



EMPIRE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Christopher Nunes, Chair
Dorothy Roberts, Secretary
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MINUTES

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 @ 6 PM

Empire Community Library, 98 I street, Empire, CA 95319 - Community Room.

Present: Christopher Nunes, Fabian Tamayo, and Dorothy Roberts

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair Nunes.
2. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
Community Manager, Erica Inacio, offered translation for non-English speakers.
3. The Chair welcomed the public and the members introduced themselves.
4. Member Nunes made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 23, 2022. Seconded by Tamayo; unanimously approved.
5. Public Comment
 - a. Alfredo Guerra, Executive Director of the Stanislaus County Police Activities League, announced the opening day of Empire Pool for summer recreational swim. Sessions will run from May 31st - September 4th.

They will be offering two, 2-hour sessions. Swim lessons are being offered, registration now open. It will be \$40 for 2 weeks, 1-hour sessions for 8 days during that period. Scholarship for swim lessons available. Donations can be made at the PAL office for scholarships. Closed Mondays for maintenance.

Reservations for private parties can be made in person or online this year. Mr. Guerra is asking to report any gate jumping/vandalism as the repairs are costly to their program. Concerns were brought up and they were referred to parks and recreations.
 - b. Rafael Rodriguez presented a letter to the Empire MAC regarding the traffic on Church Street. Discussions were made about speed bumps/humps and another stop sign on Church Street. The red zone curb on Church Street and Northland Drive has faded and has not been repainted as of 4/18/22. Vehicles parked there block the view of oncoming traffic. On Northland Drive and Mayfair Ave there is a STOP sign blocked by a tree. Community Manager Erica Inacio will refer these matters to public works.
 - c. Chad Condit presented himself as running for Assembly District 22.
6. Community Reports
 - a. Public Safety:

- i. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
 - Deputy Davis was not able to attend the meeting.
 - ii. California Highway Patrol
 - Officer Moore shared the stats for the month and updated the community on staffing. They are currently still short staffed. They responded to 3 non-injury accidents, 1 minor injury collision, and 1 hit and run accident with a bicycle, 1 reckless driving report, and 3 stolen vehicle reports. Officer Moore also addressed the bicycle group that are causing traffic concerns throughout Empire. They will be cited if caught and reminded the community if you see it report it. Community Manager Erica Inacio referred the community to the Stan connect app.
 - iii. Stanislaus Consolidated Fire
 - Station 22 was not in attendance.
- b. Local Government:
- i. Board of Supervisors – Buck Condit and Channce Condit
 - Supervisor Buck Condit thanked the Empire MAC and public for their time. He then explained that redistricting has changed Empire from District 1 to District 5. That takes Empire out of his district and places us into Channce Condit's District. He pledged his continued support to the Empire community alongside supervisor Channce Condit.
 - Supervisor Channce Condit introduced himself and thanked the public for their participation. He thanked Supervisor Buck Condit for his service to the Empire Community. He gave out his contact information and welcomed the community to use it for anything 24/7. The contact information is (209) 622-7485 and his Email is conditc@stancounty.com. Introduced a local cleanup day with a tentative day of May 21st and 22nd from 8am to 1pm.
 - ii. Chief Executive Office
 - Erica Inacio, Community Manager, provided information on the \$50M in ARPA funds set aside to address infrastructure in County pockets and unincorporated areas. She encouraged the public to complete the surveys and will confirm why the community has not received the survey.
- c. School District
- Claudia Manzo, Principal, shared about Love Empire on April 30th and one of the projects being the garden at the school. Surveillance system is going in at the elementary school. She is asking anyone to report kids jumping fences or on the roof as this is a liability. May 1st the migrant camp opens. Summer food program through Second Hand Harvest will run the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month. May 12th Empire Elementary is having the Health and Wellness fair and open house will be from 5pm to 7pm.
- d. Library

- Diane Ramirez, Library Assistant shared the annual summer reading challenge will run from May 17th to August 2nd. The bookmark drawing contest runs until May 17th and applications can be found at the library. Two second grade classes from Empire Elementary get to make their first field trip to the new library as well as 2 classes from Teel.

7. Informational Items

- Chair Nunes highlighted the Love Empire event and projects.

8. Action Items - None.

9. Council Comments & Recommendations for Future Agenda Items – None.

10. Chair and Vice-Chair thanked all in attendance for being present.

Adjournment: 7:07 pm

Next Regular Meeting – May 25, 2022, at 6:00 PM.