



SOUTH MODESTO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
P.O. Box 1302, Ceres, CA 95307

Thursday, October 13, 2022, 6:00pm - MINUTES
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 6:06pm by Chair, Rebecca Harrington.
- II. Recording Secretary establishing Quorum by roll call
Roll call was called, all members present except for Vice-Chair, Maria Madrigal.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Supervisor, Channce Condit
- IV. Approval of Minutes for September 8, 2022.
Motion by member, Alvaro Ramirez, to approve minutes from September 8, 2022, as written. Second by member, Martha Villaseñor, all in favor.
- V. District 4 – Supervisor Mani Grewal, Not present
- VI. District 5 – Supervisor Channce Condit
Majority of ARPA funds went to District 5, with \$6 Million to Parklawn, \$10 Million to Bret Harte. Planning on a cleanup in the near future for South Modesto. Working on cleanup in Bret Harte area on November 12th. Bertolotti Disposal Company would be on hand until 1pm, planning on reaching out to Manos Unidas for volunteers. Luis Castillo (CRLA) asked if there was an option for a Tire Amnesty.
- VII. Chief Executive Office - Erica Inacio (not on agenda)
Nothing new to share
- VIII. Community Reports (5 Minute Maximum)
 - A. California Highway Patrol- Officer Blake Mitchell
Stats of importance; One pedestrian hit & run w/injury, out of 11 DUP's, 7 were arrested. Continue to be low staffed.
Chair Harrington asked if low staffing was due to higher pay elsewhere. Officer Mitchell replied that pay was standardized.
Bertha Andrade asked if more officers could patrol her area. Now that streets have been repaved, there is more speeding.
Discussion took place on how calls are not being routed to correct department. Deputy Topete from the Sheriff's Office explained that dispatch should be able to send call to correct department, but caller must provide clear and accurate information.
 - B. Stanislaus Sheriff's Department – Deputy Topete (Community Resource Unit)
Received a total of 374 calls of which 47% were typical calls. Assisted in major clean ups around Eureka and Janopaul.
Comment: to patrol Parklawn area day and night to deter increased crime. Deputy explained a few years ago there was a specific team assigned to focus on the areas with more crime, but team no longer exists. Now they have the Community Resource Unit which is a part of. He encouraged residents to log into StanConnect to report and document as much as possible.
 - C. Other community reports- none

- IX. Public Comments – Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda (3 Minute Maximum)
Bertha Andrade; the wall near the freeway is painted with graffiti again. Erica Inacio clarified that CalTrans was responsible for that part, to upload concern on StanConnect.
Steven Morrow introduced himself as newly being appointed to the Regional Transit Board. He can be reached through email smorrow@Stanrt.org. They are working on redesigning the current routes.
Bertha Andrade asked if the bus stop in front of the old Kmart was going to be placed back once construction was done. They are thinking of waiting until the end of construction to see which stop will work best since there is the one at Burger King.
- X. Special Order of Business/Updates/Announcements
A) Stanislaus Code Enforcement – Rob Kostlivy, Director
Manager, Lane Avila was present to introduce Director, Rob Kostlivy.
Rob, answering a previous question; There are two tire amnesty programs a year or more if funding is available. His main responsibility is to educate and inform residents how to take care of code issues on their properties.
- Comment: Councilmember, Martha Villasenor, question on whether trailer homes could be used as residences. Not allowed unless trailer home is fully permitted or sitting on trailer parks.
- Comment: Chair, Harrington, regarding vacant lot on Erickson and Bystrum. What is the % of items that can be left on a vacant lot? Manager Avila, 0%, nothing can be left behind at a vacant lot. Manager Avila added that a new policy approved by the Board of Supervisors gives their department more leeway to deal with code issues. He is also working on shortening time frame needed to take over properties with continuous complaints if owner is not abiding by the rules.
- Comment: Will these properties go on the regular market or will low-income families be able to buy them? Manager Avila explained, homes go to Non-Profits, HUD where low-income families would qualify.
- B) Chair Harrington made invitation to “Dia de los Muertos” a community-based event. Received over \$20K in sponsorship, a free family event which includes food and entertainment.
- XI. Council Comments/Issues/Topics for Next Agenda
Councilmember, Martha Villasenor, is concerned about Turlock Scavenger not allowing households to partner with each other on the 3 garbage can program.
Erica Inacio proposes for next meeting to discuss the 2023 meeting schedule and invite the Promotoras for a presentation.
- XII. Adjournment: 7:30pm, Next Regular Meeting, November 10, 2022