



SOUTH MODESTO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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**Thursday, March 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Stanislaus County Ag Center Building
Harvest Hall (Room G)
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
Meeting was called to order at 6:12pm by Chair, Rebecca Harrington.
- II. Recording Secretary establishing Quorum by roll call. Members present are marked with an "X".

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Harrington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alvaro Ramirez
<input type="checkbox"/> Maria Madrigal	<input type="checkbox"/> Martha Villaseñor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Silvia Camarillo	
- III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Assemblyman, Juan Alanis
- IV. Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2023
Motion by member, Alvaro Ramirez, to approve minutes from February 9, 2023, as written. Second by Chair, Rebecca Harrington, all in favor.
- V. District 4 – Supervisor Mani Grewal (report given after Community Reports)
 - Two Million Dollars were allocated for infrastructure improvements. Areas include Herndon & Bystrum roads. Sidewalks added from Avon to Anthony at a cost of 1 Million Dollars. These are not from ARPA funds.
 - Comment: Chair asked why the block or so left to reach Bystrum Road was not done.
 - Comment: Chair informed community that April 15th was the target date for cleanup in the North Ceres areas. Dump site will be at Tuolumne School, she has been in contact with the Principal who is on board to assist in any way possible. The school will be printing flyers to distribute among the parents.
 - Comment: Chair asked for follow up regarding Mancini Park. Chair mentioned that monies from the cell tower have never been reinvested into the community. She is meeting next week with Lori Smith of Parks & Recreation to see if they can find out how much has been earned throughout the years in hopes of having some of those funds reinvested into the park.
 - Comment: Chair was able to rent Mancini Park for kids soccer games from funds earned from the Day of the Dead event. She recalls the story of how the Mancini Family donated the land for this Park because they loved that neighborhood. So she will make the park improvement a priority.
- VI. District 5 – Supervisor Channce Condit
 - Continues working on petition for infrastructure funding with a focus on Parklawn and Bret Harte. Senator Alvarado-Gil is on board to help. Goal is to collect at least One Thousand signatures, this petition is circulating thru CRLA, Sierra Vista, MAC's etc. Will be collecting

these petitions end of April and hoping to get a Charter Bus to take as many as possible to the Capitol and deliver to Senator Alvarado-Gil. As well as for the residents to give their live testimonies.

- Comment: Chair reached out to Tuolumne School Principal who in turn will speak with the Principal at Hanshaw Middle School and Bret Harte Elementary to allow for a table signing for these petitions.

VII. Community Reports (5 Minute Maximum)

A) California Highway Patrol- Officer Moore

Stats; 2 non-injury accidents, 3 abandoned vehicles, 4 DUI's, 2 hit & run collisions.

B) Stanislaus Sheriff's Department – None

C) Other community reports- None

VIII. Public Comments – Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda (3 Minute Maximum)

- Miguel Denoso, referenced Bill #13985 regarding racial equity and support for underserved communities.
- Assemblyman, Juan Alanis shared information from his meetings with the City Manager of Modesto and other neighboring cities. For 2022 there was a surplus of \$97 Billion, this year there is a deficit of \$22 Billion and it could double. Has heard in Sacramento about the talks between Supervisor Condit and Senator Alvarado-Gil.
- Margarita Arreola received a flyer regarding the MAC's meetings, so she came to the meeting to inquire who to call regarding RV's that have been parked on her street for some time now and people are living in them. Assemblyman, Alanis said to call the Sheriff's Office and they'll tag the RV.

IX. Informational Items – None

X. Action Items - None

XI. Special Order of Business/Updates/Announcements

- Veronica Hernandez with the Modesto Nuts baseball organization introduced herself. She is doing Community Outreach with South Modesto being her focus. She'll be happy to give out free game tickets to kids for any events we have.

XII. Council Comments/Issues/Topics for Next Agenda

XIII. Adjournment: 7:14pm, Next Regular Meeting, April 13, 2023.