

Nuevo-Lakeview MAC Meeting
Thursday September 21st 2023
Nuview School District Board Room

6:00 PM:

- Pledge of Allegiance

6:01 PM: Call to Order—Roll Call of Nuevo MAC Members:

- Lawrence Droughn
- Nick Chizo
- Ken French
- Jaime Sanchez
- Greg Morris (Chair Pro Tem)

All members of Nuevo-Lakeview MAC present

- Introduction of newest Nuevo MAC member: Marshall Locke (alternate)
- motion to approve minutes – approved.

Presentation: Riverside County 5th District Jacob Ochoa:

- Movie Under the Stars event of August 25th 2023 a success – about 250 people in attendance – 1st movie night to be held in Nuevo.
- Next movie night scheduled for Friday October 13th 2023.
- I do community case services; call me and I will open up a case for you.

Presentation: Riverside County 5th District Rick Ramirez:

- Ramirez encouraged Nuevo community to follow Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez on social media and to check out his podcast.
- Ramirez touched on CID (Community Improvement Designation), visit website for CID application on District 5 website.
- Ramirez touched on District 5 employment programs, including Hire a Vet.
- Ramirez touched on Homeless-To-Work Program.
- Ramirez: Animal Control grand re-opening in San Jacinto on November 3rd 2023.
- Morris to Ramirez: It's our chance to have a workshop to figure out what we do want - tie into a vision, give updates, it is the future – it's important to be thinking along these lines.
- Ramirez: I'm the land development and economic development director – Jacob Ochoa is the field representative.
- Ramirez: list of Nuevo Roads (for repair improvement)...We're also going to send it to the MAC. . .We've been vetting the list with RivCo Transportation...Then we want to send it down to the MAC...I don't want to get into the weeds on specific roads/projects.
- Ramirez: Continue to reach out by email, go to our website - we also have a mobile app. Where you can attach a picture to facilitate connection.

- Amanda Wilcox to Ramirez/Ochoa: Please invite Angel Tree and Lion's Club to future events.
- Morris to Ramirez: looking for update/breakdown of budget we discussed at the last meeting. Ramirez: There is an estimate, but not an actual number – it's a big budget.
- Morris to Ramirez: The community wants to know how it's going to affect them.
- Morris to Ramirez: Homeless: Is there is definition of how the Homeless-To-Work program will work?
- Ramirez to Morris: There are a lot of different services that we supply at the county level.
- Morris to Ramirez: There is a \$12 million grant for homelessness; are there details on that?
- Ramirez to Morris: We just received that grant...you want to make it so it will be outreach teams to provide homeless services, but not a "Mission"/focal point.
- Droughn: There are two categories of homeless: situational and chronic.
- Morris to Ramirez: At some point the nuts and bolts of this are going to be written out somewhere where it can be found and understood?
- Ramirez to Morris: Yes.
- Mary Moran to Ramirez: I see a homeless person, who do I call?
- Ramirez to Moran: Call law enforcement non-emergency and/or Code Enforcement; if it's an emergency, call 911.

Evan Langan, Riverside County Planning, 5th District:

- Langan introduced himself.
- Morris to Ramirez: Rick (Ramirez), I was anticipating Emerald Bay discussion tonight. . .
- Ramirez to Morris: I just sent him a text – I thought he was showing up – I...
- – Morris to Ramirez: Let's get Evan Langan's update then.
- Langan: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) – it's the Cake Dispensary project (in Nuevo) – I don't have much of an update unfortunately from the previous presentation that was made...which is to say that that CUP is still under review by the Planning Department...no hearing date has been set before the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors...there is a requirement that a Development Agreement needs to be finalized – that is the final piece, the final step before the project can become eligible for the first of those two public hearings...it's all still under discussion/negotiation...that is the official status.
- Morris to Langan: The development plan for the Cannabis dispensary in downtown Nuevo that Langan talked about doesn't have a timeline...Cake has forever to submit that Development Plan...they have not submitted that Development Plan because the community has shown such resistance...To quote Thomas Jefferson, the price of liberty is eternal vigilance...When we hear Cake is going to submit the Development Plan then we show up at these public planning meetings.

