

**Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council**  
**Thursday, February 14, at 7:00 PM**  
**Woodcrest Library**  
**16625 Krameria Avenue**  
**Riverside, Ca. 92504**

1.0 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. By Geoffrey Dooley, Chairman

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Advisory Council: Geoffrey Dooley (Chairman), Les Douty, Gary Jensen, Murl Craft & Allison Dale (Secretary)

Roll Call Riverside County: Kristen Huyck, Representative from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries Office.

3.0 Approval of Minutes: Geoffrey moved approval, Les Second January 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 minutes, motion carried.

4.0 New Business

4.1 John Hill Riverside County Sheriff's from the Perris Station

John asked the attendees to please call if you seen anything suspicious, don't be afraid to bother us. Woodcrest Crime up 13% in 2012. The sheriff department are increasing staff to 1 per 1000. Problem is they had a hiring freeze for so long. It takes 1 ½ years to hire a new officer, put them through the academy and be assigned to the street.

AB109 Realignment, Low level offenders are pushed down to the county level. Riverside Co. only has 3900. The population is too high for the number of beds available. Currently building 1200 beds in Indio, but will take a couple years. We have to let go 1000 offenders a year. The crooks have figured out that it is a revolving door and they will be out in just a couple of years.

Deputy – 2 – 4 people working during the day. Officer Thomas was commended for his proactive approach and his knowledge of the local community. Les reported that a suspicious car was sitting on Rolling Creek and Canyon Wood in Brital Creek area. They called the Sheriff and it turned out to be union organizers following someone every day and watching a home.

A community member asked if there was a specific process for follow up when shots are heard and called into the sheriff department. John reported that shots being fired is a common call and although they send out a deputy out to look for signs of distress

they rarely find anything. Yes a report is taken and you can call the following day to see if anything was discovered. Call dispatch at 951-776-1099 to report or follow up.

#### 4.2 Lawrence Tai – County Traffic Engineer, Department of Roads/Transportation

Ongoing projects are to widen Wood Road, Washington and Van Buren Blvd. The highness priority is Van Buren. Currently have money for design but not construction to widen. Project Manager is going to move the project forward, traffic has picked up as well in the area. Currently trying to secure construction dollars for the widening Van Buren. There are no funds to widen Wood at this time.

On Washington, the county has the money for the resurface but not to widen from 2 lanes to 4 lanes. When we do widen the plan is to fix the drainage and pavement issues.

In order to fix the drainage problems at Via los Caballeros, we need to completely close the road. Eventually we will widen the road and if we fix the drainage issues in conjunction we won't have to close the road and can use the additional lanes for switching traffic back and forth.

When the county resurfaces Washington, the road will be closed for the weekend. The plan is to wait until school is out because of the traffic problems especially at Washington and Krameria.

Widening project is based on TUMP Fees which is based on development. Since there has been no development, there are no TUMP fees available.

Residents complained about the amount of Truck traffic, specifically double semi's on Van Buren Blvd. Lawrence explained that if they are driving to a destination they are entitled to use the roads. It appears the semi trucks may be using Washington / Smith Cajalco as a short cut. Lawrence will put out a counter on Washington and they will determine how many, and potentially where they are going. Lawrence will check with Highway patrol and see if they can give him any additional information.

Kristin mentioned that if you need road closure information go to Transportation Web site and street closure will be posted.

Mockingbird – no goal to widen at this time.

Lawrence reported on the research data regarding speeding on Krameria. The three blocks between Washington to Gamble there was no striping, and the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour. We put in striping with the hope people will slow down. In this case we did a speed survey before striping and after. Result – 2 blocks percentage speeding was reduced 1.5 – 2 miles per hour, almost no change. On the third block we saw a slight increase, basically no change. Best way to address speeding on Krameria is enforcement.

Many residents were upset and reported about the traffic on a portion of Gardner which is an unpaved private road from Krameria to Via Los Caballeros. The road is being used as a short cut from Bridal Creek, traffic is cutting down by Miller Middle School. There are no stop signs. Residents want to know if it can be paved and maintained? Currently the private road is not being maintained by the residents.

