

WOODCREST MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 9, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

16625 Krameria Ave., Riverside, CA 92504

MINUTES

0.0: Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

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

Member Sonya Almendar advised she would be arriving soon.

Pledge of Allegiance

2.0: Approval of Minutes, October 12 2023: Chair Rogers advised that the minutes were not yet ready and would be considered at the next MAC meeting.

3.0 Community Updates

3.1: Congressman Calvert's Staff Update: Absent

3.2: Senator Seyarto Staff Update: Madison Marks-Noble "Maddy" informed the MAC that the Senator had eight bills signed. Among them were SB19, SB67 and SB82 which helps veterans with property benefits. The Senator and his staff are always available to assist with any issues involving state agencies.

6:10 PM: Member Alemdar arrived during discussion of Item 3.2

3.3: Assemblymember Essayli Staff Update: Casey Deaver stated that the Legislature was out of session. The Assemblymember's new office opened in the Dos Lagos area of Corona. He welcomed all to come visit the new site. The Assemblymember met with the County and cities in the District. He plans to have his legislative package complete in January.

3.4: Riverside County Sheriff's Department: Lt. Favero updated the MAC on the Lake Matthews Station calls. They had 295 calls for service, two resulted in arrests, 18 were for theft, and 4 stolen vehicles. He reminded all to not leave packages or valuables in plain sight inside their cars. He thanked those who helped with their trunk or treat, it was a success.

3.5: Riverside County/CAL Fire: Representative Burt reported that the area had 114 incidents – 9 false alarms, 82 medical, two other fire, four public assist, seven traffic collisions, four vehicle fires, and five wildland fires.

3.6: Code Enforcement: Officer Ayres reported they had 183 open cases primarily for construction without permits and outside storage. Several reports of homelessness in neighborhoods were given by MAC members and attendees.

3.7: California Highway Patrol: Officer Navarro updated the MAC on traffic enforcement in the Woodcrest area. They had one DUI and seven crashes (one with injuries). Navarro had a signup sheet available for those interested in taking the CHP Age Well Driving Course. Several attendees expressed concern over vehicles driving in their neighborhoods at high speeds. There were also concerns about illegal driving maneuvers in front of King High School.

3.8: Riverside County Emergency Management Department: Presented on Item 4.1

3.9: Western Municipal Water District Staff Update: Absent

3.10 Woodcrest Library Update: Connie Rynning announced they are having the Fit After 50 classes. These classes are for all fitness levels. They also have the children's gardening, King High School Choir on December 12, and crafts on Saturdays at 1:30 PM. Interested parties can call the library for more information.

3.11 Supervisor Karen Spiegel's Office: Melania Castellanos updated the MAC on the Cookies with Santa event that will feature Supervisor Spiegel at the Library on December 6. Home Internet discounts are available for those who meet certain eligibilities, details were available on the information table. Tom Ketchum updated the MAC on the Van Buren sewer construction project.

4.0 New Business

4.1 El Nino Presentation – Emergency Management Department & Flood Control: Officer Cadden updated the MAC with a presentation that showed the potential impacts and precautionary measures to take in preparation for the El Nino event predicted for this winter.

4.2 Cajalco Road Widening Project Update – Brian Calvert and Keturah Anderson updated the MAC on the status and projected construction dates and costs for the project. The project will be constructed in several phases. Funding opportunities are still being explored.

4.3 Arroyo Vista Project Update – Tim Kihm. Tim and several associates provided a presentation on the status of the project. They now have two outlets for traffic and an average of 1.6 houses per acre. The smallest lot size is ¼ acre and the largest is 1 acre. The zoning was in question as the attendees believed the new zoning being requested doesn't allow for animal keepers in the area; however, the proposed development has equestrian trails. There were several comments from attendees opposing the proposed development.

5.0 Public Comments:

Jason Temple: Mr. Temple stated that potholes have become a safety issue on Mariposa near Wood. This section is being used as a bypass by cars that are driving at excessive speeds often crossing into oncoming traffic to avoid potholes. He recommended paving the road so drivers would stay on the correct side.

Randy Lasister. Mr. Lasister requested that Mariposa between Porter and Franklin be paved as it has become a heavily traveled road and is unsafe and there are many children in the area.

Pamela Heino: Ms. Heino expressed her opposition to the proposed Arroyo Vista development. She said the new residents' expectations are dissimilar to those of existing residents. The number of proposed homes is nearly the same as two years ago. The resulting traffic, congestion and strain of infrastructure would be detrimental to the existing lifestyle and would not be acceptable to hooved animals. This development is better suited for Orange County.

George Hague: Mr. Hague stated that the information provided about the Cajalco project was inaccurate. There will be six lanes not four, two in the middle for future expansion. This project will go to the Board of Supervisors without public hearings. There were no comments on the EIR. Citizens should demand a

45-day review and comment period and demand the Supervisor hold a public hearing to allow citizens to vote on whether they want the project.

6.0: Woodcrest MAC Board Comments:

Member Alemdar requested a presentation by TLMA to provide status on Dallas Rd between Boulder and Granite. She requested a presentation by EDA so they can hear the type of development desired by Woodcrest residents.

Member Osmon thanked the attendees for their respectful demeanor during the presentations.

Chair Rogers noted these projects will be a tough fight that is ahead.

Member Perez thanked the attendees for their calmness.

Secretary Rubio echoed the previous statements and noted that Supervisor Spiegel has one vote out five on the Board. For those who want to reach out regarding these projects, they can express their opinions to all five Supervisors.

*Megan Brous requested to speak under Public Comments; however, she stepped out momentarily during the item. Chair Rogers allowed her to speak. Brous commented on the proposed Arroyo Vista project stating that based on current zoning and the project's proposed zoning it would result in a 600% increase in densities and negative impacts to the overall community including traffic and schools.

7.0 Future agenda items: No comments

Proposed next meeting: January 11, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.