- Morris to Langan: The second thing is there is still the burning question, the mystery of the survey– the 2019 survey—we want to keep that on the radar, because when and if this resurfaces, I think that’s a key point, because the survey by Cake Company - according to them - the survey indicated people would love to have a cannabis facility here, but based on everybody attending two meetings ago–record attendance against it– I would guess that that survey either never took place or was edited by Cake – on the radar, please (Langan nods to Morris).
- Droughn to Langan: Is there an expiration date for the process?
- Langan to Droughn: No, our code does not prescribe an expiration.
- Christina Heldoorn question: the owner of Zapata’s (restaurant where the proposed cannabis facility would be located) have supposedly been offered a 5-years lease, so I don’t know if that’s been signed or not...is this the dispensary seeing if we’re gonna...? -
- - Morris to Heldoorn: That’s a social media thing – the owner said “I got a five-year lease”, but we don’t know the hard facts of that. But what we do know is, talking to RivCo Planning, is that Cake has not rescinded or withdrawn anything.
- Morris: What we want to do is be vigilant...that’s when we want to, as a group, will have to come back to that.
- Heldoorn: The official line is, it’s (Cake) still there.
- Morris to Heldoorn: Cake is still active, we still need to be aware...it’s up to all of us to stay vigilant.

Bob Magee – Director of Riverside County Code Enforcement:

- Magee: Code Enforcement is all about enhancing quality of life issues.
- Magee: We have a policy in Code Enforcement, and that policy is No Closed Door – if you call us with a problem or a question, we’re not going to tell you that it’s not our department, that it’s not our job; we will make sure that we connect you with the person, program, or agency that can help you and answer your question – please feel free to start with us first.
- Mary Moran to Magee: On the corner Nuevo Road and Montgomery Avenue, the property owner graded that land and all this mud went on to Montgomery, and the guys who live across the street had to get his tractor out, because the property owner didn’t build any kind of retaining wall (to keep soil on the property).
- Magee to Moran: Our research shows there is no grading permit, we are notifying the property owner, and it is a notice of violation, and we will stay on top of them until they correct that issue.
- Magee: sometimes it will take 30-60-90 days before you see a change, but be patient with us – and if you don’t feel that you’re getting a response, call us and explain the situation.
- Neighbor who lives on Montgomery Avenue whose property was flooded to Magee: I live right in front of the property (where floodwater, mud, and debris escaped) and we had an issue: when it was raining (Tropical Storm Hilary in August 2023) mud literally was brought into our house...are we going to have that issue every single time it rains, because they (property owner(s)) moved a tremendous...a lot of dirt...We were fighting against it...My neighbor had the tractor, oh my God, it was unbelievable – are we going to have this problem every single year?

- Magee to neighbor on Montgomery Avenue whose property was threatened with flooding: We will address the property and what they violated; if you believe that you've been damaged, I would encourage you to file a claim against that property owner.
- Christina Heldoorn to Magee: Property at corner of Nuevo Road and Menifee Road (a.k.a., the 'Trueblood House'): that corner looks like a swap meet on any given day...rumor is Code Enforcement won't touch those vendors because they're paying the property owner...but it is a traffic hazard, because people stop there, blocking vision...vendors at night – traffic/safety hazards.
- Magee to Heldoorn: We investigate all complaints...Since 2017 the state legislature has passed bills making it easier for street vendors to operate in public right of ways...There are several streets in the county that are prohibited from vending, the streets you identified are not on that list, we can amend the ordinance to add them. I urge you to speak to Supervisor Gutierrez to amend the street vending ordinance.
- Magee: You can amend the ordinance, it identifies streets throughout the county where it is too dangerous and street vending is prohibited – Highway 74 and Cajalco Road come to mind.
- Magee: Municipal codes and ordinances are living documents, and they live and breath, rise and fall, at the will of the People, so if your Supervisor/Board member so chooses, they can move changes forward.
- Morris to Magee: I'm going to follow up with you on that.
- Magee: The supervisor and his colleagues make policy; we enforce that policy.
- Magee: We have a 4-step plan:
 - 1st time: we contact you and you don't have a permit, we educate you.
 - 2nd time: we write you a citation, \$250, close up shop, get out.
 - 3rd time: we take away your perishable items and you get a citation for \$500.
 - 4th time: everything goes. We put all your stuff in the back of our pickup, goodbye.

Mark Lancaster – Riverside County Director of Transportation:

- Mid-County Parkway: County installed median island to prevent cross-median head-on collisions, from Rider Ave. to Warren Rd.
- **Ariel Alcon Tapia, Public Affairs Manager for Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC):**
- Tapia: provided overview of the purpose of RCTC.
- Tapia: Mid-County Parkway Project: Planned 16-mile corridor between Perris and San Jacinto...MCP Project 3 = 8.6 mile segment from 1 mile east of Rider Ave. to Warren Rd...our team is working toward 65% design...Project will add two additional lanes on the Ramona Expressway, one in each direction, along with a raised median.
- Tapia: We are anticipating MCP Project 3 construction to start in 2026.
- Tapia: the State of California, through its Congested Corridors Program, has awarded this project \$44.6 million dollars...we got this funding because this is a major corridor and there are opportunities to expand the transit system and promote economic opportunities/equity.
- Tapia: Wildlife crossing: we have submitted a grant application to build a wildlife crossing 800 feet west of Bridge Street on Ramona Expressway.
- Morris to Tapia: We have a lot of unwelcome truck traffic right now, how would this play into that?

