

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Village of Heritage Community Meeting
FROM: Lieutenant Orbelio Rodriguez
DATE: May 28, 2009

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2009

Sergeant Morris:

- Thanked everyone for coming.
- Lt. Rodriguez is unable to attend tonight's meeting and he was asked to cover for him.
- Introductions

Chuck Hays-Public Works:

- Advised he just wanted to update everyone on a couple of projects going on in Fontana.
- Fontana Park-
 - Won 3 CPRS awards
 - Has a meeting room which holds up to 400 people
 - Computer Learning Center
 - Small exercise room
 - Full sized basketball court
 - Competition sized pools
 - Covered Roller hockey arena
 - There is a walkway throughout the park with mile markers.
 - Skate park
 - Dog park
- Fernandez Park-
 - Located on Locust and Miller
- The city is working on getting a recycled water program within the city that should be happening within the next 4 or 5 months.

Mayor's State of the City Address:

- Advised as Fontana looks ahead to 2009 we need to look to our past to put this year in proper perspective.
 - In 2008 Fontana was declared by American's Promise Alliance as the 100 best communities in America for Young People.
 - In February 2008 we opened our City Hall Annex which houses our Development Services Organization.
 - In April 2008 we opened the Lewis Library and Technology Center.
 - In May 2008 we opened a 15 year promise to the Village of Heritage by opening the Village of Heritage Community Center.
 - July 2008 we opened Fontana Center Stage.
 - Then in October we opened the Fontana Park.

- In the early 1990's the city was on the brink of Bankruptcy. We had recurring revenues in the mid \$20 million range and were spending \$40 million per year. We spent all of our reserves in 1991 and 1992 and it was not being spent on roads or infrastructure maintenance
- In the mid 1990's Fontana began a practice of living within her means, investing in neglected infrastructure and we changed paradigm for development in this city.
- We are full circle in 2009 with the current economic downturn.
 - Is Fontana prepared this time around?
 - We are unlike the state, when our local economy was booming and we were seeing surplus revenues we were setting aside some of those surpluses for the inevitable recession.
 - We were one of a handful of cities who saw sales tax increases in the last reported quarter.
 - How are we doing for the Fiscal Year 2010 budget that begins in July?
 - Our management team is projecting a structural deficit of a little over \$2 million and we will have some contractual expense increases of a little over \$2 million for a base budget challenge of \$4 million.
 - In 1999 voters approved a utility user tax for residential and commercial users. The utility tax ended in 2004 for residential and on June 30th it will end for commercial users, which will represent \$4.5 million that we are losing.
 - Luckily the city has been weaning ourselves off of those revenues and placing them into capital projects.
 - Our council directed the city management team to continue our investments in road maintenance projects using the economic uncertainty funds.
 - With our structural deficit we will elimination of vacant positions, attrition, service cuts in non-public safety areas, cost cutting across many departments and other organizational reductions.
 - The management team and council rejected options like across the board cut in wages or furloughs or other measures that may protect jobs but in the long run end up destroying the morale of an organization.
 - What about our projects for 2009?
 - We will see Fontana aggressively moving infrastructure and community investments to construction.
 - Last year Fontana was successful in securing over \$60 million towards the construction of Cherry and Citrus interchange reconstruction along the I-10 freeway.

- The Cypress overpass will see significant construction in the coming year now that we have completed all the right of way challenges with a handful of property owners.
- On the I 15 freeway we continue to make steady progress on Duncan Canyon interchange. This project should be in construction by the end of 2010; however this may be one project that may see delay due to the budget crisis.
- We continue to work on Baseline Avenue and the completion is quickly approaching.
- Jurupa Avenue will continue to move forward.
- We will continue to make improvements to Foothill Boulevard adding capacity, medians and landscaping as budget permits.
- We will continue to work on developing a reclaimed water distribution system and we will continue to fight the Fontana Water Company's attempts to further increase rates unjustifiably.
- We will continue to bring forward community amenities, completing projects that were launched in 2008. Projects such as the 44,000 square foot senior and community center located next to the senior apartments.
- We will be completing Fernandez Park.
- Through federal stimulus funds might allow us to complete the Pacific Electric Trail System.
- How can we afford these when we have a structural deficit?
 - Complex funding strategy, we are using one time resources from development Measure I- the transportation sales tax measure that kicks in starting July 2010, using redevelopment money and also using federal funds.
- Plans for the future-
 - At Sierra and Valley Kaiser Permanente will be investing almost \$1 billion in the next several years to re-construct their hospital.
 - We are also planning new interchanges at Beech and Alder along the I-10 corridor.
 - The region's long range transit plan shows Bus Rapid transit service through our community.
 - We will continue our partnership with Chaffey Community College as they further expand their Fontana Campus.
 - We will continue to see activity as Hilton Gardens Inn is completed this spring in the south end of town. We have also done everything we can do to provide incentives for the construction of the Holiday Inn Express, which will be just across the street from Hilton Gardens Inn.
 - We just had Mimi's open up along with Big 5 and the St. Bernadine's Medical Offices.

