

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All attendees of the Area 1 East Community Meeting  
**FROM:** George Bloom, Lieutenant  
**DATE:** April 15, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Community Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2008

**Mayor's Roundtable Meeting**

- Where do we find ourselves
  - Strengths
    - Financial Strengths
    - Added Tremendous talent to our team
  - Financial Strengths
    - Assesed Valuation
      - \$14.65 Billion, in 2007 the city gained over \$3 billion in one year.
    - Sales Tax is a strong base
      - 2006-2007 \$25 million
      - 2007-2008 \$28 million
  - Fontana was recognized as 100 best communities to live in for youth in America.
  - The trade area within a 10 mile radius is \$67,000 per house hold with a \$2 billion trade area.
  - All of Fontana is now an economic engine
    - Kaiser is going to start reconstructing their hospital which is a \$2 billion redevelopment.
    - California Speedway
    - The city has Costco, 2 Home Depots, a Lowes, Circuit City, San Antonio Medical offices, Office Max and an Apple Bee's.
    - Currently going to be adding 3 hotels, the Hilton Garden, Holiday Inn Express, and Holiday Inn Select.
    - The Auto Center last year added Rotolo, now Shafer Kia is moving there along with Rock Honda who will be submitting plans in 90 days to move up there.
    - The city of Fontana will be getting more restaurants also.
  - Weaknesses
    - Economy is slowing down
    - Aging infrastructure and Congested Corridors
  - Economy Slowing down
    - There is a slow down on residential area but not in the commercial area. We are not going down because of foreclosure rates.

- The city is going to try to make it difficult for families to leave; we have great amenities such as the library and Fontana Park.
- We are going to focus on marketing key retail businesses.
  - Amerihost/Comfort Inn feeds off of the Speedway and also the Ontario Airport.
  - Holiday Inn Select will be a 126 bed facility
  - Hilton Gardens already broke ground.
  - Holiday Inn Express will be designed this year.
  - With those hotels the city should bring in \$200,000 to \$300,000 a year.
- Aging infrastructure and Congested Corridors
  - The city is going to invest in the infrastructure
    - Partnering with today for tomorrows transportation coalitions to redo the I-10 freeway.
    - Overpass projects
      - Citrus
      - Cherry
      - Cypress
    - Alder interchange (which is a \$200-\$250 million project.)
    - Road widening throughout Fontana
      - Sierra
      - Baseline
      - Foothill/Citrus Median
      - Foothill/Cherry to Ilex
      - Jurupa Widening
      - Cherry Widening (should be complete this year)
      - Improvement on Valley
  - Newly annexed area redevelopment
- Future Developments
  - We want Fontana to be a major employment center.
  - The city owns the freeway frontage at Ventana to development employment opportunities.
  - Promenade-pedestrian friendly life style center, which will be theater and restaurant based.
  - Downtown revitalization, Fontana Center Stage which is a dinner Theater.
  - Plans for economy rebound

### **Lieutenant Bloom**

- Advised he is currently the Area Commander for Area 1 East Community and everything north of the 210 freeway. If you have any questions, call him at 350-7706 or e-mail him at [gbloom@fontana.org](mailto:gbloom@fontana.org) .

- For good information go to the city website at [www.Fontana.org](http://www.Fontana.org). The city's website has a link to the Police Department's website.
- The Lewis Library and Technology Center is opening April 19, 2008. The grand opening will be 10am to 5 pm. There will be prizes, food, entertainment and more on Saturday April 19, 2008.
- The Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall will be in Fontana May 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>. At Miller Park. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a ceremony.
- The Fontana Day's Run is coming up on June 7<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to run please see the website for more information.
- Department and Area statistics:
  - Residential Burglaries are down for this quarter, with one in January, 2 in February, and 3 in March.
  - Vehicle Burglaries are higher this quarter with 19 in January, 23 in February and 15 in March.
  - Vehicle thefts are averaging about 5 a month. Last year there were as low as 2 a month and as high as 9 a month.
  - Robberies are down, January there was 1, February there were none, and March there were 2.

