



Salida Municipal Advisory Council

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Minutes

Tuesday – July 27th, 2021 - 7:00PM

Nick W Blom Stanislaus County Regional Library – Salida
4835 Sisk Rd, Salida, CA 95368

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. L Powers Called meeting to order at 7pm
2. Welcome and Roll Call. All MAC Members were present
3. Approval of Minutes for the June 22nd, 2021 Meeting. Motion to Approve. B Elliott 1st / T Burns 2nd. Passed
4. Community Concerns

Kathrine Borges spoke about the history of the Salida MAC and her involvement. Stated the e-mail list is underutilized. Stated we should be using the Nextdoor App to reach the community. Stated we should use all the tools we have to keep the Salida Community informed. Brad Johnson, inquired a bit more about how the MAC can better reach the community. Some of the above was restated.

Craig Coker spoke. He had also submitted a comment via e-mail. That comment was read. He is concerned with a rumor/comment he heard regarding a homeless shelter being established in Salida at the Don Pedro Motel. T Withrow addressed the comment. There is no current plan.

5. Monthly Community Reports
 - a. Stanislaus County Sheriff – Officer January Siphon, Crime stats from June. A few questions about the nature of calls. Question. re: # of deputies in Salida, when substation reopens. Answer. 4 Deputies. 1 Sergeant (Withrow answered later in the meeting). More questions and discussion about where homeless are camping, what is being done, and who is responsible for the policing of them. Deputy Siphon, outlined the process of working with homeless. CHP Officer Moore also brought the perspective of CHP to the discussion. Stated that they have manpower allocated to the issue of homeless encampment on state highway land.
 - b. California Highway Patrol – Officer Moore gave statistics from June. Stated that staffing is still low, but the CHP Academy is now open, but is limited in numbers. Also gave a public service announcement regarding Road Rage, keep calm, don't let another dictate your response. Also talked a bit more about homeless, and the compassion component. A comment from the public was made about a beloved K9, "Poquito"? He has been retired
 - c. Stanislaus County Supervisor, District 3 T Withrow gave an overview on many subjects, including the comment about the homeless shelter in Salida. There are no plans. A community member mentioned the Don Pedro Motel, had been presented with offers to buy, but the owner is looking for a higher offer. Withrow talked about a recent "statement" by the County Board of Supervisors stating that they supported giving individual school districts the power to create policy that best fits their families regarding the requirement of wearing masks. Question from public asking if the local health department is weighing in on the decision. Yes, they are involved in the discussions.

- d. Salida Fire Department - Chief Patrick Burnes spoke about some local fires. Much discussion regarding AMR Response times. Withrow commented that the County Supervisors are actively challenging AMR's performance. And are working on a policy change. Discussion from the MAC and others in attendance regarding writing a letter which supports the County Supervisors activities in pursuing better response times from AMR and the policies which dictate the response procedures.
- e. Salida Sanitary District – Brad Johnson had nothing to report.
- f. Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library – Wayne Philburn gave a comprehensive report of the activities of the Salida, and Stan County libraries. Including new book lending time frames, and library hours. Comment from public asked for handouts with the information he is presenting. He will work on getting back to that practice at future gatherings.

6. Information Items

Officer Graham with the Stanislaus Animal Services announced that there will be a pet adoption event in August. This will allow the free adoption of pets at the shelter.

Erica Inacio, Stanislaus County Community Manager, brought to our attention that there is still COVID rental assistance through Emergency Rental Assistance at www.StanRentAssist.com, and testing and vaccinations are available and important.

Mrs. Inacio also brought the upcoming redistricting of county Supervisor districts is coming up, and there are opportunities to get involved. Please visit <http://www.stancounty.com/redistricting> for more information.

STAN AWARE is an app that helps disseminate information to the public. Also, the GoRequest App has been replaced by STANConnect - an app that helps communicate and receive information from Stan. County and to submit requests such as reporting illegal dumping or issues at County parks

If you witness someone dumping trash in the alley or the county call the Sheriff's non-emergency number at 209.552.2468. Reminder that there is bulky item pickup available through your local refuse company.

Next Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors meeting is August 17th at 6:30. This is a time to be heard if you have input on county issues, such as the Cal Sierra project.

7. Action Item

Discussed drafting a letter to local authorities and AMR regarding the concern of Salida MAC and its citizens in regards to unacceptable response times for equipment and personnel. Discussion in support from the MAC, one member of the public is concerned that such an action could cause repercussions to the Salida area by AMR. Believes that AMR should be invited to our MAC to respond/comment on their position regarding the response times. Brad Johnson Motion: MAC Member Tom Burns to draft a letter supporting the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors in pursuing the improvement of AMR Response Times. Seconded by B Elliott. Passed 5 – 0.

8. Council Concerns/Comments/Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items discussed.

Statement read by MAC Member B Elliott regarding his impressions of his first months and interaction with other MAC members for the first time.

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment 8:58pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 24th, 2021