



KEYES MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 15, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
Keyes Community Services District
5601 7th Street,
Keyes, Ca 95328

I. Call the meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Welcome and Roll call

Present were Chair Garza, Vice Chair Grewal, Member Amaya, Member Bernal;
Member Reed was absent.

IV. Public Comments

None.

V. Approval of the minutes from July 2020 and April 2021.

There was a motion made to accept the Minutes of July 2020 and April 2021 by Vice Chair Grewal and a second by Director Amaya. Vice Chair Grewal(M), Director Amaya(S), Chair Garza(AYE), Director Bernal(AYE) and Director Reed(ABSENT).

VI. Community Reports and Updates

A. California Highway Patrol

There were 10 non-injury hit and run accidents. Two of those were minor injuries. We had 5 arrest. There were 23 calls for reckless driving. The highway patrol hosted 2 training courses for street racing which covered how to handle and enforce situations. Classes are now up and running at the academy and we have two new officers that will be coming up that are experienced. There were seven vehicles reported stolen and two were recovered.

B. Sheriff's Office

NA.

C. Fire District

Fire Chief Raj Singh attended and introduced himself and his assistant, Dave Whipkey. Keyes Fire is a volunteer department of local people that are taking shifts at the station. They have recently partnered with Denair and Turlock and they are running calls together when needed. Recently they have purchased a new truck that resembles the cal fire trucks and a brush rig. They are purchasing

new equipment and tools that are helping them keep up with environmental safety. Calls have been up this year and a lot of the calls are for speeding. Raj encourages the community to reach out if they would like a tour or if they would like for someone to do a drive by for a birthday or something special. Director Amaya asked who was in charge of code enforcement because the alleys are very messy and some of them are so bad that you could not drive down them. Raj explained that the County is in charge of code enforcement.

D. Public Works

Public works spoke about code enforcement and some of the programs that are offered by Stanislaus county. There is an alley cleanup crew that is ran by 3 individuals that go out and clean the alleys. You would need to report the area to the County and they will come out and see what needs to be done in order to get things cleaned up. There is also a program to fund cleaning of highways. If you contact the County and let them know what you would like to do they have funds to help pay for cleaning up the roads. Someone would need to head a community clean up and the County would fund it. TID and PGE may also have funds to help with some alley clean up as well. There is also an adopt a road plan that the County will fund, you would need to call 209-525-4130 and they will give you directions to get something like this going. This can be done 4 times a year. Public works will be working on the roads starting August 23rd. They will be fixing 46.2 miles of road in the area. In ten years they want to be able to hit every road. The road work should not affect school or any other traffic. It should be pretty quick.

E. Board of Supervisors – Board member was not in attendance.

F. Chief Executive Office

Erica Inacio spoke about the cleanup that would need to be reported to code enforcement also. She spoke about the GO app that can be downloaded. You can take pictures and submit them to the county with this app and they will be able to see firsthand just how bad the alleys are. The emergency rental assistance is still taking place at the County and funding is still available. They have purchased software to help them make the process easier. You will be able to create a user and log into your account to see where you are at in the program and if there is anything that you need to submit. Erica also brought information on Illegal dumping, Stan Aware and 211 services for the County. Community Night Out will be held at the District on August 3, 2021 at 6:00p.m. Director Bernal will be helping to head this event with the help of the MAC Board. There will be training on August 4th, 10th and 31st for the MAC Committees in Stanislaus County in Modesto, dinner will be served. This training is provided and will be of no cost to any member who would like to attend. Erica asked if the MAC would like to remain and elected board or change to an appointed board. They all agree that an appointed board would be best and Erica is going to bring the information for them to look at on the next reading date so they can go over everything. She asked if there was anything that they would like to see on the agenda or any department they would like to come and the one that was agreed

on was the code enforcement. This will be done at the next meeting. Erica asked to have the addresses sent to her regarding the homeless and she would have the CSA come out and see if there was anything that she could do to help them.

G. Keyes Community Services District

General Manager Garza: We are still waiting to hear back regarding the grant that we applied for from the State regarding 123 TCP. Our lift station is almost complete, it is located on Faith Home Rd. We are still having some problems with hydrogen sulfide and we are waiting on some electrical equipment that has been delayed due to COVID. We are still using our old lift station as a backup but will destroy it when this project is complete. In March of 2020 we changed our billing to allow our customers to use the first 25 units of water at no cost on their monthly billing. Starting in the July 2021 billing we will be charging for all water use. We are looking at purchasing a new vac truck and have had 3 different companies bring out demos for us to look at. These trucks recycle the water which is helping do a part in conserving, especially with the drought. We are looking into applying for a USDA grant that would cover up to possibly 80% of the cost. Best RV located on Golden State and Highway 99 will be connecting to our water system. They will be boring under the freeway but it should not cause any delays. Price Ford will be constructing a new dealership next to them, Price Honda. The City of Turlock will be running water lines from Taylor Road to Barnhart to allow this connection. We are in the process of speaking with The City of Turlock to see if they are interested an interconnect with us at Barnhart in case there was ever an emergency.

VII. Council Comments and Suggestions for Future Agendas

The MAC Board would like to see the Code Enforcement brought back to our meetings. Director Bernal expresses her gratitude and excitement to be part of the Keyes MAC Board. Director Grewal welcomed Director Bernal and thanked Erica for all of her hard work.

VIII. Adjournment

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. by Vice Chair Grewal and a second by Director Amaya. Vice Chair Grewal(M), Director Amaya(S), Chair Garza(AYE), Director Bernal(AYE) and Director Reed(ABSENT).

Next Regular Meeting: October 21, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.