

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council
Thursday, April 11, 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

3.0 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.

4.0 Approval of Minutes: Gary Jensen moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Les Douty. Discussion: Murl Craft asked to have the minutes reflect the introduction of Joel Dingman as the alternate member of the MAC. Motion Carried

5.0 New Business

Victor Tejada of Riverside County Sheriff's department gave the following report. Crimes comparison in Woodcrest between March 2012 and 2013

	2012	2013
Homicides	None	1
Burglary	2	1
Vehicle Theft	3	2
Theft from Vehicle	3	2
Assault	2	2
Grand Theft	1	3
Petty Theft	5	6
Arson	1	0

Remember to set your alarms. Lock your vehicles and do not leave anything exposed. Gary asked how many officers patrol the Woodcrest Area; two plus in an area covering Van Buren South to North of D street.

It has been noticed that the homeless problem outside Stater Bros is better. Officer reported that the stores signed No Trespass letters allowing the sheriff department to arrest and remove persons who were loitering.

4.2 Fire Department

Division Chief Tony Mecham

The fire department has added nine additional fire trucks. The enforcement of the payment of the SRA fees is being held up by a round of bills. The Howard Jarvis Tax Group has filed a lawsuit. Numerous people protested the fees. Cal Fire is waiting to hear the outcome of the SRA fees.

4.3 Code Enforcement

Terrance Wiggans, code enforcement officer, presented photos of trash which has been cleaned up by the work release program. The Modules on Van Buren Blvd. are in the process of getting permitted and approved. The Modules at Van Buren and Porter need to be have a foundation poured and permitted.

Terrance has taken photos of the vehicles for sale and he is building a case.

Gary brought up the continual issue with signage at the 7-11 and the corner of Van Buren and Washington. Terrance noted that when he hands out a citation he highlights the appropriate area in the violation. Murl asked for a copy of the code. Terrance reiterated that he takes down as many signs as he can. He connects with traffic to take down the higher signs.

Gary asked about the vendors selling flowers near the National Cemetery. He was worried about the potential traffic issues because the roads are very narrow with the current construction.

Murl brought up the issue on Oak Park Drive with the stairway crossing the easement. Need to check with transportation in relation to the easement and the height of 4' requirement.

4.4 Highway Patrol

The CHP continues to give out tickets on Krameria.

4.5 Emergency Services Coordinator

Alicia Rodriguez is an Emergency Service Coordinator. She says the county has an operational plan in place. She wanted to make sure everyone was part of the emergency warning notification system. It is a reverse 911 system. She reminded the audience to get a large trash can and put supplies in for an emergency, including water and a water purifier. Everyone should have a Family Disaster Plan.

The County has a CERT Training Program, 20 hours over Friday, Saturday and Sunday. May 17th, 18th, 19th.

4.6 Western Municipal Water District

Matt Buck asked that everyone make sure they are on the reverse phone system of notifications for water restriction notices.

He reminded everyone to attend Earth Day on April 22nd from 3:00 – 7:00 at the garden on Alessandro and Mission Grove.

He reminded everyone they still have their free sprinkler nozzle program. Call 951-571-7100 for water efficiency programs.

5.0 Old Business

Kristin discussed the public road meeting. Transportation attended and discussed with the residents the options. Requirements for the public road need to be brought up to the county of Riverside standard of 60 feet wide. The problem is that several homes would lose a significant part of their front yards. Even if the residents agreed to pay for the road they would not be comfortable with losing their front yards.

Additionally, 100% of all the residents need to agree to work together, agree on the parameters and pay towards the upgrade of the road before the county would take over responsibility. The county will not take property by eminent domain.

Anne asked about the width of the street and whether 40' was an option instead of the 60'?

6. Kristen Huyck from Kevin Jeffries Office

Kristen asked the MAC about having RTA be the speaker for May. Additionally, she asked about going dark in June as our meeting was the same day as graduation. This opened the question of going dark in July and August. Murl noted he did not think we should be dark for so many months. Murl asked the audience if they had a preference. Gary recommended going dark in July and August.

8. Woodcrest MAC Member Comments

Gary mentioned that Riverside National Cemetery needed volunteers to put up flags for Memorial Day. Saturday at 9:00 they will put up 50,000 flags which will need to be taken down Tuesday after Memorial Day.

Les suggested we have a representative from Edison to discuss our electric bills.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 15 p.m.

Next Meeting May 9th.

