

# Meeting Minutes: 2-22-2024

## Nuevo MAC

Date: 2-22-2024

Location: Nuview Union School District, District Office

Time: 6:00 PM

### Opening

The meeting commenced with a heartfelt expression of gratitude towards the local officials and citizens of Nuevo for their attendance. The Chair called the meeting to order, leading into the pledge of allegiance. This was followed by a roll call, with attendees confirming their presence. The Chair noted the approval of minutes was informal due to the absence of the document.

### Public Comments

- **Mary Moran:** A 30-year resident of Nuevo, voiced concerns about the lack of upscale improvements in the community. She proposed the development of a Nuevo Community Center for events and gatherings.
- **Community Gratitude:** Appreciation was extended to the California Highway Patrol and Jacob Ochoa for their assistance with a Santa tour, underscoring the community's gratitude for their support.
- **Homelessness Concerns:** Speakers raised issues regarding the increasing homelessness in Nuevo and its impact on local businesses, calling for assistance and programs to address the situation.
- **Street Vendor Regulation:** The need for proper regulation and enforcement of street vendors was highlighted, with concerns about the current state of affairs.

### New Business

Rick Ramirez and Jacob Ochoa introduced the new business segment, focusing on the selection of roles within the community action committee.

- Chair: Lawrence Droughn was nominated and elected.
- Vice Chair: Doug Frey was elected following his nomination.
- Note Taker: Ken French was nominated and elected.
- Meeting Schedules: After a discussion, it was decided to continue with bi-monthly meetings instead of the county standard quarterly meetings.

## **Updates from the Fifth District Supervisor's Office**

Rick Ramirez, Chief of Staff, provided an overview of community support, infrastructure improvements, and various programs in District Five. Highlights included:

- Community Support: The importance of direct communication and the award of funding to the Nuevo Citizens Patrol.
- Infrastructure and Planning: Upcoming workshops, the Transportation Improvement Plan, and investment in infrastructure projects.
- Community Center Initiative: Efforts to build community centers and ongoing discussions for funding and development.
- Community Events and Programs: Past and future events aimed at enhancing community engagement.
- District Five Programs: Initiatives supporting the homeless, seniors, youth employment, and home enhancements.

## **Presentations**

### **Riverside County Office on Aging**

Stephanie Posada presented an overview of services, emphasizing efforts to keep seniors socially connected and outlining program eligibility. A story was shared demonstrating the comprehensive approach to assisting seniors.

### **Riverside County Veterans Services**

Gregg outlined the mission and services provided to veterans, emphasizing the holistic approach to veteran needs and the importance of accessing benefits and resources.

### **California Highway Patrol and Fire Department Updates**

- Officer Valentine: Discussed traffic enforcement efforts and community engagement.
- Demon Gold: Shared fire department response statistics and emphasized efficient response times.
- Captain Kevin Lamb: Introduced himself and provided an overview of crime statistics and community engagement.

## **Code Enforcement and Transportation Updates**

- Jose Cruz: Reported on code enforcement activities, emphasizing efforts to regulate vendors.
- Dennis Acuna: Introduced new transportation initiatives and projects, encouraging community input.

## **Project Updates**

- Nibble Plus Cake Dispensary Project: Withdrawn.
- Stoneridge Commerce Center Project: Amendment proposal for industrial and commercial development.
- The Villages of Lakeview Project: Approved with ongoing legal challenges regarding environmental analysis.

## **Closing Remarks**

The importance of community involvement was stressed, with calls for Nuevo residents to stay informed and engaged. Concerns about the meeting format and the process of approving minutes were discussed, highlighting the need for transparent communication and detailed answers from local officials.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.