Lawrence reported that since it is a private road and is to be maintained by the residents the county cannot spend funds to maintain a private road, nor can it be blocked off. Before a road can be dedicated the residents have to pave a minimum of 24 feet, and 60 feet right away. Before the county would take over the street would need to be up to standard. CHP is not responsible to patrol a private road.

Residents would like to know what it would be the cost to pave 300 feet long and 50 feet wide. Residents what to know what to do to move forward as a community and put it together? Lawrence will talk to the director to see how many of the property owners would be willing to help, there are 6 here, total of 30. If there is a consensus, it would help, and increase the value of the home. Residents should coordinate with Lawrence and Kristin. An additional concern was a possible gas main down the center of the unpaved road and what was a crown is now a “V” shaped road.

One suggestion was to develop Nandina and have it go through to relieve the traffic off the unpaved roads. The question to Lawrence was can Nandina be put through as a paved road. Lawrence replied that it depends on when development and funds available.

Residents wanted to know what is happening with Mockingbird Canyon in regards to the previous 6 day rain, water flow and the current modifications by the homeowners. They want to know who is monitoring the water flood area. Lawrence said he was not aware of the change of the water flow. Property owners are changing the bank and extending their property. Kristin will contact flood control, and look into the issue.

4.3 CHP – Officer Gilmore reported the highway patrol was very appreciative of the support over the Dorner Case. He wrote 35 citations at the corner of Washington and Markham. He is aware that Krameria speeding continues to be an issue. The plan is to monitor it again in an effort to maintain the 25 mph speed limit on Krameria.

Residents alerted him that 18 wheelers were driving down Washington between Van Buren and Cajalco. Slamming on brakes and speeding continues to be an issue.

Officer Gilmore 951-637-8000 [bgilmor@chp.ca.gov](mailto:bgilmor@chp.ca.gov) , please email problem areas.

#### 7. Report from Kristen Huyck from Kevin Jeffries Office

They are continuing to work on the safe roads to school at Miller Middle school. The goal is to get children to and from school safely.

The library is having a fundraiser at this library Saturday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 – 3, drop off E waste. Computers, DVD, Walkman, TV's look at flyer.

Code enforcement went out to 18437 Oak Park and didn't see problem with stairs and right of way. Code says it is fine. We can confirm have the right address. Residents noted that there is supposed to be a 10 foot easement in front of the property on each side of the road. Several properties are building all the way to the road taking away the 10 foot easement; this is causing a hazardous condition.

If you see code enforcement violations - take Kristin card, send email and call if you or your neighbors have problems, we do ask you to identify who you are.

Boards and Commissions, - applications over here. Need an alternate for the Woodcrest MAC. Let Kristin know if you would like to be an alternate.

Next meeting will be Flood Control represented.

Les noted you can file a code enforcement issue on-line.

Matt Buck from Western Municipal Water District reminded people that the new water budget is implemented. They had to raise rates because their rates were raised. Gary asked if the free water nozzle program was still available, Matt confirmed it was along with other programs to help save outside water use. Gary told the residents to take advantage of sprinkler rebates and the technicians the do a great job. Matt noted that 60 percent of your water use is outdoors. In March is fix a leak week. Look and review the stuffer or go to web site for more information. If you need an adjustment form, go online.

Gary said take advantage of sprinkler and technicians the do a great job to get it balance.

#### 8. Woodcrest MAC Member Comments

Murl thanked everyone for attending and commented on the tremendous turnout. Hoped they feel someone is listening to you, work together as a team and you can resolve the problem. Call a meeting of the neighborhood and you can solve that problem. Keep working on it and report on it.

Geoffrey, empathizes with Gardner, it is a problem, Miller drive on Krameria like no tomorrow.

Set up a committee to get your

Meeting adjourned at 8: 13 p.m.

Next Meeting March 14' 2013