

WOODCREST MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
July 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Woodcrest Library
16625 Krameria Ave., Riverside, CA 92504
MINUTES

0.0: Vice Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

1.0: Roll Call: Members present Bruce Rogers (vice chair), Michael Osmon, Larry Rubio. Absent: George Perez (secretary), Marc McClain (first alternate).

Vice Chair Rogers stated that Chair Alemdar was caught in traffic but would be arriving soon.

Pledge of Allegiance

2.0: Approval of Minutes, May 11, 2023: M/S/C (ROGERS/OSMON) approving the minutes of May 11, 2023, Woodcrest MAC meeting.

3.0 Community Updates

3.1: Congressman Calvert's Staff Update: Jett Benevidas reported that the Congressman had a busy week serving on the Defense Appropriations Committee. He is working to secure \$3M in earmarks for the area; although, the earmarks need to first go through sub committees. The Congressman has offices in Corona and Palm Desert open Monday through Friday. He encourages constituents to call for assistance with federal agencies, passports, immigration, Social Security, Medicare, the VA or legislative concerns. You will be connected with a case worker.

3.2: Senator Seyarto Staff Update: Maddy informed the MAC that the Legislature is on summer recess through August 13. However, the senator will be around the District. He is working on several bills including SB19 Anti Fentanyl Abuse Task Force which is being referred to Appropriations. SB67 to track overdoses went through the Health Committee and is being referred to Appropriations. The Senator has introduced SB73 to give preferential hiring to veterans. The Senator and his staff are available to help with state agencies like EDD and DMV. You can call or email for assistance.

3.3: Assemblymember Essayli Staff Update: Casey Deaver discussed SB14 that would include sex trafficking of a minor in the lists of crimes that are defined as serious under California law, making the crime a strike under the Three Strikes law. The bill failed to get out of committee but was moved to the Appropriations Committee. The 72-hour pet euthanasia bill is dead. On August 15, the Assemblymember will have a new office in the Dos Lagos area in Corona.

3.4: Riverside County Sheriff's Department: Lt. Favero updated the MAC that there was a decrease in crime in the area. In the month of June there were 278 calls for service in the Lake Matthews area, in the Woodcrest area there were 22 arrests. There was also a tip about a "weed grow house" that they hit.

3.5: CalFire representative had to leave on a call.

3.6: Code Enforcement: Jamison Cole reported there was an increase in grading cases, this is unusual in the summer months. A new officer, Ayres, joined Code; she has a strong land use background. The department has a lot going on, including short-term rental concerns. Cole notified the MAC that weed abatement concerns should be reported to Fire, not Code. The local fire station is across from the library.

Chair Alemdar arrived during discussion of Item 3.6, at 6:16 PM.

3.7: California Highway Patrol: Lt. Palmer updated the MAC on traffic enforcement in the Woodcrest area. During the last quarter they issued 70 citations, made two DUI arrests, handled 22 accidents, and focused on stop signs and speed. For all Western Riverside County over the July 4th weekend, they issued 489 citations and made 41 DUI arrests in that 3 ½ day period. The CHP is holding a Smart Driving Class on July 26. This is to help participants reduce road rage and freeway violence.

3.8: Riverside County Emergency Management Department: Supervisor Cadden updated the MAC on new evacuation terminology. An evacuation order means you must leave now. An evacuation warning means people with mobility issues or who are slow moving should leave now, ambulatory individuals should prepare to leave quickly. Evacuation orders will be sent to cell phones during emergencies. The department is working on a new Emergency Operations Plan that will take about one year to complete. The department recently won the prestigious Emergency Management Accreditation Plan award (EMAP).

