REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

JEFF GORELL
Supervisor, 2nd District

ISRAEL RODRIGUEZ
Field Representative
Supervisor Jeff Gorell

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

- ROSEMARY ALLISON, CHAIR
- AMY ELLIOT, VICE CHAIR
- MARK BURLEY
- KEVIN CANNON
- MICHAEL ADAMS

March 21, 2024

6:00 PM

Municipal Advisory Council
Santa Rosa Valley, California

Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School
13282 Santa Rosa Road
Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012

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MAC Calendar, Agenda, and Minutes

Welcome to the meeting of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) an advisory council for the unincorporated area of Santa Rosa Valley to Ventura County Supervisor Jeff Gorell.

OPENING

1. Call to Order.
    - **Chair, Rosemary Allsion** called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

2. Roll Call.
    - Members Present: **Rosemary Allison, Amy Elliot, Mark Burley, Michael Adams**. All members present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council held on Thursday, January 18, 2024.
    - Motion made by **Mark Burley**, seconded by **Michael Adams**. Motion Passed.

5. Agenda Review- No Changes

6. Consent Agenda Items 10 through 13.
    - No motion made

7. Public Comments – Citizen presentations regarding Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council related matters NOT appearing on this agenda. (See Guidelines above).
    - Speakers: **Jen Price** requested that the Stepping Stones program and schedule of lessons be posted on the board at Santa Rosa Valley Park.

8. Office of Ventura County **Supervisor Jeff Gorell's** Comments – Brief announcements and report on County activities.
    - We are looking for the results from the Point in Time (PIT) count. More than likely looking at an increase in the count.
    - I am looking forward to the Firewise presentation on the agenda for today.
    - The BOS has taken significant actions to combat homelessness. Last Tuesday the Board created 15 new positions including Director of Homelessness Solutions, Director of Housing Solutions, and eight new deputies as part of the homeless liaison team. The County applied for $2.9 Million in grants that would help provide stable housing for 500 households.
    - Due to the situation and issues from the recent paving project the Board is reassessing road paving standards to create more robust policies in the future.
    - **Mark Burley** asked what benefits will come from the passage of Proposition 1. **Supervisor Gorell** stated we are awaiting a strategic plan

to see how we must shift resources from mental health to homelessness. **Kevin Cannon** asked if the homeless program was the same category as the Family Justice Center. **Supervisor Gorell** stated it was a separate program with some overlap.

- **Rosemary Allison** asked for remediation action for some of the poorly paved streets. **Supervisor Gorell** stated that PWA will continue to sweep the streets and that people should continue to go through the claim process for damages. He would have to go before the Board to ask for remediation, but that would require the approval of three votes from the board. He wants to see if the street sweeping helps solve the issue. **Amy Elliot** would like to see a schedule of when the street sweeping is occurring so we can remove cars from the streets. **Kevin Canon** stated that he has seen the street sweepers twice since that last meeting and that they have been putting out notices. He said his street is looking better.

9. Council Comments –
    - **Mark Burley:** Made the announcement that Stepping Stones has started the move over to Santa Rosa Valley Park and people are volunteering with the set-up. He would like to see the schedule posted on the park board as to when she is using the arena. Also, wants to know who is the point person if there is a problem? He assumes it is Mr. Chisum, but he wants to confirm. **Supervisor Gorell** stated Mr. Chisum will be at the next MAC meeting.
    - **Michael Adams:** Stated that his street is about 50% better and that he has seen street sweeping occurring. He said there was a 10-hour scheduled maintenance power outage. It would be nice to know what kind of maintenance Edison is conducting, and if it will help reduce the number of outages in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA

10. **California Highway Patrol**

    - CHP Moorpark and the Moorpark Police Department will be hosting an open house event at our station on April 13th. This event will give the public a chance to see our station, checkout our patrol and special enforcement vehicles, and we will be holding a “bike rodeo” for new, young bicycle riders which will include a skills course and a helmet fitting station.
    - The CHP Moorpark Area continues to send Special Enforcement Units (SEU) to conduct targeted patrols in Santa Rosa Valley, specifically targeting unsafe driving in the area surrounding Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School. Citations have been issued for unsafe turns, stop sign

violations, unsafe speed, and various parking violations. Targeted patrols help saturate an area where multiple violations are known to be happening at once so multiple violations can be addressed in the area simultaneously.

