  
Mecca, CA 92254

Jaime Gonzales, Reporting

1. Meeting called to order @ 6:06PM by Celia Garcia
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by: Alexia Gentry & CJ Lopez
3. A presentation of Dance Florclorico
4. Roll Call:
  - a. Celia Garcia → Present
  - b. Mike Bozick → Present
  - c. Maria G. Machuca → Present
  - d. Jaime Gonzales → Present
  - e. Cipriano Montes → Present
5. Approval of minutes → Maria Machuca makes motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike → all in favor motion carries
6. Staff Reports:
  - a. Introduction of Supervisor John J Benoit:
    - i. 21 years in the Coachella Valley, in 1988 I was the commander for Saul Martinez. John Benoit was a Saul Martinez on Elementary School on opening day and never expected to be back as 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor. Ended with “Gracias, verlos muchas veses en el futuro
  - b. Sheriff Department:
    - i. 169 calls, most were on the 911 → 39 reports, and 4 arrests of note
  - c. Economic Development Agency (EDA)
    - i. Boys & Girls Club was awarded to Park-West
    - ii. Fire station in Plan Check → Final approval in Mid January, should start in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
    - iii. Senior Center: We are trying to get property @ Auto shop, we are working with property owner to start cleaning even escrow has NOT close

- iv. Maria Manchaca asked what steps are being taken? 5 Phases.  
Phases 1-4 are under construction. Phase 5 will be the roundabout on 4<sup>th</sup> street. Local business will be contacted about the construction, drive way access to be left open during construction
- v. Mike suggested , please fix 66<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>
- d. Fire Department
  - i. 42 calls, 31 were medical, abs issue 2 agricultural burn permits

## 7. New Business

- a. H1N1 flu presentation:
  - i. H1N1 affects younger healthy adults, and seasonal flu affects the very young and older
  - ii. It spreads like regular flu
- b. Update on Johnson Apartments:
  - i. 40 units → rehabilitation on community, demolition is done we are installing new brick walls, picnic tables and a play areas, we are also painting all units, and should be done in March
  - ii. Maria Manchaca asked about the metal gates? Those are being removed ( to expensive to maintain and up-keep
- c. CVWD update on street improvement:
  - i. We need to relocate water mains, under sidewalks. Completed phase 1 today December 19 2009
  - ii. Phase 2-3 we need to install new mains, new fire hydrants, more pressure, and better water quality
  - iii. We are also installing a new water main to La Pena housing

## 8. Old Business:

- a. Approval of letter :Letter NOT completed

## 9. Public Comments:

- a. Maria Alvares: Security for children waling to school on Johnson Street, we need to open access to our children
- b. Maria Manchaca→ Code enforcement to get property owners to clean over gowned greens on parcels
- c. Ceclia→ We have very high traffic on harvesting season: Sheriff please help with extra patrolling
- d. We have about 400 new homes around Saul Martinez which created a LOTS more traffic
- e. Sonia Rodriguez→ I support Maria Alvares
- f. CHP Takes care of traffic, but the Sheriff helps, traffic is 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sheriff 760 836-3215
- g. Lupita & Virginia presentation Census 2010:
  - i. Important to get counted, the Government hands out 400 Billion to communities. We should get a letter, it takes about 10 minutes to
- h. 7:17 Mike left

10. Committee reports:

- a. Mecca's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Desfile de Luces → NOT yet
- b. Mecca Business Association → Help bring more business, help start businesses " Casa de comercio"
- c. Maria Machuca & Celia Gracias hope John Benoit liked. Lets bring meeting to Saul Martinez once a year

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- a. Transportation Survey
- b. Code enforcement with CVHC
- c. Southern California Services

@ 7:28 PM Maria Machuca makes motion to adjourn, Jaime Gonzales 2<sup>nd</sup> motion