- Tapia to Morris: The project itself will expand capacity in the corridor...I can't address how many trucks will be going through, it's more about safe access in the area..
- Morris to Tapia: So, there's really no way of capturing what that will do in terms of increasing what is already problematic diesel truck traffic and fumes – there is no way to capture what the impact would be?
- Tapia to Morris: I could get back with you on that question.
- Morris to Tapia: That would be great.
- Tapia: We are going to be upgrading signals at Hansen Ave. and Lakeview Ave...The county is already working on the signals at Ramona Expressway and Bridge Street.
- Lancaster: Wildlife crossing near Bridge Street: we will raise the road very gradually and bring it down; underneath will be the wildlife corridor to cross Ramona Expressway without creating a traffic hazard.
- Lancaster (addressing Morris): four lanes will increase traffic, including truck traffic.
- Lancaster: PCI = Pavement Condition Index, from 0 to 100. 100 = brand new, freeway-level asphalt road; 0 = dirt road with potholes...General approach that Transportation Department is not fix the worst first, because it's a lot of money spent for very little gain...Grind and Overlay, where they grind off about an inch and a half of pavement, seal the cracks underneath, and put a new surface on – those are the kind of projects where you get much more value out of the money spent.
- Lancaster: Contour Avenue: Thanks to Nuevo MAC member Nick Chizo, because he took me aside at a previous MAC meeting and told me about the speeds coming down from Juniper Flats westbound traffic...We installed a stop sign at Contour and Tompkins...On Tuesday September 26th 2023, there's an item going before the Board of Supervisors to reduce the speed on Contour – it's got 3 sections: from Warren Street to about Peters Lane, speed limit will be reduced to 45 MPH; from Peters Lane to Maurice Street (near Valley View Elementary School), speed limit will be 35 MPH; west of that to Hansen will be 25 MPH.
- Lancaster: Stop signs can be put in by the county transportation department; speed zones are highly regulated by the Vehicle Code and need authority from elected officials.
- Lancaster: Nuevo Road: the section that is in the county is from Dunlap to Menifee Road...We've been working on a project for 1.5 – 2 years on building a new structure over the San Jacinto River – we're planning to build that for a 4-lane width...last week, Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) voted to put \$500,000 towards the planning/environmental clearance to widen Nuevo Road to 4 lanes – from Dunlap to Menifee...At least 2 years for the environmental process to clear, the design process is about a year long, we will try to acquire the right of way from property owners to agree on compensation – construction will last 12 -18 months.

Lesley Huennekens – Riverside County Animal Control:

- 29 calls for service: 2 = animal welfare complaints; 1 = dog bite; 11 animals impounded; 6 dead animals impounded.
- The Board of Supervisors approved \$3.4 million to open the San Jacinto shelter – soft opening on October 2nd 2023, days of operation Tues - Sat, noon to 4 PM...Grand opening is November 3rd at 9:30 AM, days of operation = Mon – Sat, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

- Commander Sisler will be interim office chief at the San Jacinto shelter until one is hired.
- Morris to Huennekens: How long does the \$3.4 million in funding last, and what are the plans for future funding?
- Ramirez to Morris: It will be based on the needs of the community, needs of the shelter, and how many officers they need that will determine future funding.
- Morris to Ramirez: As far as I can tell it's a pretty important topic in the community, maybe we can invite someone back in November in our next meeting to talk about it.
- Ramirez to Morris: Yes.
- Christina Heldoorn to Huennekens: Are there plans to have a spay/neuter clinic open there? Prices elsewhere are absolutely outrageous.
- Huennekens to Heldoorn: Absolutely. We'll be opening vehicle service spay/neuter clinics; we'll also be holding low-cost vaccine, microchipping, and wellness clinics.
- Commander Sisler: We will be offering the free spay/neuters with the mobile unit and bring it to your community as soon as we possibly can, hopefully with the support of Supervisor Gutierrez and the Nuevo MAC, we'll get it here as fast as we can.
- Ramirez: Supervisor Gutierrez is committed to keeping the San Jacinto animal clinic open for as much as he can as long as he can, and utilize it not just for Animal Services – it's a great facility – other conversations are going on about partnerships with private entities looking to train vets with the Petco's of the world.

Carlos Rodriguez, Riverside County Fire Supervisor, Hazard Reduction Program:

- Rodriguez: CalFire wasn't able to make it tonight; we don't have any of the numbers you wanted for call outs or anything else.
- Morris to Rodriguez: Is there a way to get that in document form so that you can share with the community later?
- Rodriguez to Morris: I'll try to get that to you.
- Rodriguez provided report/process to submit complaints related to weed abatement.

