

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council
Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM
Woodcrest Library
16625 Krameria Avenue
Riverside, CA 92504

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting:

1.0 7:00 PM Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by MAC Chairman Geoffrey Dooley

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Advisory Council:

Chairman Geoffrey Dooley, Secretary Allison Dale, Member Les Douty, Member Murl Craft, Member Gary Jensen, and Alternate Member Joel Dingman

Roll Call of Riverside County:

Dr. Kristen Huyck, Representative for County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries

3.0 Approval of minutes:

Approval of the minutes, of the last meeting as written, was moved by Murl Craft 2nd by Les Douty.

4.0 New Business: Government Agencies:

4.1 Sheriff's Department report was given by Sgt. Ralph Rico, who reported an increase in crime statistics in the Woodcrest area over last year at the same time. Specifically there was:
one residential burglary, two vehicle thefts, one metal theft, three thefts from vehicles, two assaults, six grand thefts, five petty thefts, and one rape. February 2014.

4.2 Code Enforcement continues to work on sign removal, homeless encampments, street vending and illegal parking. Several members of the audience were concerned with the dog rescue on Sendero Del Charro. It causing a public nuisance with the noise, the smell of the dogs and filth on the property. Code reported that they were applying for a permit.

4.3 The recovery place called Mama 'D' has closed.

5.0 New Business Utilities:

5.1 Southern California Edison's Regional Manager Louis Davis discussed Assembly Bill 1650, a coordinated communication program to alert the public on safety issues such as when outages occur, how long and how much impact it will have on the public. If an outage occurs in your area call 800-655-4555, if a power line is down call 911 immediately. Do not approach or touch.

Les Douty asked why energy costs continue to rise every year? Louis reported that there is the consistent cost of building infrastructure so that energy will be available and reliable when needed.

Solar energy will take you off the grid and there are two programs. If you purchase one and the system breaks down you will need to pay to get it repaired. Putting in solar will decrease the monthly energy bills. Solar energy is not as efficient as fossil fuels. Nuclear is still considered the most efficient source of energy.

5.2 Raul Gordillo of the Southern California Gas Company discussed the upgrade to new Smart Gas meters. The Smart Gas meters communicate usage directly back to the billing center. A letter will be mailed out notifying when meters will be changed out. This will eliminate trucks on the road each day.

5.3 Waste Management Miguel Velazquez

Services include free bulk item pick. They will pick up six items at a time, two times a year. Murl asked about specific types of items. Couches, mattresses, tree limbs need to be bundled. Used motor oil should be put in a clean container and WM will pick up 2 gallons. Property owners with more than one acre get one green waste container free of charge. Gary asked about the containers sitting in the right of way in the road which become a traffic hazard. Commercial containers should have high visibility stickers on them. Residents asked about stickers that were supposed to be available so they could put them on their trash cans to keep people from looking for recycle items. When a new person moves into a house the trash can is not replaced unless requested.

5.4 Michelle Underwood of Western Municipal Water District explained that all the water that serves our area comes from the Delta. Our water allocation has been cut from 65% to zero because of the drought which was declared by Governor Brown on January 17th.

To get through the summer WMWD will be pulling from storage supplies. She reminded us to use a broom to sweep down concrete areas, watch water consumption, conserve and capture water for reuse. The next anticipated water rate increase is in January 2015 and will be between a 3 – 5 percent increase.

Future plans include the Bay Delta Conservation Plan which involves building two tunnels to go under the Bay Delta to bring reliable amount of water south. Currently the smelt gets stuck in the pumps and then the pumps get shut down. This would allow the water to flow past this critical area.

6.0 Mitch Adkison of Adkan Engineers discussed the 80 parcel home development on the Northeast corner of Nandina and Washington. It is 50 acres and the properties will be 1 acre minimum, two – ten acre lots. The developer will widen Washington to its ultimate width in that area. Drainage is a consideration to protect against erosion. Nandina will be 64' wide, two lanes in each direction. The plan includes preserving the top of the hill where the nursery was. Lots will be 20,000 to 30,000 square feet. There is no plan for a horse trail inside the housing area.

7.0 Public Comments:
No public comments.

8.0 Report from Dr. Huyck, representative of County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries:

8.1 Dr. Huyck reported that Kevin Jeffries will be at the next meeting.

8.2 Dr. Huyck reported how the Supervisor was continuing to examine how to upgrade roads in the county.

8.3 Code continues to work on issues, if you have an issue contact Dr. Huyck and she will get the issue to a code officer.

8.4 Update on the general plan, revenue is up, jail and hospital expenses are raising.

9.0 Woodcrest MAC Member Comments:

9.1 Les mentioned the new format seemed to work well and he was glad to see more people taking an interest. Geoffrey expressed his concern about the additional housing going up and the impact it will have on the traffic in the area especially around the schools.

10.0 Future Agenda Items:

May 8th focusing on Local Government,
Riverside County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries will be speaking.

10.0 Adjournment: 8:35 PM

MAC Chairman Geoffrey Dooley called for adjournment and was 2nd by MAC Member Murl Craft.

