

MINUTES

Area 1 Community Meeting

March 10, 2022 6:30pm | Summit High School Area Commander Lt. Carlo Granillo

In Attendance

Public Works Jose Orozco, Traffic Engineering Jeff Kim and Dave Teater. Officer Jeremy Hintz, Community Policing Technician Amber Smith, Code Compliance Efrain Gonzalez, Sergeant Ron Curtis.

Sgt. Ron Curtis

- Thanked everyone for coming out tonight.
- Lt. Granillo is unable to be here tonight and asked Sgt. Ron Curtis to fill in for him.

Jose Orozco-Public Works

- He is a landscape Technician for the City of Fontana.
- They are currently starting to fill in the empty landscaped area.
- Trees are on a 5-year trim schedule, however if there are issues that need to be addressed right away please let him know or you can report it on the Access Fontana App.
- New plants will be installed on Cherry and Beech as well as Catawba.

Efrain Gonzalez-Code Compliance

- Weed abatement is getting started on April 6th.
- Code Conducts Weed Abatement twice a year.
- Currently there are nine inspectors who will drive by approximately 70,000 properties to inspect for weeds. If there are weeds on a property a notice will be sent to the property owner giving them 30 days to get rid of the weeds.
- After 30 days the inspector will go back out to do a re-inspection. If the weeds have been cleared then the case will be closed. If the weeds are still on the property then it will proceed to the second part. If there is no fence on the property a work order will be made for the city contractor to go out and take care of the weeds. If there is a fence then a warrant will need to be obtained for the work to be completed.
- Weed abatement takes place in April and October each year.
- Street Vendors-California changed the laws which states that it is no longer criminal. We as a city have to allow street vendors however they do have to abide by our codes.
- Street vendors do need to have a permit from the city and they are only allowed to sell non-perishable items.
- Roaming vendors are not allowed in residential areas they are suppose to stay in commercial areas.
- The problem with taco vendors we are currently having is we go out to try to educate them, that they need to have a city permit but also a health permit from the county. We are not against vendors but we want to make sure to protect the people from health and safety issues.
- City Council has passed a law that says that we can start to confiscate items for health and safety violations.

- Cooking outdoors is illegal, however prepackaged foods are allowed. Taco trucks may be allowed in the future but not free standing taco stands.

Questions

- **When will the mulching be done along Bridle Path in Hunter's Ridge?** Jose advised the north will be completed soon. We are currently waiting on mulch, so as soon as that comes in the city will complete the project.
- **There are a lot of traffic issues west on Duncan Canyon, are there any plans to handle the traffic issues in the future?** Dave Teater advised the hope is that people would use the route closest to the freeway, we are currently trying to enhance the infrastructure as much as possible. If problems persist, we can consider signs.
- **Could speed limits in the area be lowered?** According to Dave Teater per state and federal law it has to be equal to the prevailing speed on major streets that are not school zones. If we lower the speed limit significantly it can cause a dangerous situation. Per the law we are only allowed to lower it by 5mph. If we lower any more than that we could increase the possibility of accidents. Studies have shown that people will drive at speeds which they are comfortable regardless of the posted speed limit. The major cause of collisions are generally caused by people doing something they are not suppose to be doing such as speeding, driving drunk, or distracted driving.
- **The South Bridle Path light changes without anyone being there, can that be looked at?** Dave Teater advised he will have one of the guys check it out, there might be a detection problem there.
- **Is there a place where these requests can be made officially?** The requests could be made officially by bringing them up at the meeting, through email or through the city website.
- **There are cars that park along the Edison Easement, she thinks they may be teenagers, asked if this is something she should call dispatch about?** Sgt. Curtis informed her that if you see something out of the ordinary please let us know, when you call please describe what activity is being suspicious, type of vehicle and how many people are involved.
- **How does the police department address transient problems?** Sgt. Ron Curtis advised 20 years ago we dealt with transient totally different than we do today. California has changed it's laws regarding what officers can and can not do in regards to transients. Currently we offer them programs, however very rarely do they take advantage of the free programs because all shelters require a sober living, which is a problem for many of the transients.
- **If someone is sleeping in the park, do we call the police department?** Yes you can call our dispatch at (909) 350-7700.
- **There is an older gentleman who walks along Sierra pretty much every day, has anyone checked on him to see if he needs help or resources.** Sgt Curtis advised he didn't know, for patrol which he is the sergeant in their priority is hot calls such as shootings, stabbings, robberies etc.
- **Does Code Enforcement take care of noise issues?** Efrain advised that would be handled by the PD.
- **The bike lanes are usually full of debris, who handles the street sweeping?** Shawn Matejcek with Public Works advised the Street Sweeper would be handled by Abigail Gomez in Environmental she can be reached at agomez@fontana.org.
- **Is there a list of potential projects public works will be working on for next year and will it be available online?** Shawn Matejcek advised there currently is not a list but he is working on it and once it is completed he will make sure it is available online.
- **Is Hunter's Ridge on the list of projects, restriping of the bike lanes needs to be done and there are tons of pot holes?** Shawn Matejcek advised pot holes are considered a safety issue so those are completed right away.

- **In Sierra Lakes, some of the trees are buckling the sidewalks.** Shawn advised if you have a location of where that is occurring they will go out to check it out, if it is a problem with the tree the landscapers will come to fix it.

Next Meeting

July 14, 2022 @ 6:30 pm at **DW Long Elementary School**