

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council
Thursday, September 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, Allison Dale, Les Douty, Murl Craft, Joel Dingman

Roll Call Riverside County:

Kristen Huyck, Representative from Kevin Jeffries Office.

3.0 Approval of Minutes: Les Douty moved approval of June 14th minutes, Joel Dingman seconded, motion carried.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Sheriff Department

We were reminded that September is open duck season. County Ordinance 514 regulates shooting which states: no shooting within 150 yards of an unoccupied dwelling and 300 yards of an occupied dwelling. Hours for hunting are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Several members in the audience expressed concern that they have neighbors who shoot excessively causing very loud noise near their residence and they believe they are violating the code. One resident is shooting off 500 rounds in a manner of minutes.

4.3 Fire

Nelson reported 63 calls this last month. 49 Medical, 7 Traffic Collision, Standby 2, Other Fire 2, False Alarm 1, Public Service Assist 1, Residence Fire 1, Average response rate 6.9 minutes. Under 5 minutes 33, + 5 minutes 18, + 10 minutes 6, Fire season is upon us with the high winds and the dry vegetation. No Burning!

4.5 Western Municipal Water District

Matt Buck reminded us that we only get 4% of our water from the Delta in Northern California. He reminded us that as the weather cools down we need to adjust the amount of water we use for landscaping. He suggested if we wanted to be water guardians we can go on the web site for requirements. He explained that the Bay Delta

Conservation Plan is to build two tunnels to go around the fish. Some of the fish in the Delta are considered endangered.

4.6 Louis Davis, Public Affairs Manager for Southern California Edison

Southern California Edison is the largest investor owned utility.

San Onofre was closed down June 12th by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

They will remove the fuel sources and put into wet storage for 30 – 40 years. The property is part of Camp Pendleton. How much the shutdown will cost the tax payer is not known. There was a fund started for the decommission of the power plant. Southern Calif. Edison is responsible for 3 Billion dollars. Riverside used 1.97% of the electricity being generated. The majority was used by San Diego.

Solar energy is a good alternative and he indicated the Hero program was a qualified program. The Hero program is a financing program for Solar Power installation systems. You can purchase or lease a solar package. If you lease then the system will get upgraded as technology changes.

Nuclear was the cleanest form of energy in that it did not produce a carbon footprint.

Southern California Edison is working on building renewable energy solar power in Blythe and Desert Center. Environmental issues include protecting the species and maintaining the natural habitats.

If you see an electrical wire on the ground, do not assume it is dead, call 911 and a special crew will be dispatched.

4.7 Lawrence Tai, Riverside Transportation and Land Management Agency

A. Projects: I 215 Van Buren Corridor is progressing well and is 50% complete. It will be under construction for about one more year.

B. The widening of Van Buren is in the design stage. It will widen 2 mile stretch between Wood Road and Washington. They are currently applying for grant funds for the project.

C. Washington / Karmeria road improvements will be conducted when school is out in the summer of 2014.

D. New Signage is being created so it is consistent. The lettering will be larger and in upper and lower case.

E. Washington Street resurfacing improvements will start in December. Lawrence asked the audience if it was better to do the work during the week

or on the three day weekend. Washington will need to be closed and an alternate route will be established. A suggestion was made to close during the Christmas holiday when school is not in session, thus there will be less traffic to reroute. Les Douty suggested the weekend because weekly traffic is extremely busy. Charlotte Guyaux asked if the road could be widened while it was being repaved. Lawrence indicated that is not part of the resurfacing project and it would involve additional environmental issues because when additional resurfacing is done it causes water quality concerns because you are covering additional property.

The yellow house on the corner of Washington and Krameria will be taken down to facilitate the light and street improvements at that corner. Someone suggested allowing the lot to be used for parking. Lawrence said there would be liability issues to consider.

F. When the Rite Aid moves to Van Buren and Washington the ingress and egress will be onto Washington. Geoffrey expressed some concern as to the traffic problems this would create. Lawrence said a left hand turn lane is planned into the parking driveway towards Van Buren.

There were numerous complaints from the community regarding the trucks that use Van Buren and Harley John as a cut through. Lawrence indicated that Van Buren is a permissible route for trucks. It was brought up that the City of Riverside has a No Jake Break policy and the County does not.

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Fire Dept.

- a. Captain of station 8 reported.
- b. An update was provided on how weed abatement is handled, and the 100-foot rule.
- c. Residents were asked to please pull over when approached from the rear by a fire-truck, but do not go through stop signs to get out of the way. Opposing traffic on a divided highway with a median strip does not have to stop.
- d. In response to a question about right of way maintenance it was determined that most county roads have a 10 foot easement, which is controlled by the County, but must be maintained by the property owner.

5.0 Old Business:

6.0 Public Comments

7.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries Office

Kristen Huyck announced that the Woodcrest Town Hall Meeting would be on November 14 at Woodcrest Elementary School at 6:00 p.m. A mailing will be going out to the residents to inform the community of the meeting.

8.0 Woodcrest MAC Member Comments:

Joel Dingman asked about changing the speed limit on Van Buren. Les indicated that speed limits are based on the average rate that the public drives on a street based on a survey.

Murl said he appreciated Kristen's efforts and expressed satisfaction in the way Kevin Jeffries was efficiently using our tax dollars.

Geoffrey expressed that there was a map available of the Woodcrest MAC Boundaries. He apologized for missing the last meeting because he was at an event watching President Bush speak.

9.0 Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Next meeting is October 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.