3.9: Western Municipal Water District Staff Update: Gracie Torres updated the MAC on SB366 that proposes to capture water more effectively. This appears to be a two-year bill. They are moving forward with the Woodcrest pipeline replacement project. The project will begin in Mission Grove with work winding up at Dallas and Riverside Avenues in Woodcrest this fall. For additional information contact outreach@wmwd.com. Developer sewer fees will increase in January. WMWD is still offering the turf replacement rebate up to \$5 per square foot for qualifying customers. An anonymous survey will be forthcoming to get customer feedback on issues they would like to see improved. The WMWD is hosting a traveling art show in their Meridian Parkway lobby through August 5.

3.10: Woodcrest Library Update: Connie Rynning announced the summer reading program is online, so participants are reporting their pages read online. Riverside School District provides 100 meals daily for kids at the library. The kids often stay for the programs. The garden is doing well; volunteers can assist on Wednesdays and Saturdays unless there is extreme heat. Fit After Fifty classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The classes cover all fitness levels. The pickle ball court construction will be going out to bid on July 25.

3.11 Supervisor Karen Spiegel's Office: Melania Castellanos announced that the Supervisor's Town Hall held at Woodcrest Elementary School was a success. Bruce Rogers served as M.C. and was accompanied by numerous County agencies. RTA reduced their bus fares for all categories to 25 cents through the end of August. The Women's Leadership Conference will be held September 14 at Crossroads Church in Corona. Supervisor Spiegel will be speaking at the Conference, tickets are \$100 each. Castellanos encouraged the MAC and attendees to suggest speakers for future MAC meetings. A suggestion was made to invite the District Attorney's Office to speak at a future MAC meeting. Later in the meeting Ms. Pamela Heino suggested Transportation provide a presentation at a future meeting.

4.0 New Business

4.1: Southern California Edison: Jeremy Goldman encouraged all to register their accounts online at www.SCE.com/outage to receive notifications in the event of an emergency or call 800-611-1911 for electricity outage information. Goldman informed the MAC that rates will rise 2-3% on June 1. There will be additional approved rate hikes over the years. Goldman stated that SCE can meet 100% of demand

even with the new development and additional warehouses. Power can be shut down due to high winds, fires, fuel on the ground, or other conditions. Chair Alemdar requested SCE install shields on newly installed LED streetlights in the area as they cause eye irritation while driving and light pollution. Alemdar stated that SCE previously assured the MAC new LED lights would be shielded. Goldman stated he would have to present it to the Supervisor's office for consideration.

4.2 Riverside County Planning Department Update: John Hildebrand is responsible for all development in the County and is assisted by 40 staff members. Jose Merlin is the planning supervisor responsible for the Second District's planning. The County is expecting 40k new houses in the next 8 years. However, it is limited in space. They try to make new houses appropriate for the communities. The local 235-unit development at Iris and Chicago is under review. Hildebrand encouraged attendees to sign up for notifications to track its process at www.planning.rctlma.org. Hildebrand explained that development is determined by market conditions not the County. Property owners determine whether their development is sustainable. EDA could help with locating businesses other than car washes to the area. Development changes quickly so use must change. The General Plan is not set in stone and has to change to meet the community needs. The State is eroding local land use by setting forth statutes, like SB9, that give property owners the right to subdivide. This doesn't apply to all properties.

4.3: MAC Board Elections.

For chair Osmon nominated Rogers, second by Rubio, vote was unanimous.

For vice chair Osmon nominated Perez, second by Rogers, vote was unanimous.

For secretary, Osmon declined the nomination and nominated Rubio who accepted the nomination, second by Rogers, vote was unanimous.

5.0 Public Comments

Pamela Heino withdrew her speaker card deferring until the owner/developer of Arroyo Vista was present at a future meeting. However, Ms. Heino requested someone from Transportation to speak at a future MAC meeting.

6.0: Woodcrest MAC Board Comments: Chair Rogers commended outgoing chair Alemdar for her service to the MAC. Osmon thanked outgoing chair Alemdar for her service to the MAC. Rubio thanked outgoing chair Alemdar for her service to the MAC.

7.0 Future agenda items: No comments

Proposed next meeting: September 27, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.