- Using SEU's, Maximum Enforcement Periods, and daily proactive patrols, The California Highway Patrol has made significant strides in reducing the milage death rate (MDR), which is the number of lives lost in crashes per 100 million vehicle miles driven on California highways, and reducing highway violence, specifically freeway shootings. The MDR dropped from 4,496 lives lost in 2022 to approximately 3000 lives lost in 2023. Additionally, freeway shootings dropped 25% in that same timeframe. We ALL need to do our part to continue this positive downward trend.
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11. **Ventura County Fire Department**
    - The Ventura County Fire Department is supporting CalTrans and county Public Works as they work to clear debris from roadways closed by mudslides, including Highway 150.
    - Fire Marshal Massoud Araghi retired after more than 35 years with the department. VCFD is interviewing finalists to succeed Araghi. Deputy Chief Chad Cook is serving as the interim Fire Marshal until a permanent successor is hired.
    - Construction of the new Fire Station 34 in Thousand Oaks is expected to be complete in late June or early July. Construction of two new burn buildings and a ladder prop at VCFD's Regional Training Center is underway. That project is expected to be completed in March of 2025.
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12. **Ventura County Sheriff**
    - Residential Burglaries are still happening throughout the county. We recommend residents use our free Home Security Assessments to address ways to prevent them from becoming a victim of these crimes.
    - Catalytic converter thefts continue to be an issue for residents in Ventura County. We have an "Etch and Catch" program where the vehicle's license plate is etched into the catalytic converters and a bright sheriff star is painted on it. This has become an effective deterrent to thieves that see this under the vehicle. Our Moorpark Sheriff's Department has the locations of body shops that are providing this free service.
    - April 13, 11am-2pm, CHP and Moorpark PD are having an open house. We encourage residents to come and say hi and meet with the officers that are serving the Santa Rosa valley and beyond. Flier below.
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13. **Santa Rosa Valley Firewise Committee Minutes**
    - Minutes from January 30, 2024, Santa Rosa Valley Firewise Committee are included as an attachment in the agenda packet for this meeting. The report provides insights on specific issues, strategies, and action items for Santa Rosa Valley to become Firewise certified.
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Regular Agenda items are heard at the Council's discretion and may be heard at any time during the meeting.

14. **Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council 2024 Elections**

    - Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) requesting that their General District Election to be held on November 5, 2024, be consolidated with other elections called to be held on the same day and in the same territory.
    - Three seats are up for election, the current incumbents in these seats are Rosemary Allison, Kevin Cannon, and Michael Steven Adams.
    - Candidate filing period for this election will be July 15th through August 9th, 2024.
    - For more information on the election, please contact the Ventura County Elections Division. https://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections/elections/candidates-campaigns/candidate-filing.

    A motion to accept the resolution calling for elections was made by **Mark Burley** and seconded by **Kevin Canon**. Motion passed.

15. **Firewise Certification Strategy and Process for Santa Rosa Valley**

    Kevin Cannon, MAC Member and Board Member of Santa Rosa Valley Firewise Committee made a presentation on why SRV should pursue becoming a recognized Firewise community and how to go about becoming certified. The topics included:

    - Why Become a Certified Firewise Community: Provides a framework for action and education on fire safety. Motivates individuals and neighborhoods. Most of Santa Rosa Valley is in a high fire hazard area and 93% higher than the other communities in the US.
    - What is the Firewise USA Program: Volunteer resident driven program with neighbors helping neighbors. No regulation or enforcement and is

based on an honor system. Ventura County currently has 8 recognized communities with 15 in development. He reviewed the various organizations that are part of the process including NFPA, CalFire, Residents, VRSC, and VCFD.

- Six Steps Required for Firewise Recognition: Forming a team, assessing wildfire risk, developing an action plan, reporting investment, & vegetation removed, hosting an annual outreach event, applying online for certified recognition.
- Developing a Strategy for SRV Firewise Recognition: The ultimate goal is to get all the communities/neighborhoods (1150 homes) in SRV certified. Developing a strategy starts with assessing risk levels for each of our communities which involves taking an inventory of how many homes have metal, tile, or Class A asphalt or fiberglass shingles and then begin categorizing the risk of each neighborhood. We also need a strategy for tracking the number of hours, activities, and investment dollars made to reduce fire hazards. By using a phased approach, we can reach our end goal.
- Example of Community Firewise Activities: One of the most important activities homeowners can do to prepare for a wildfire is to clear any flammable material that exists within a five-foot perimeter of a home's structure. This includes the removal of brush, trees, and wood fences that are attached to the home and cleaning roofs and gutters of dead leaves, and pine needles that could catch embers. Homeowners can also reduce the threat of fire by installing 1/8" metal mesh that helps keep embers from passing through vents into the attic.
- For detailed information see the Santa Rosa Valley website at: ventura.org/santarosavalleymac

16. **New MAC Meeting Marketing Signage**

Chief of Staff, Mark Perryman presented the yard signs to the Mac Members along with the instructions of where and when to place signs to advertise the MAC meeting. The large double-sided signs will help improve awareness and attendance at the MAC meetings. The signs have the location and time as well as a QR code to download the agenda or view a live stream of the meeting. Each MAC member was requested to take custody of two signs, place them 1 week before the meetings and pick them up after the meeting or the next day.

CLOSING

17. Adjournment of the Santa Rosa Valley Municipal Advisory Council meeting to the next meeting, May 16, 2024, Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School 13282 Santa Rosa Road, Santa Rosa Valley, CA 93012
    - **Chair, Rosemary Allison** adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.