

Nuevo-Lakeview MAC Meeting
Monday March 13th 2023
Nuview School District Board Room

6:00 PM: Call to Order—Roll Call:

- Nick Chizo
- Lawrence Droughn
- Ken French
- Greg Morris
- Jaime Sanchez

All members of currently constituted Nuevo-Lakeview MAC present

- **Droughn:** Move to make Greg Morris Chair pro-tempore: Chizo seconded...discussion ensued...Moved: Morris Chair pro tem of Nuevo-Lakeview MAC.
- Morris: announced email sign-up list, encouraged community to take a look.
- District 5 Field Rep. for Nuevo-Lakeview community Jacob Ochoa: Supervisor Gutierrez not yet present – stuck in traffic, will be here soon.
- Meeting minutes approved.

6:03 PM: Lieutenant Matthew Koser RE: mail box theft

- **Lieutenant Koser:** introduction...new to area...very aware of mail box theft in Nuevo-Lakeview.
- Morris: requested Koser to follow-up/include statistics on mail box theft, etc. in newsletter.
- Lt. Koser: described more secure mail boxes with circular-style keys.
- Lt. Koser: pick up mail ASAP.
- Lt. Koser: Described Phase II of Flock Camera system: able to detect “distinguishing characteristics” RE, mail box thieves.
- Morris: “Doing nothing RE, mail box theft, is not an option”.
- Lt. Koser: advised community members to take videos of perpetrators, if safe/possible.
- Lt. Koser: “Crime prevention through environmental design” RE, mail box theft.
- Lt. Koser: “If you don’t give me a chance, I can’t help you.”
- French to Lt. Koser: Question on status of catalytic converter theft.

6:13 PM: End of Lt. Koser’s presentation/Q&A RE, mail box theft

6:14 PM: Riverside County Code Enforcement Officer Jose Cruz

- **Morris:** question to Cruz RE, status of street vendor activity
- Back and forth Q&A between Cruz/community members RE, street vendors.
- Community member inquiry RE, street vendors not having bathrooms...Cruz, RivCo Environmental Health can answer that.
- **Morris:** “We’ve had Environmental Health before, maybe we should bring them back in.”

- Community member: drivers running stop sign at Nuevo Road and Menifee, “Someone is going to get hurt or killed” RE, street vendor activity on corner of Nuevo and Menifee.
- **Cruz:** “You have to talk about that with your supervisor.”
- **Morris:** “Let’s keep moving.”
- Community member (Mr. Santone): RE street vendors, things have improved, but there are still problems...example: mobile kitchen with lights, doesn’t comply with Environmental Health code.
- **Cruz to Santone:** “Are they setting up every day?”...Santone: “Mostly on weekends.”
- **Cruz** provided Code Enforcement After Hours phone number: **951-955-2004**.
- **Cruz:** street vendors are responded to by SET (Special Enforcement Teams) in Code Enforcement.
- Community member to Cruz: question about homeless in vicinity of Hansen Ave/ Ramona Expressway...**Cruz:** “that area is Transportation’s (responsibility)...RSO (RivCo Sheriff) have homeless outreach team.”
- Community member to Cruz: Homeless person is a danger to himself or others.
- Morris: announced conclusion of Cruz’ presentation.

6:26 PM: End of Jose Cruz’ presentation RE, RivCo Code Enforcement

6:26 PM: Cal-Fire, Eric Almquist, Paramedic/Engineer at Nuview Fire Station:

- 115 calls received.
- “The grass is already growing” (referring to Hazard Reduction Program).
- Hazard Reduction Office of RivCo Fire: **951-943-0640**.
- **6:28 PM: Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez arrived.**

6:28 PM: End of Cal-Fire presentation.

6:28 PM: Riverside County 5th District Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez:

- **Supervisor Gutierrez:** Animal Services facility in San Jacinto has been closed for a very long time; looking forward to working with Animal Services to re-open that facility by the end of 2023.
- **Gutierrez:** “We just opened our satellite office in San Jacinto...**Field Rep. Jacob Ochoa** will be housed there.”
- **Gutierrez** announced outreach: weekly and monthly messages - sign up by emailing District5@rivco.org or speak with **Field Rep. Jacob Ochoa**.
- **Gutierrez** referenced Housing Workforce Solutions Dept. to address homelessness in the 5th District...his previous work as Mayor of Moreno Valley RE, homelessness.
- **Gutierrez** described “Homelessness to Work” program...provide “Wraparound Services” to promote employment for the homeless.
- **Gutierrez** provided update on Ramona Expressway. construction/improvements...temporary fix now involving 8.5 miles of Ramona Expy in Nuevo-Lakeview area...Final fixes in 2025.
- **Gutierrez** announced a “Telephone Townhall” on April 18th at 5:00 PM where people can call in/ask questions (will share information with MAC).

