SOUTH MODESTO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Minutes for Thursday, August 11, 2022 Stanislaus County Ag Center Building Harvest Hall (Room G) 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 Meeting was called to order at 6pm by Chair, Rebecca Harrington.
- II. Recording Secretary establishing Quorum by roll call Roll call was called, all members present.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Supervisor Condit.
- IV. Approval of Minutes for July 14, 2022.
 Motion by Vice Chair, Maria Madrigal, to approve minutes from July 14, 2022 as written.
 Second by member, Alvaro Ramirez, all in favor.
- V. Supervisor Report
 - A) District 5 Supervisor Channel Condit
 - 1. Encouraging residents to attend next board meeting scheduled for Tues, 8/16/22 at 6:30pm in the downtown offices where voting will take place for allocating the ARPA funds.
 - 2. PAL program is being held at Parklawn Park. Has been made aware of the constant vandalism.
 - 3. Submitted paperwork for installing speed bumps in the Parklawn area. Thanked, councilmember, Martha Villaseñor, for her participation. She went door to door getting the necessary resident signatures.

Comments:

Vice-Chair, Maria Madrigal, TID is not keeping up with debris along canal banks on Hatch & Dallas. She has been in touch with Jenny with the City of Modesto. Councilmember, Martha Villaseñor, questioned who was removing the dirt on the park. Supervisor clarified that it was the County's department and its being prepared for drainage. Bathrooms need to be cleaned.

- B) District 4 Supervisor Mani Grewal
 - 1. Emphasized the importance and impact Tuesday's Board meeting will have on our area if funds were approved. Mentioned that besides the 50 million, there were an additional 3 million allocated per district.
 - 2. Commented that even though he only represents a small area within the South Modesto MAC, he will work alongside Supervisor Condit to assist the entire area as needed.

Comments:

Resident questioned whether the businesses previously announced to be built in the old Kmart are still going up or are they being moved elsewhere. He hasn't heard of any changes.

Mr. Denoso wanted clarification on whether the 50 million were funds from a previous lawsuit. Supervisor Grewal responded that these funds have nothing to do with any lawsuits. Chair, Rebecca Harrington, emphasized that the 50 million were ARPA funds.

VI. Community Reports (5 Minute Maximum)

A. California Highway Patrol- Officer Shore

Stats; 13 non-injury, 70 DUI, 3 collisions, 10 traffic stops, recovered 3 stolen vehicles, 24 motor assisted calls. For traffic complaints, call the watch officer's line 209/545-7440, they should have a bilingual officer answering calls. He is part of the enforcement team, so he tries to go to these scenes himself. Important to provide as much info as possible.

Comment: Side shows- there is a task force assigned specifically for this problem. What to expect when making reports. Officer will go out to scene, then send a written update to the person submitting the complaint. If nothing was received, he encourages residents to continue to send in complaints until a response is received. Officer Shore added that the logic is if there is heavy police presence then the driver's will go slower. Comment: If more than one person makes same complaint, will they go out more than once. No, these calls will be treated as one complaint. If the issue is more serious, he does encourage residents to have more than one person make complaint with as detailed information as possible.

Comment: Vice-Chair, Maria Madrigal, questioned if there was a particular area where these side show drivers congregated. She has heard that these are clubs that use social media to invite others but then use other methods to confirm the location.

- B. Stanislaus Sheriff's Department not present
- C. Modesto Fire -not present
- D. Other community reports- none
- VII. Public Comments Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda (3 Minute Maximum)

 Comment: Questioned why there was City surveillance on Valente & Acacia. Chair,

 Rebecca Harrington, commented that it could be that they are looking into the water
 lines.

Comment: Mr. Denoso, wanted to know how the MAC members were selected. Chair, Rebecca Harrington, answered that as of last year the councilmembers voted for members to be appointed. He also wanted to know how many years the members sat on the council. Chair, Rebecca Harrington, answered that there was no time expiration since council members are volunteers not paid employees. And when are the positions changed to which the Chair, Rebecca Harrington, replied that once a year towards the end of the year.

VIII. Special Order of Business/Updates/Announcements

A. Community Announcements

The Latino Round Table is having a luncheon on 8/18/22 at the Old Red building on 8th street, \$25 for nonmembers.

IX. Council Comments/Issues/Topics for Next Agenda

Alvaro Ramirez – is in support of closing the alleys in the Parklawn area. Chair, Rebecca Harrington said for him to be in contact with Luis Castillo from CRLA since they are working on that same issue.

Vice-Chair, Maria Madrigal, will be on vacation for September's meeting.

Martha Villaseñor – would like for not just agenda to be in Spanish but also the minutes. Chair, Rebecca Harrington, responded that it would be up to the Supervisor and Recording Secretary.

Vice-Chair, Maria Madrigal, asked the Supervisors if the county translation equipment could be brought to the MAC to assist with the amount of time it takes to translate. Both Supervisor Condit and Grewal said they would look into it. Chair, Rebecca Harrington, added that we need to show a good number in attendance needing this type of service to make it worthwhile.

X. Adjournment: 6:59pm, Next Regular Meeting, September 8, 2022