

# HICKMAN MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Hickman School

1, **ATTENDEES**

Lynn Meshew (Chair), Tonya Woody Aragon, Meredith Clark and Fred Rodriguez

2, Meeting called to order by Chair Meshew at 7:05 p.m.

3, Chair Meshew made a motion to approve October 2019 meeting minutes and Member Rodriguez seconded.

4, NEW BUSINESS/Public Comment:

Carla Baskins and Lisa Clawson expressed concern about street racing on Lake Road on weekends. Deputy Cheary says that they are aware of street racers. They are difficult to catch because they usually don't post on social media until that day, so it's hard to keep ahead. Advised residents to call 911 to report dangerous activity. If using a cell phone, the call will go to CHP dispatch. If using landline, call will go to Sheriff dispatch. Reminded residents of county's GORquest app for reporting non-emergencies.

Ms. Clawson requested clarification for what constitutes an illegal marijuana grow. Deputy Cheary stated that anything outside the home is illegal. Can have six plants indoors (including a lockable and concealable shed, or inside a residence). Ms. Baskins also wanted to know if Hickman was receiving any money from the legal grow (All Seasons Organics). Erica Inacio (County Chief Executive Office) advised that guidelines for Community Benefit Fee were still being drafted. Member Clark has written brief summary of Hickman School Track & Field construction project for Ms. Inacio to pass on for consideration.

5, Community Reports

Traffic – No officer was present from the CHP.

Crime – Deputy Cody Cheary (Sheriff): Deputy Cheary introduced himself as our new contact. Statistics for August/September include: 1 residential burglary; 1 assault reported; 2 calls for disturbing the peace; 2 domestic disputes; 1 call of suspicious activity.

6, Informational items:

Erica Inacio (County Chief Executive Office) reported:

- There is a community project called "Sock-tober" collecting socks for the homeless during the month of October.

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- There will be another Point in Time (PIT) count of the homeless throughout Stanislaus county in January.
- There are resources for county residents suffering from the effects of COVID-19. Sierra Vista in Waterford and Hughson can provide food, medicine, etc. There is also an \$800 grant per household for residents who have tested positive for COVID-19. Funds can only be used for utilities, mortgage/rent and distance learning.
- At their September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors recommended a budget of \$1.5 billion. There will be 14 new positions (Nine for Sheriff's Department). The county doesn't foresee any significant cuts. See [stancounty.com/bos](http://stancounty.com/bos) for more information.

7, Action Items – none

8, Council Comments and Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

Erica Inacio advised that Member Clark was the only Hickman MAC member to submit paperwork for another term. She was appointed in lieu of election by the Board of Supervisors at their 9/22/2020 meeting. The Hickman MAC has three vacancies: two full term (until 2024) and one short term (until 2022). The MAC currently doesn't have enough members to constitute a quorum after December 2020. She encouraged Fred and Lynn to serve another term, and for us to encourage residents to apply.

Ms. Inacio suggested changing from an elected MAC to an appointed MAC to avoid having to wait for an election to fill vacancies. Will discuss at next meeting. Will also calendar items for 2021 at December meeting, and will select officers at February meeting.

9, Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

10, Next meeting: Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Hickman School.