- **Gutierrez** described opportunities for volunteers to serve on various boards/commissions/committees...currently 20 openings overall, including “Community Action Commission”...positions will be posted on District 5 website.
- **Gutierrez**: “These are volunteer positions”...“a lot of great ways to get involved.”
- Question from community member **Claude Troudt** to **Gutierrez** RE, “Cannabis 21”, payments/RivCo Planning...**Gutierrez** indicated he wasn’t aware of it and told Troudt: “I can look into that, this is the first I’ve heard of it...I’ll look into it absolutely, we want to make sure they’re paying their fair share.”
- Community member asked Gutierrez’ name: **Gutierrez**: “My name is Yxstian Gutierrez.”
- Question from community member **Chuck Santone** to **Gutierrez**: “Is there any update on as far as the dispensary that’s trying to get in to where Zapata’s currently is?”
Gutierrez: latest update is they submitted an application...Planning Commission is scheduled to hear the item on March 22nd...From there it can be appealed to the Board of Supervisors...I can tell you I do support the rural community staying rural...petition was a good idea...**Gutierrez**: I know the restaurant owner doesn’t want it (dispensary)...(**Santone**): issues with signing petitions/providing email/getting junk email/not a true representation of community that doesn’t want cannabis dispensary...restaurant is something community members truly want, and we’re trading it for something we don’t want.
- Inquiry from community member **Christina Heldoorn** to **Gutierrez**: “Don’t they (cannabis dispensary advocates) have to come here to the MAC and present what they want to do here? Morris: “They will be here at the next meeting, the May meeting.”
Christina: “What about the Truck depot?” **Morris**: I was going to cover that during board comments.”...**Gutierrez**: “Just so you know, it could die at the Planning Commission.”
Santone: “Anything we as a community can do to help it die there?” (burst of laughter in room).

6:40 PM: End of Supervisor Gutierrez presentation/Q&A

6:41 PM: Nuevo-Lakeview Field Rep. Jacob Ochoa:

- **Jacob Ochoa**: provided his RivCo cell number: 951-809-9522.
- **Ochoa**: responded to inquiries RE, why MAC meeting landed on a Monday (Jacob: a holdover from the previous 5th District supervisor/staff)...from this day on, every MAC meeting will be held on a Thursday, as in the past.
- **Ochoa**: Supervisor Gutierrez/staff has been working collaboratively with Nuevo-Lakeview MAC members and community members.
- **Ochoa**: explained difference between county and state agencies...”We must be mindful and respect their busy schedules.”
- **Ochoa**: “As a friendly reminder to both MAC members and all of you in attendance tonight: I will handle all inquires that need to be related to the supervisor, chief of staff, director of public safety”.
- **Ochoa**: “I am your point of contact. I will take your inquiry, concern, or message and dispatch it to the proper destination...Please use me as a resource, I am happy to help.”
- Community member to **Ochoa**: “What do we do about the traffic/pedestrian nightmare at Menifee and Nuevo?...That area is not set up for it, there’s no parking...It’s a safety issue...Why is this allowed to go on and how do we stop it?” **Ochoa**: “I wish I could tell

you they will be gone tomorrow, but I can't...I'm not a law-changer, but I can relay your message...We've seen countless pictures and emails...It's something we need to work on...understand this is a hot topic."

- Community member to **Ochoa**: Yellow "cement pillars" (a.k.a., 'Bollards' a.k.a. 'crash posts') around Southern California Gas' high-pressure gas pipeline facility on corner of Menifee and Nuevo..."There's been a vendor problem on that corner for years."
Ochoa: "At a safe time and a safe place, take some pictures, send them to me, I will distribute them to the proper destination...We are going to take some time to work on it and we're going to do our best."
- Community member to **Ochoa**: Question about who in RivCo has job of granting permits to street vendors...Morris responded to community member: "It starts at the state legislature, they're allowing a lot of freedom for vendors...Overall, the State of California said vendors are welcome everywhere." **Ochoa** brought up jaywalkers issue to emphasize difference between state and county laws/enforcement.
- Community member to **Ochoa**: The yellow bollards, there's signs all over "no vending allowed". Ochoa deferred to SoCalGas Representative in attendance, Adam Evantov.
- Community member **Christina Heldoorn** to **Ochoa**: "Why isn't County Transportation coming out to that corner and looking at the traffic problem they're (vendors) causing?...County Transportation has a role in that as well...This is a horrible problem out there."
- Community member to **Ochoa**: "When do we get protection?" RE, street vendors/safety issues.
- **Morris** to **Ochoa**: Take action item to work together to get Transportation here for the next meeting?" Ochoa: "We're doing so right now."
- Community member to **Ochoa**: "I live on Contour by the elementary school, the speed limit is 25 MPH"...people routinely speed...People don't stop at the stop sign by the school...At what point can we get something done?...**Morris**: **Lancaster** took action item to put rumble strips between Maurice and Hansen...**Nick (Chizo)** and I have been in contact with (**RivCo Director of Transportation**) **Mark Lancaster**, and if you (Ochoa) can weigh in too, Jacob, that would be helpful...Rumble strips to help people slow down..."That's in **Mark Lancaster's** hands right now."
- Community member **Claude Troudt** commented on various forms of speed bumps in various cities...Ochoa: "I don't have the answer for you here today, but what I can do is reach out to the proper destination in the county; I'll do that...I'm your guy's communication source, anything that's your concern is my concern."
- Community member **Santone**: "rumble strips just make noise." Ochoa responded: There are rumble strips for the middle of the road...Please email me your questions.
- Morris to community member: "We take detailed notes of every meeting, we take action items from them and will work with **Jacob (Ochoa)**."

