

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council

Thursday, July 10,th 2014, 6:00 pm

Woodcrest Library

16625 Krameria Ave- Riverside, CA 92504

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled meeting:

- 1.0 6:00 PM call to order
The regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Chairman Geoffrey Dooley.

- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Advisory Council:
Chairman Geoffrey Dooley, Member Les Douty, Member Gary Jenson, Member Murl Craft, and Alternate Member Joel Dingman performing secretarial duties for absent Member Allison Dale

Roll Call of Riverside County:
Dr. Kristen Huyck, Representative for County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

- 3.0 Approval of Minutes:
Approval of the minutes from the May 8th and the June 19th 2014 meetings were Approved and seconded as written by Gary Jenson and Les Doughty.

- 4.0 6:05pm Update from Government Agencies:
 - 4.1 Lt. Jacki Horton of the Riverside County Sheriffs Dept. began by announcing that she will be passing the responsibility of future MAC meeting reports to Deputy. Charlie Wilhieght. Afterward, Lt. Horton discussed a particular increase of mailbox theft crime in the Woodcrest area. She mentioned that there were several cases of daytime mailbox break-in's from mail delivery gang boxes as well as individual mailboxes, which had been reported and which appears to be the work of several individuals. She recommended that if loose mail is found, that the Sheriff's Dept. should be called and have the Dept. investigate and re-deliver the mail. Deputy. Thomas continued the Sheriff's report by announcing that two suspects had been arrested in connection with a string of mail thefts as well as other violations, but because the thefts continued after the arrests they are certain there are others involved. Also discussed was how the Sheriff's Dept. recently broke-up a birthday party with use of a Sheriff's Dept. helicopter. It seems that the party had gotten too loud located in the nursery near the intersection of Gamble St. and Van Buren Blvd. The property owner was cited for the disturbance.

4.2 6:15 pm CHP motor officer Bret Gilmore, and CHP information officer Travis Moaks gave a report concerning driving issues and the traffic delays due to the scheduled road construction in the Woodcrest area. With the increase in the traffic of large commercial dirt hauling trucks and any laws governing use limits of these commercial construction vehicles. Also discussed was the placement of motor officers on Washington Ave. for increased radar enforcement of speed limits. Additionally, a discussion concerning cell phone use by drivers was explored and how there are three separate state laws which cover cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle. Officer Moaks discussed problems with student drop off and pick up at schools in the area.

4.3 6:30 pm Cal Fire Officer Jeremiah delivered the fire and safety report for the community. He detailed the inadvertent discovery by the fire dept. of an illegal marijuana grow-house due to an electrical fire. Additionally he discussed the fire dept. policy of “Move-up and cover” and how that could affect occupancy of the fire station during wild-land fire events and how due to severe dryness burn restrictions are in effect.

4.4 6:40 pm Riverside County Animal Control officer Debbie Westbrook gave a report concerning multiple complaints of urban coyote sightings and pet losses. She handed out leaflets on the subject, listened to the community concerns and offered suggestions. She also elaborated on the county ordinances governing excessive dog barking, the problems of wild burros being hit by cars and the installation of electronic identification chips in pets.

5.0 New Business:

5.1 6:50 pm Kathy Allavie of Alvord School District spoke about the new school district having a new superintendent who was making changes to school policy which affect MLK high school art and band programs as well as increased vocational program availability and common core curriculum implementation standards as state law.

5.2 7:00 pm Janet Green, Board Trustee at Riverside Community College School District, spoke about the current financial stability of the community college district and described the strengths of each individual school within the district. She also discussed the new Chancellor, Dr. Burke, who will be taking over leadership on July 24th as well as describing the new organizational hierarchy. Trustee Green discussed the accreditation of all three schools and the plans for expansion of programs including the culinary arts academy, the school for the arts and a new building for social justice and civil liberties across from the Fox Theater in downtown Riverside. Trustee Green fielded questions from the audience about advanced placement and vocational programs as well as community small business partnerships.

- 5.2 7:15 pm, Angel Rodrigues from the University of California at Riverside discussed the educational distinctions of UCR and the changes that they have made in the last few years including the medical school. He discussed the growing attendance, which is currently approximately 21,000 and how the school plans to expand with the completion of new facilities.
- 6.0 Old Business:
- 6.1 7:25 pm, Chairman Dooley discussed the lack of movement on the proposed Rite-Aid shopping center construction project. Adam Rush, the director of Planning from CASC Engineering along with Marty Caputo from Corporate Properties Real Estate Services introduced themselves and are making themselves available to the community for questions regarding the development of the residential homes on Washington Ave.
- 6.2 7:28 pm, Lynn Dixon from Western Municipal Water District discussed water issues related to the statewide drought and the programs that the WMWD has offered to encourage water conservation.
- 7.0 Public Comments:
- Questions were asked from the audience directed to Animal Control regarding issues of wildlife and pets and Officer Westbrook met with individual community members.
- 8.0 Report from County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries:
- 8.1 7:30 pm, Dr. Kristen Huyck, Legislative Assistant, Discussed the planned road closures at Washington Ave. as well as other planned road construction in Woodcrest. She then discussed illegal road signs, vending and car sales which is being enforced by county code enforcement officials as well as proposed water drainage issues on Porter Ave. and increased marijuana enforcement of growers through out the county.
- 8.2 7:40 pm, Deni Horne, representing California State Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez, discussed the state legislative agenda in Sacramento that is affecting the state as well as the area, specifically the issues that Assemblywoman Melendez is sponsoring such as child protection and government whistle blower protection. She also discussed the Assemblywoman's attempt to change the appointment procedures to replace county supervisors who are elected to higher office and leave occupancy on the Board of Supervisors. Additionally, the illegal alien protest in Murrieta issue was discussed.
- 9.0 Woodcrest Mac Board Member Comments:
- 7:50 pm, Member Les Doughty discussed changes in local voting booth locations and the how the Registrar of Voters is coping with the need for consistency of locations.
- 10.0 Future Agenda Items:
- Health care issues.

11.0 Date of next Meeting/Adjournment:

7:55 pm, Chairman Dooley announced the next regularly scheduled meeting for the Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council is set for Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Chairman Dooley called for adjournment at 8:00 pm.