### **Rafael Gonzalez-Aquatics Supervisor**

- Advised he is the supervisor for all the Aquatics programs throughout the city.
  - ☞ **Christina Enriquez-Aquatics and Miller Center Coordinator**
    - Heritage Pool will be opening Memorial Weekend, which is the May 24-26<sup>th</sup>. As of June 9<sup>th</sup> the rest of the city pools will be open.
    - Swim lesson registration will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - The city also offers semi-private and private swim lessons.
    - All the information is available on line and in the schedule.
- They are currently recruiting for life guards.
- The Fontana Park will be a year around facility. Summit High School is looking into possibly getting a swim team together.
- September is the tentative date for the Fontana Park to open.
- The pool at the Fontana Park is 33x25 yards (Jr. Olympic sized pool), there will also be a splash pad and two slides.
- They will be having swimming clinics, adult swim lessons are private lessons.

### **Joyce-Animal Control**

- Advised she is here 5 day a week.
- Animal Control is here to protect public health against contagious, infectious, or communicable animal diseases.
- Their goal is to make it safe for you and your family and for your animals.
- Please make sure your pets are vaccinated.
- Advised Fontana has changed a lot. In this area there use to be a lot of problems with snakes and coyotes. Now there are only issues with possums in the area.

- Possums are very beneficial to Fontana. They help maintain the golf course by keeping the insect population down. They are a benefit to any area they inhabit. Their diets include all types of insects, including cockroaches, crickets, and beetles, plus garden pests such as slugs and snails. They also eat mice and rats.
- Not too long ago they eliminated a pack of about 43 wild dogs.
- We need to educate our neighbors on how to handle certain animals.

## **THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN**

### **Concerns of Area 1 East residents**

- Asked where the most number of vehicle burglaries occur in. ***Lt. Bloom advised a good number of vehicle burglaries occurred in Hunter's Ridge***
- Advised she has been seeing more and more people digging through trash and they are not taking bottles but could they be looking for identity theft stuff. ***Lt. Bloom advised we are working that doing all we can to patrol areas on trash day. Advised there is a chance that they might be looking for stuff to steal identities.***
- Advised she is concerned with people going door to door after dark. ***Officer Baker advised we have had some issues recently with people going door to door. Advised most of those who go around like that have criminal backgrounds so if you see them out give the police department a call.***
- Asked what happened with the Sierra Lakes Lettering. ***Dan West advised the city is currently looking at options. Advised they probably will make all the letter's attached unlike it has been.***
- Advised a lot of home they have noticed are being used as boarding homes asked if anything can be done with them. ***Lt. Bloom advised that when they get calls about boarding calls they do check on them and ½ of the time they are illegal boarding homes if that is the case then we will shut it down. So give Lt. Bloom a call about which house you are questioning.***
- Asked what can be done with pigeons. ***Joyce from Animal Control advised to block off the eaves, use spike strips so they can't perch. You can also use plastic owls. If you are still having a problem with pigeons you can call a pigeon wrangler.***
- Advised there are not as many rodents that there was when they moved in. ***Joyce from animal control advised that is because the area is more populated and a lot of the brush is gone.***
- Asked what the status of the Walmart is. ***Dan West advised there was recently a special meeting where the promenade plan was approved and the Walmart plan was not 3 opposed and 2 for the Walmart. You can watch that meeting on the city website.***
- Asked what businesses are going up across from Sierra Lakes. ***Advised it was a Mimi's Café, Big 5, Medical officers and fast food restaurants.***

- Asked if there were any plans of a gas station in the area. **Laura Van Sciver advised she don't know but you can go to the Economic Development page and any plans should be on there.**
- Asked if there was anything the city can do with abandoned houses where the grass looks awful. **Ted Porlas advised they call Code Compliance.**
- Advised the flower beds on Turnberry have nothing but dirt. **Dan West advised that is suppose to be a natural area.**
- Asked if there were any plans for the Fontana School District to clean up the vacant field they own north of Curtis. **Dr. Steadry advised they are going to clean it up.**
- Asked if the police department has caught anyone on the homicide that occurred in Sierra Lakes. **Lt. Bloom advised to the best of his knowledge we haven't caught anyone yet. But they are still working it.**

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS JULY 14, 2008. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT SIERRA LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (5740 Avenal Place) AT 7:00 PM.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY JULY 13, 2008**

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