



MECCA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2009  
65250 Cahuilla Street, Mecca, CA 92254

Jaime Gonzales, Reporting

1. Meeting called to order @ 6:05PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by: Mr. Gonzales
3. Roll Call:
  - Celia Garcia → Present
  - Mike Bozick → Absent
  - Maria G. Machuca → Present
  - Jaime Gonzales → Present
  - Cipriano Montes → Absent
4. Approval of minutes → Celia Garcia made motion to approve minutes, Maria G Machuca 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor: motion carries
5. Staff Reports:
  - A. Sheriff Department → Lieutenant Frank Taylor: On Friday November 13, 2009, about 1800 cars were checked on a DUI Check Point on the 86 express way → 2 DUI's arrests.  
Manuel Montes any a comment about people crossing a double solid line in front of new Sheriff Station.
  - B. Code Enforcement – Leticia De Lara → Not here because of cut backs, will request a monthly report for our future meetings
  - C. Fire Department – 87 incidents, of that 48 were medical: Attended LOTs of epical events (Air show in Thermal)
  - D. Other County or Public Agencies – Jesse Mendoza → Contractor from Banning to start in Mid December (Phase 1 of 6). Leticia De Lara → CVWD will attend our next meeting (60 working days for phase 1)  
Manuel Montes: We need better dust control → I see no water truck no sweepers, specially on Fridays for the weekend.
  - E. Riverside County 4<sup>th</sup> District Representative - Leticia De Lara → EDA to attend next month, The Boys & Girls Club bids were delay because of protest by bidder.
  - F. Claudia Suarez – Representative for Congress woman Mary Bono-Mack 45 district: Congratulate 22 persons from completing the emergency program. Message from Miguel Esqueda → Thank for the program, but we need more “capasitasion” more help, more training: Claudia → lots of info on website. Safely fair @ Palm Desert Senior Center from 8Am to 1PM. Message from Isidro Ramirez: We would like more safely training @ least every 2 months or so. Invite emergency service Dept. to provide more training. Claudia Suarez is @ the Mecca Library 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month from 2 to 5 PM. Message from Silvia Portillo, Please focus more on the Farm Workers, Immigration, housing and Medical issues. Support our troops on Afghanistan.
  - G. Gary Cervantes – Representative for Assemblyman Victor Manuel Perez - Disaster preparedness at COD to prepare the community for a big Disaster” Mecca Campus 150 senior got he HINI flue shots

6. New Business

1. H1N1 Flu presentation – Adriana Navas, → Absent
2. Update on Johnson Apartments – Housing Authority-Table → Miscommunication → Next month
3. Building Healthy Communities – Select a Councilmember to represent Mecca Community Council → Maria G Machuca made motion to nominate Manuel Montes to representative the community of Mecca, Cecelia Garcia 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carries
4. Mecca COD presentation – Juan Lujan→ Campus wants to be part of the community. Open in Feb 2009 by a bon measure Victor Villasenor was guest speaker. 275 enroll in 8 credit classes and 2 ESL Classes. 100 acres, 451 students, more courses added. More workshops, Ex) VMP strategic workshop. Free bus passes to students attending Mecca campus. Sunline DID more the pick-up and drop close to campus. Campus open from M-TH 9-4. Public request for classes to become Naturalized Citizens @ night.
5. Establishment of the Mecca Business Association – Maria G. Machuca → to help bossiness owners with monthly meetings and to bring more business to community

7. Old Business

- A. Approval of letter to Fourth District Supervisor regarding concerns from the residents of Mecca pertaining to Western Environmental, Inc. → Letter is in work in progress
- B. Present CERT Awards → Awards were given
- C. 2010 Census discussion – Una mano de manos, should get letter in March 2009. Government con NOT open this letters, the more people the more services, and its every 10 years

8. Public Comments

- a. Sra. Portillo→ we need more communication on health. The importance of blood donation.
  1. Maria G Machuca → we should invite a bold bank
- b. Manuel Montes→ asking people to come to the meetings and thanking them for attending
- c. Sr. Perdo→ H1N1 God or Bad? We need more information and thak you for the invitation
  1. Maria G Machuca → Lots of information @ Clinicas De Salude @ Dr. Ruiz
- d. Sra. Protillo. We need to help the Veterans (Solders) the put their life on the line and we have forgotten about them
- e. Public (didn't get name) Thanks for the invitation → High speed drivers @ Saul Martinez Elementary School

9. Committee Reports

- a. Desfile de Luces – Maria G Machuca → Will b on December 7<sup>th</sup>, new rout , the Mecca logo will be on tractor
- b. Celia Garcia→ Carnaval de Otono was GREAT, more than 750 people Turkeys were given away from the Morongo Band of Indians
- c. Maria G Machuca→ Mecca Website, with lots of public info for community

Jaime Gonzales made motion to adjourn meeting @ 7:45PM, Ceclia Garcia 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, all in favor, motion carries.

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