



SOUTH MODESTO MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Silvia Camarillo, Secretary
Álvaro Ramírez, Member
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**Thursday, January 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Stanislaus County Ag Center Building
Harvest Hall (Room G)
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA**

1. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Chair, Rebecca Harrington.
Pledge of Allegiance led by CHP Officer Francisco Arias
2. Recording Secretary establishing Quorum by roll call. Members present are marked with an "X".

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| X Rebecca Harrington | X Martha Villaseñor (<i>arrived at 6:17pm</i>) |
| X Monica Harvey | X Alvaro Ramirez |
| X Silvia Camarillo | |
3. Approval of Minutes for October 12, 2023, and November 9, 2023.
Motion by member, Monica Harvey, to approve minutes from August 10, 2023, with the following correction: August 10 was mentioned twice, second by member, Alvaro Ramirez, all in favor.

Motion by member, Monica Harvey, to move approval of minutes from November 9, 2023, to February's meeting, second by member, Alvaro Ramirez. All in favor.
4. Monthly Reports (Limited to 5 Minutes)
 - a. Stanislaus Sheriff's Department- Deputy Topete
 - Shared statistics has seen an increase in gang activity and dumping of trash.
Comment: What number to call for graffiti? Call the Stanislaus County Abatement Dept.

Comment: Chair Harrington has noticed a 63-64 Chevy Truck doing donuts on Bystrum/Souza.

Comment: Member Ramirez, what has been commented about the gang activity is nothing new and has been going on for many years. Who is responsible for doing something about it? Officer Topete; when gang injunction was in place it helped decrease the gang activity, but the injunction has gone away. Kids that saw their elders in gang activities now want to imitate them and that's who they are seeing out on the streets. Erica Inacio; it's important to report all these activities for data recording purposes. Example: W. Modesto vs McHenry crime data, McHenry had higher number of incidents even though W. Modesto is known for their high number of crimes and other incidents. This is all due to people reporting what they see.
 - b. California Highway Patrol – Officer Moore & Officer Arias
 - Shared statistics, Officer Arias will be taking over Officer Moore's attendance at the MAC meetings. Officer Arias grew up in Salida, so he is familiar with the areas. Shifts

are now 12 hours, 5am to 5pm and 5pm to 5am. Three new officers joined their staff including newly named Captain Banuelos.

- c. District 4 – Supervisor Mani Grewal, Field Representative Patrick Sheilds spoke on his behalf.
 - Supervisor Grewal was chosen by his peers to be the new Chair of the Board of Supervisors.
 - Encourages residents to use the app to report the trash dumping.
- d. District 5 – Supervisor Channce Condit
 - Supervisor reached out to Chair Harrington, he is ill along with his kids and unable to attend meeting.
- e. Assemblyman, District 22 Juan Alanis – absent
- f. Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office – Erica Inacio, Community Relations Manager
 - Not much to report, County Administration was on vacation so not a lot of activity.
 - Has been promoted to another position within the county but will be overseeing person taking over her current position. Expects that by March the position will be filled.
- g. Other Community Representative Reports - Horacio Madueño with Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS), Crisis Department.
 - They now have 24-hour shifts, number to call 1/888/376-6246, adults & children.
 - Currently working with Modesto Police, doing ride a longs.
 - They have detention capabilities if the person qualifies and if not, they offer counseling services.
 - The difference between Adult Protection Services (APS) and them is that APS focuses on health/medical cases vs BHRS that focus more on mental health. Always call 911 if you see elderly abuse.

Comment: Chair Harrington, her father had a senior breakdown, Sheriff was sent out, situation was not handled properly and led to his mental debilitation and later passed away. The only solution given by the Sheriff dept was to either arrest him or take him to Behavioral Center.

Comment: Resident's sister uses drugs, they called BHRS, but were told that due to sister living in County they couldn't help her. Erica Inacio asked for complete info to look into it.

Comment: Can BHRS give these presentations to small groups? Horacio, they are more of a mobile organization and wouldn't be able to now.

- 5. Public Comments – Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda (3 Minute Maximum)
 - Jaime Sanchez with Dignity Memorial Pre-Planning Representative. Was invited to attend these meetings and hopes to come more frequently.
 - Gabriela Lopez was also invited to attend meeting, wanted to see what it was about and how she could help and be helped.
 - Evelyn Landeros, Parklawn Community Representative shared that they have applied for a Park Grant.

6. Information Item(s) – None

7. Action Items

a. Nominate and Elect MAC Officers for 2024: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

Secretary: Chair Harrington asked Secretary Camarillo if she would like to continue in that position, Secretary Camarillo said yes. Motion made by Harvey, seconded by Villaseñor. All in favor.

Vice Chair: Villaseñor nominated Ramirez, seconded by Ramirez.
The vote for Ramirez was 2 Yes (Villaseñor, Ramirez), 3 No (Harrington, Camarillo, Harvey)

Secretary Camarillo nominated Harvey, seconded by Chair Harrington.
The vote for Harvey was 4 Yes (Harrington, Camarillo, Harvey, Villaseñor), 1 No (Ramirez)

Chair: Members were asked who was interested in this position, Ramirez expressed interest. Villaseñor nominated Ramirez, seconded by Ramirez.
The vote for Ramirez was 3 No (Harrington, Camarillo, Harvey) and 2 Yes (Villaseñor, Ramirez)

Chair Harrington expressed her willingness to continue being Chair. Newly appointed Vice-Chair Harvey nominated Harrington, seconded by Secretary Camarillo.
The vote for Harrington was 4 Yes (Camarillo, Harvey, Villaseñor, Harrington) and 1 No (Ramirez)

8. Correspondence - None

9. Special Order of Business / Updates / Announcements

- Chair Harrington: Meeting will be held at Tuolumne School on January 31st regarding the future of the South North 9th Street Corridor, from 2:30pm-4pm.
- Member Villaseñor: what to do about the continued problem of homelessness.
- Secretary Camarillo: can Public Works come to a meeting in the near future. Several streets along Herndon Ave were not paved, causing many deep potholes.

10. Council Comments and Suggestions for Future Agendas

- Member Ramirez wants to hold the Supervisors accountable for completing the projects that started in the Parklawn neighborhoods. Erica Inacio suggested to ask each Supervisor a direct question on the concerns.

11. Adjournment: 7:53pm, Next Regular Meeting, February 8, 2024.