Deputy Aaron Klundt, Riverside County Sheriff:

- Klundt: Statistics for the month of August 2023: 234 calls for service, those calls resulted in 3 arrests. Calls for service included 3 assaults, 5 grand thefts, 1 petty theft, and 4 vehicle thefts – I don't have the prior month's breakdowns as far as individual crimes.
- Citizen question (inaudible, Stagecoach Road/Purple Sage Trail – Sheriff presence/RV parked on the street/I don't know what's going on and how to find out.
- Sanchez: I can speak to that: we just served a notice – there's squatters there, as of yesterday we did serve the notice, we're working on the property right now.
- Klundt: My partners and I, we go through the Olive Grove Church parking lot multiple times a day, we make contact with the transients in the area; if we can move them along we do, if they can be arrested, we arrest them – it's an ongoing thing. We have to catch them there. Please continue to call if you see loiterers.
- Amanda Wilcox: The church is a bus stop: if you see homeless people out there, call it in.

Lieutenant Palmer, California Highway Patrol:

- We did a DUI checkpoint on August 18th 2023 on Lakeview Avenue: 3 DUI arrests, hundreds of people contacted – a great education and enforcement opportunity.
- We deployed the radar trailer on Ramona Expressway.
- Motor units being deployed in unincorporated areas in highway I-215 area, issued 64 citations.
- From July 1st to September 30th 2023, there were 10 crashes in Nuevo, 6 of them injury crashes – the Ramona Expressway median project is working.
- Commercial Unit: we're getting over here as much as possible.
- New driver class October 4th at CHP Riverside office.
- Christina Heldoorn to Lt. Palmer: The 3 DUI arrests were not taken in, they were released to family members, can you tell me why?
- Lt. Palmer to Heldoorn: This is a highly complicated and political issue here; if they meet a certain criteria, would it be more advantageous for us to release them to a family member with a court date, take their license, and keep those officers engaged in the checkpoint, or remove that officer and diminish operational capacity?...To maximize our effectiveness, we look for solutions that benefit the community the most.
- Morris to Lt. Palmer: Do you tow the cars?
- Lt. Palmer to Morris: Yes.
- Citizen question to Lt. Palmer: Are those dune buggy-type vehicles racing up and down Hansen, are they street legal?
- Lt. Palmer to citizen: Some of them could be; we have been working with the Sheriff's department on operations to address the side-by-sides, the off-highway vehicles...There are operations planned to address it, they're squirrely vehicles – the CHP does not have off-highway vehicles.
- Citizen to Lt. Palmer: speeding on Rosary and Central Ave.

Richard Kim, California Department of Fish and Wildlife:

- Richard Kim delivered his report on the San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA).
- SJWA = 19,600 acres – Davis Unit = about 10,000 acres. Potrero Unit = about 9,000 acres.
- Purpose of SJWA = mitigation for the State Water Project...When they built Lake Perris, we got the wildlife area.
- (technical problems/malfunctions = no slide presentation).
- We have issues: vandalism, graffiti, theft of signs, a lot of dumping – we get refrigerators, TV, marijuana trimmings, etc.
- Side-by-sides trespass into the wildlife area, destroying habitat.
- We got a lot of new equipment to increase fire resiliency.
- Via Senate Bill 85, SB 170, SB 178, we were able to buy a new water truck, two Case 280 tractors, a tri-plane leveler, and a disc unit.
- For those interested in volunteering, we have volunteer days – building blinds, etc.

- Morris to Kim: We'd like to have you back – we've got a lot of development going on out here – there's Lewis Homes (Villages of Lakeview), there's Stoneridge on Ramona Expressway – SJWA is going to be surrounded pretty soon, with a lot of encroachment by ATV's etc. – is that on your radar?
- Kim to Morris: Yes. When there is development, we have another arm of California Department of Fish and Wildlife - they call it the Habitat Conservation, they deal with the regulatory work...There's a public comment period for the lead agencies for the project...Another avenue is to talk to us, CDFW, SJWA.
- Morris to Kim: We want to get a regular drumbeat of communication going with SJWA, because it's such a great place – thank you for coming tonight, very much.

Amanda Wilcox, Nuevo Citizens Patrol:

- When we had the really bad storm (Tropical Storm Hilary in August 2023), we had two units out helping with traffic when they were moving all the mud off the corner of Nuevo Rd. and Montgomery Ave...We helped block traffic on San Jacinto Ave, where a vehicle rolled over.
- Two of our volunteers recently attended active shooter training.
- We're always looking for volunteers!

Public Comments:

- None.

MAC Member Comments:

- None.

8:00 PM: Meeting Adjourned

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