

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council
Thursday, December 12, at 7:00 PM
Woodcrest Library
16625 Krameria Avenue
Riverside, Ca. 92504

1.0 Call to Order:

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

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Advisory Council:

Geoffrey Dooley, Gary Jensen, Allison Dale, Les Douty, Joel Dingman

Roll Call Riverside County:

Kristen Huyck, Representative from Kevin Jeffries Office.

3.0 Approval of Minutes: Les Douty moved approval of October 10 minutes, Gary Jensen seconded, motion carried.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Sheriff Department representative Jackie Horton

Jackie reported that there was only one theft in November. She reminded us to not leave valuables in our car in sight because they become crimes of opportunity. If you leave town let the sheriff's department know and they will increase patrols in your neighborhood. Gary asked what attributed to the lower crime rate and asked if it was a result of moving on the transients. Jackie reported that this was probably a contributing factor but there are no facts to prove the results. She suggested that you give food instead of money to beggars. They use the money to buy drugs which leads to additional crimes.

4.2 Fire Department representative Jeremiah Nelson

Jeremiah reminded everyone to drive defensively, as the extended nights raise potential for accidents. Please make sure that if you light a fire you have serviced your fire place and checked electrical units. Be safe and mindful. All aspects of fire restrictions have been lifted. You may burn tumbleweeds and cured fire wood. Burn permits are free.

4.3 Code Enforcement – Britt Starkweather

Britt is the supervisor for District 1, which includes the Woodcrest area. Jose Cruz is one of the officers in our area. District 1 has about 1000 cases and Jose is responsible for 200 cases. Code compliance issues are assigned a case number. Code works hard to check out requests within 30 days.

First notice is \$100, 2nd notice is \$200.00. If fines are not paid then they are assessed on the tax rolls.

Gary Jensen asked about the work release warrant abatement program. Britt expressed that it was working well and they have picked up 4000 tires in 14 months. Gary mentioned that there were tire castings on the side of the road on Washington and Nandina.

Gary asked about the illegal car sales on the corner of Van Buren and Porter. Britt expressed that they do cite the cars.

Geoffrey asked about the property with the dog business on Sendero Del Charro. Britt expressed that it is in the planning process.

Les Douty asked about code future staffing issues. Britt responded that they have been informed that there will be no further layoffs in Code Compliance.

Sue Douty asked about what was happening with the rehab center. Danette Neisinger from Silver Living stood up and explained what they did at the rehab center. She expressed that the people living at the facility had been through a treatment program and this was a protected living environment for people who had graduated from a program. She expressed that there were no sex offenders living at the facility. The facility was a convalescent home and had been rezoned for agriculture. The owner was responsible for rezoning but was concerned because she was told the community surrounding the center would be against the facility and it would not be worth perusing the planning process. Danette provide her phone number for anyone who had questions about the facility.

Gary mentioned the flower sellers opposite the National Cemetery. Britt expressed that they have confiscated the flowers several times. The sellers do not carry identification so it is difficult to cite.

5.0 Old Business: None

6.0 Public Comments: None

7.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries Office:

Kristen Huyck was happy with the success of the Town Hall meeting in November. She thanked the MAC for their support!

She mentioned the Open House for Kevin Jeffries on December 1th from 4:00 – 6:00.

She invited everyone to attend. The reception will be followed by a light ceremony.

Washington will be repaired when school is out this summer.

8.0 Woodcrest MAC Member Comments:

Les asked about the closing of the entrance of Washington onto Woodcrest Elementary. The idea is being considered.

On Ponderosa there is a sign posted that says County Road Ends here, between Suttles and Washington.

Joel mentioned that his street, Wagon Wheel, was recently repaved.

Gary wanted to thank Britt from Code, Fire and the Sheriff's Department for attending the meeting.

Geoffrey mentioned that the County had trimmed the trees on Krameria that the neighbors had requested. One of the trees was obstructing the speed sign on Krameria.

Gary mentioned that the County has been working hard on cleaning up the medians.

9.0 Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Next meeting is January 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm.