# Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 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, Member Les Douty, Member Murl Craft and Alternate Member Joel Dingman who served as the interim Secretary in the absence of 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, of the last meeting as written, was moved by Les Douty and  $2^{nd}$  by Joel Dingman.

#### 4.0 New Business: 7:04 PM

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 robbery with a firearm, one residential burglary, one garage burglary, four vehicle thefts, two physical assaults, five cases of petty theft and two cases of grand theft reported in December of 2013.

Sgt. Rico offered no concrete explanation for the increase in crime statistics. However audience attendees asked if the weak economy and prison realignment were contributing factors, which Sgt. Rico responded that while logically possible, he has no concrete supporting evidence to positively attribute the crime increase to these issues.

4.2 Fire Department report was given by Engineer Jeremiah Nelson who discussed the volume of calls for service totaled 67 during the month of December, 2013. The majority of these call being medical call for service at fifty three, traffic collisions were five, wild land fires as one, hazardous material calls as one, public service assistance as one and false alarms as five with an average response time under five minutes.

Engineer Nelson discussed the Riverside County Christmas tree recycling program and discussion of fire hazards during the current draught conditions and the needs for open fire permits if burning yard waste, while discussing the AQMD ban on such open burning even with county fire permits.

## 4.3 No California Highway Patrol report

- 4.4 Matthew Buck from Western Municipal Water District gave a water report in which he described that while the area was suffering from a major drought the reserve storage of water within the local reservoirs was very good and near full capacity due to appropriate storage facilities, and proper long term forecasting and planning by the water district. He also discussed the dredging work that was taking place in the Mockingbird Canyon Reservoir area adjacent to Van Buren Boulevard. Additionally Matt Buck discussed the water rate increase, which was passed, gave away calendars, and discussed the turf removal programs supported by the WMWD the construction, which was occurring on Washington Ave.
- 4.5 Dr. Kristen Huyck opened the discussion for a change in the frequency of MAC meetings due to poor attendance and community involvement. Dr. Huyck suggested adjusting the regularly scheduled meetings to alternating months as well as changing the beginning time from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM in order to create more comprehensive meetings with more speakers in order to attract more community attendance and involvement. After full discussion from the council and the community the majority in attendance agreed to try the change in schedule to see if it stimulated increased community involvement. Dr. Huyck suggested a flier was to be produced and distributed throughout the community to notify the community of the changed schedule and the topics of discussion as well as the creation and posting of signs.
- 4.6 Dr. Huyck introduced California Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez' Constituent Field Representative, Deni Horne to the MAC and the community and tentatively agreed to regularly attend meetings and speak to the community about the Assemblywoman's work in Sacramento. She specifically discussed the Assemblywoman's active appeal of AB 466 the transgender toilet bill.

5.0 <u>Old Business: 8:20 PM</u> Nothing at this time to report

### 6.0 Public Comments: 8:21 PM

Community members in attendance agreed to help post signs and pass out fliers of new meeting schedule.

# 7.0 Report from County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries: 8:22 PM

Dr. Huyck reported how the Supervisor was continuing to examine the issue of private street paving and its feasibility and the traffic construction issues which continue through the community.

#### 8.0 Woodcrest MAC Members comments: 8:23 PM

8.1 Chairman's comments: Geoffrey Dooley commented about continuing code enforcement activities throughout Woodcrest, including Speed enforcement.

8.2 MAC Member Murl Craft discussed the Washington Ave. street improvements.

MAC Member Les Douty asked Dr. Huyck about the 10-foot easement development by homeowners near the street.

MAC Alternate Member Joel Dingman asked about the parking ordinances on Van Buren Ave., specifically the parking of commercial vehicles on the street directly in front of the Crème de la Crème bakery.

## 9.0 Future Agenda Items: 8:30 PM

The new schedule will begin March 13, 2014 at 6:00 PM and focus on Utilities followed by May 8<sup>th</sup> focusing on Local Government, July 10<sup>th</sup> focusing on Education, September 11<sup>th</sup> focusing on Health Care, and November 13<sup>th</sup> which will be a annual Town Hall meeting and held at the Woodcrest Elementary school at the corner of Krameria and Washington Ave.

### 10.0 Adjournment: 8:35 PM

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