

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All attendees of the Village of Heritage Community Meeting  
**FROM:** O. Rodriguez, Lieutenant  
**DATE:** May 21, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Community Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2008

**Lieutenant Rodriguez**

Mayor's Roundtable Meeting

- Where do we find ourselves
  - Strengths
    - Financial Strengths
    - Added Tremendous talent to our team
  - Financial Strengths
    - Assed 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 throughtout 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
- Introductions
- Advised he is currently the Area Commander for the area of Foothill to the 210 freeway. He took over for Lt. Weissmann, who went to another division in the department. Advised the city is broken up into four beats. Beat one is everything north of the 210 freeway. Beat two is from the 210 freeway to

Foothill. Beat three is from Foothill to the 10 freeway, and Beat four is everything south of the 10 freeway. Advised the Village of Heritage is in Beat two and if you have any problems feel free to give him a call at (909) 356-7142 or email him at [Orodriguez@fontana.org](mailto:Orodriguez@fontana.org).

- The Fontana Police Department will educate members of the community regarding all aspects of child safety seats in vehicles by use of hands on assistance and training to ultimately reduce the number of injuries and/or fatalities related to traffic collisions. A certified child passenger safety technician will conduct inspections and educate parents on the proper use and installation of their child's safety seat as well as the laws pertaining to the ultimate safety of their children as passengers in a vehicle.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> the Moving Vietnam Wall Replica was in town. Hopefully everyone was able to see it.
- Advised effective July 1<sup>st</sup> the new Cell Phone law will be in effect. You can not use a Cell Phone unless you have a hands-free device while driving a motor vehicle.
- The new Lewis Library and Technology Center is now open, advised there were about 20,000 people who visited the library on the 1<sup>st</sup> day it opened. The Library has over 120,000 books, 200 computers, a coffee bar. This is a wonderful addition to the city.

### **Questions and Concerns of Village of Heritage residents**

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

- Advised at other meetings there have been agendas and crime statistics on what is going on in Heritage. Would like to see this at the next community meeting. **Lt. Rodriguez advised he can get that information for the next meeting.**
- Advised they live in Heritage and the intersection at Liberty and Banana it's dangerous, advised there needs to be a sign that states that traffic does not stop, asked if there was anyway there can be a sign installed. **Lt. Rodriguez advised he will notify Traffic Engineering to see if it's safe and appropriate to place a sign in that area.**
- Advised they were reading the minutes from the last meeting and asked if a stop sign is appropriate at Grand and Constitution. **Lt. Rodriguez advised he will look into it.**
- Asked if the speed reading sign at Liberty Parkway works to deter speeders. **Lt. Rodriguez advised they are solar powered and it's really hard to say if they are working how we would like to deter speeding, however research done in other areas where these signs were placed was successful.**
- Advised there was an abandoned vehicle on her street for two weeks. Advised she called it in but no one came out to mark it, eventually the guy who left it there came back to pick it up but no police ever went out to check the vehicle out. **Lt. Rodriguez advised he will look into it and find out what happened.**

- Asked if there is anything the city can do about houses that people just walk away from. Asked if they call an officer out is there anything the police can do. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised you can call Code Compliance and they will do the work to find out who the owner is, advised it can take time to find out who the actual owner is especially if it's banked owned and to get the problems fixed. If there are major problems on the house such as there is a pool full of green water or the residences is unsecured that will be dealt with immediately.***
- Asked if there is anything that can be done with the school because on windy days there is a lot of trash coming from the school. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised he will have the School Resource officer talked with the school to see if they are aware of the problem.***
- Asked if it was legal to go dumpster diving. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised we do have a city code that we can enforce. It's not allowed in the city.***
- 7330 Almeria is a vacant house and it looks like someone might have moved in, don't know if they are squatters or not. Advised there is a different vehicle there all the time. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised they will look into it.***
- Asked what can be done with advertisement signs in the community, signs that are not for open houses but private businesses. ***Mike Lee advised it is illegal for signs to be up, advised Code Compliance Officers do try to go out and take the signs down they see. If you see signs up in your area you can call Code Compliance to report them.***
- Advised a year ago the police department was having a hard time finding officers, has that changed. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised it's difficult finding qualified people. Advised the city has been growing and it takes a long time to fill our open positions. Councilwoman Janice Rutherford advised we have people who want to work for us however many people don't make it through our background process. Lt. Rodriguez advised we hire about 2% of all applicants.***
- Asked if there was an ordinance for people who have yard sales to take their signs down after the yard sale is over. ***Mike Lee from Code Compliance advised the signs must be removed after the sale is completed. There are also regulations on where the signs can be placed.***
- Asked if citizens can take the signs down when they see them. ***Mike Lee advised yes citizens can take them down on public property.***
- Advised there are a lot of signs on Tokay and Miller.
- Advised the fine for putting up signs should be more because some of the big businesses thinks it's worth getting fined \$50 if they get more business out of putting the sign up.
- Advised the entrance signs at Foothill and Banana the letters are missing. ***Dan West advised the signs will be replaced but they are looking into other alternatives for the signs so the letters won't keep getting stolen.***

- Advised she has been walking at 6:30am and has noticed people starting to carry bats, asked if there is problem with dogs in the area. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised we don't have any outlandish things happening in this area for people to be carrying bats however it can be because of dogs in the area. Joyce from Animal Control advised if there is a stray dog on the loose please call Animal Control. They won't know if a dog is loose unless you call them.***
- Advised traffic from the school is really bad on Grand. People are parking in the no parking zones and waiting there to pick up their kids from school. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised he will inform the traffic unit of the problem.***
- Advised Verizon dug up the street to put Fiber Optics in, asked if the streets are going to be fixed. ***Keith Kramer advised the street will be repaved.***
- Asked how many officers patrol the Heritage Area. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised the city is broken up into 4 beats and in beat 2 there can be a minimum of 3 officers at one time, usually during the afternoon there is more in the area.***
- Asked if the city has a program where they will replace trees that were blown down by the wind. ***Dan West from Public Works advised they do replace city trees but not trees on private property.***
- Advised they walk the paseos and noticed a lot of homes with shrubbery on the fences that is dead. Asked who would be responsible for that, the homeowner or the city. ***Dan West advised they will look into it, if it's the city's problem it will be corrected.***
- Advised on Grand and Liberty she loves the light but it's on all day long. ***Dan West advised they will look into it and get it corrected.***
- Commended the police department with a robbery within east Heritage. Advised she was impressed with the promptness of officers.
- Advised they are concerned with the back of their homes that face Liberty and Winco, advised someone recently jumped over their back wall and stolen a lawnmower and took a patio chair and propped up by her window.
- Asked if the Oleanders will be replaced along Winco and the other new buildings. ***Dan West advised it could be on private property, he will get more information and take a look at it.***
- Advised there is a house at the end of her street that is off of Grand but the walk through gate to enter from Grand onto her street goes right through her neighbor's property. Asked if a gate can be installed there so it can be closed. ***Dan West advised he is not sure but he does know it's a funny design. Advised he will look at it. Advised usually fences and walkways are considered private property.***

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS MAY 15, 2007. THE MEETING WILL START AT 6:30 PM AT HERITAGE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (13766 S. HERITAGE CIRCLE).**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY MAY 14, 2007 TO:**

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