- There is also another potential development along the 210 freeway to bring In-N-Out and a movie theater facility to Miracle Mile.
- The Walmart property in the Promenade is up for sale.
- You will see a number of Housing Authority supported developments in the coming year with the commencement of Phase 4 of our senior apartment's downtown; the Dino Papavero Complex will be adding a Piazza Phase two development for seniors.
- Our efforts to transform Ceres Way will continue with Phase three of the affordable family development which will include a learning center.
- A similar project will be breaking ground towards the end of 2009 at Juniper and Valley Blvd using Housing Authority resources to eliminate blight while bringing quality, affordable housing to our community.

Sgt. Morris:

- Advised he is the traffic sergeant and advised they recently had an Office of Traffic Safety Grant for a DUI check point. Advised 2000 vehicles went through the checkpoint, 175 vehicles were pulled into the check point, there were 8 DUI arrests and 4 others were arrested for warrants or parole violations.
- Advised there will be more check points in the future and they will also be putting 9 more officers out on the streets looking for DUI's.
- Click it or Ticket- The city of Fontana has a 96% compliance on seatbelt usage. Please remember to wear your seatbelt. The fine recently increased.
- CopLogic: The system is designed to allow citizens to file certain reports via the internet. The system is accessible from any computer with internet access through the police department's website and is also available in Spanish. There is also a computer set up in the Police department's lobby for citizens to use. The basic process of filing a report online involves the citizen entering basic information regarding the incident, including any property information. The majority of the information is completed using drop down menus. Once the citizen has completed the report they will be provided with a temporary case number and can print out a copy of that temporary report. Upon the report being approved, the citizen is emailed a copy of their report along with a permanent case number. The crimes which can be reported online are:
 - Child Custody violations
 - Graffiti
 - Harassing Phone Calls
 - Hit and Run (Which has happened in the past with no suspect information.)
 - Identity Theft
 - Lost Property
 - Theft (under \$5000)

- Vandalism
 - Vandalism to a vehicle
 - Vehicle Burglary
 - Vehicle Tampering
- Calls for service since February 9th to today:
 - Traffic Stops 130calls
 - Burglaries 13 calls
 - Graffiti 8 calls
 - Auto Theft 17 calls
 - False 911 calls 46 Calls

Questions and Concerns of Village of Heritage residents
(THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN)

- Asked if there is a snack bar at Fontana Park. **Chuck Hays advised there is a snack bar near the aquatics center.**
- Advised the landscaping in the area is good however the grass will not stay green if the city allows people to play soccer on the grass. **Chuck Hays advised when you see that please call (909) 350-6760.**
- Advised they have noticed when it rains the sprinkler systems still turns on. **Chuck Hays advised 90% of Heritage is on the centralized irrigation system and it's suppose to shut the sprinklers off when it's raining.**
- Asked who is responsible to fix a fence when it's between two properties. **Ted Porlas from Code Compliance advised it's both parties responsibility however more so a certain property owner if the property has a dog or a pool on the property.**
- Asked if the city can do anything about a neighbor who is not watering their lawn, everything is dead, is there anything the city can do. **Sgt Morris advised to call Code Compliance.**
- Advised she generally does not see a lot of graffiti in the area however one day her wall had graffiti on it and she called the graffiti hotline and they painted over it however they painted it with white paint. **Dan West from Public Works advised the graffiti crew usually tries to match the colors, will get more information after the meeting.**
- Advised a neighbor has a huge palm tree in their yard which they never trim, asked if anything could be done with that. **Sgt. Morris advised to contact Code Compliance so they can check it out.**
- Asked who they call when they see dead rodents in the street, such as a possum. **Sgt. Morris advised you should call animal control, however if it's a problem with rats please call vector control.**
- Advised on January 26th he spoke with the Public Works supervisor regarding Independence and Constitution sign lighting on the monuments, however he hasn't heard back from him. **Dan West advised he will have to follow up with his supervisor and he will get back with him.**

- Asked if the Cell phone usage fine has increased. ***Sgt. Morris advised as far as he knows the fine for using your cell phone while driving has not increased.***

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS August 13, 2009. THE MEETING WILL START AT 6:30 PM AT HERITAGE COMMUNITY CENTER.

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY August 12, 2009 TO:

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