6:57 PM: End of Jacob Ochoa presentation/Q&A – Ochoa departed MAC meeting

6:58 PM: Riverside County Animal Control Officers Lesley Huennekens and Josh Sisler:

- **Huennekens** shared RivCo Dept. of Animal Services phone number: **951-358-7387**.
- **Morris** to **Huennekens**: Please speak about licensing.
- **Huennekens**: RivCo is issuing citations for no licensing.
- Community member **Santone** commented uptick in loose horses.

- Community members commented RE, danger of horses riding in the dark/cars and others not able to see.
- **Huennekens** said all animals rescued/retrieved go to Jurupa Valley animal facility.
- **Josh Sisler**: Discussed status of RivCo animal control field services, including spay/neuter + rabies/licensing requirements...status of mobile spay/neuter unit “at end of the line”...Looking at November 2023 to have mobile clinic...**Morris**: Asked when would be a good time to ask **Sisler** back for status of mobile animal clinic; Sisler said October 2023.
- **Sisler**: The public’s safety/holding dog owners accountable is a top priority/goal.

7:02 PM: End of RivCo Animal Services presentation by officers Huennekens and Sisler

7:02 PM: Southern California Gas Representative Adam Eventov:

- **Adam Eventov**: What happened with winter gas bills?...Explanation of N.G. prices...Explanation of CPUC credit of \$50.00 on this or next bill...Explanation of harsh winter contributing to higher gas prices...Explained “spot market”, buying gas in the summer when gas prices are lower...**Eventov** said SoCalGas is limited to how much gas they can store (underground in wells)...Eventov said “we lost a line” = higher gas prices...SoCalGas going through process to approve a rate increase – referenced CA P.U.C. website for more information/
- Community member commented to **Eventov** she set her thermostat at 68°F and she still had a monthly gas bill of \$200.00, even while using her fireplace to keep warm.
- **Eventov** mentioned gas bill assistance programs are available, referencing United Way.
- **Eventov** mentioned a large portion of electricity generated is by natural gas.
- **Adam Eventov** cell phone: **951-303-5140**.
- **Southern California Gas**: **800-427-2200**.

7:27 PM: End of Adam Eventov/Southern California Gas presentation

7:28 PM: Public Comments:

- Community member **Mary Jane Moran**: comments RE, cannabis petition.
- Community member **Santone**: Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training – status, upcoming training opportunity, April 28-29-30 2023, in Winchester.

7:34 PM: End of public comments.

7:35 PM: MAC Member Comments:

- **Sanchez**: Street vendors: maybe RivCo can purchase property vendors can operate on...make it illegal for vendors to park on street corners...reach out to Supervisor Gutierrez – **Morris**: asked Sanchez to write up proposal – Sanchez said he would.
- **Chizo**: speed bumps. **Morris**: Redouble efforts and talk with Rivco Dir. of Transportation, **Mark Lancaster**.
- **Sanchez**: Encourage people to sign petition against cannabis dispensary.
- **Morris**: We’ve asked RivCo engineer to be here at next MAC meeting in May.
- Community member **Claude Troudt**: Riverside County is pro-cannabis; we’ve got to stand up.

- **Sanchez:** pilot program that works great up north RE, ticketing; Sanchez will provide more information at future date.
- **French:** Options for street vendors even though the State of CA. makes them legal...option for dashcams on school buses...will keep pursuing.
- **Chizo:** Working on organizing next community cleanup, probably happen in next 2 months.
- Community member: Homeless-related trash/debris under Nuevo Road bridge.
- **Morris:** Point of order – not taking question or comments from public in this part of meeting.
- **Droughn:** Graffiti in rock areas of surrounding foothills...working with Jacob Ochoa...issue of people dumping tires on Apricot Ave. and elsewhere – “This is our town”.
- **Droughn:** “I had a stroke in November 2022 and my house is being re-modeled...I’m going to give my best effort for this town.”
- **Droughn:** Signature on cannabis petition is what we’re looking for.
- **Morris:** Cannabis advocates are moving ahead, we need to work with Supervisor Gutierrez.
- **Morris:** Truck depot (on Olivas Ave.) is “dead in the water” for now.
- **Morris:** Proposed Stoneridge project – responses to opposition/objections from City of Perris and other parties.
- **Morris:** Proposed ‘Villages of Lakeview’ development: Morris and Chizo attended oral arguments on Tuesday March 7th 2023...3-judge panel deciding – stay tuned for pending decision.

7:54 PM: Meeting adjourned.

