

Municipal Advisory Council
Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 6:00 PM
Woodcrest Library
16625 Krameria Avenue
Riverside, CA 92504

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting:

1.0 6:00 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 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 Gary Jensen, 2nd by Les Douty.

4.0 New Business: Government Agencies:

4.1 Sheriff's Department report was given by Sgt. Ralph Rico, who reported on the Woodcrest area over last year at the same time. There were three residential burglaries, three vehicle thefts, one theft from a vehicle, three assaults, one grand theft, and three petty thefts. April 2014.

4.2 Fire Department reported they had 63 calls in March and 74 calls in April. Vast majority were medical in nature. There was a fire by Bakers and a motorhome fire. Fire by Bakers flower shop was caused by welding on a windy day. There are no more fire permits of any kind allowed. Fire department is conducting inspections for potential fire hazards. Dead brush on properties. Please make sure your address is visible. If there are abandoned vehicles on the property then a notice will be issued and it will be followed by fines. They have prepared for peak fire season by adding additional men. Currently four persons on every fire engine that goes out.

5.0 New Business Utilities:

5.1 Supervisor Kevin Jeffries reviews District One issues.

Riverside County has 2.3 million residents, it is the 4th largest populated county in the State of California. Kevin Jeffries spent six years in the State Assembly. The County of Riverside allocated funds for the building of the community centers. Because of the funding cuts there are no additional funds for the staffing and maintenance of the community centers. Kevin's priorities include public safety first which requires a decent level of staffing. The state is no longer taking low level offenders, the responsibility has been shifted to the county. County is already at maximum capacity. The county needs to allocate funds to build new prisons. As the economy get better the tax base will increase. The budget vote is in September.

Jeffries plans to works on the requirement on repaving streets. The county needs to adopt acceptable standard on paving streets. Currently he believes they are not reasonable in all situations.

Jeffries also explained that the County was working on its I. T. challenges, because the departments are not working together. Different departments have different systems and the system is not coordinated. He would like to see a coordinated effort of all departments with the I.T. department.

Washington will be closed for two weeks between Krameria and Van Buren for improvements.

The blue community center on Krameria was organized by a volunteer group. At one time the boy scouts used the facility. It used to be WWII Barracks.

The public safety law is against marijuana distilleries. In the 1st District we are working against the marijuana growth and distribution. There was concern from the audience of the Mexican Mafia moving in and growing in the area. The Co. Board of Supervisors will consider the enhanced enforcement to curb the growth in the area.

The California SRA fees is protected by Governor Brown because he was in favor of the additional fees. The Howard Jarvis organization is fighting the additional fees. Each homeowner need to file an appeal if they hope to get a refund if the fee is overturned.

5.2 Nola Tainer from Paul Davis, City Councilman, City of Riverside.

There are 90 homes going in which is part of a development that was approved in 2005. The project went dormant until now because of the economy. There is concern from the neighbors about the increased traffic and the lack of infrastructure on the county roads to handle the increased congestion. It is already very difficult to maneuver around the middle and high schools in the area.

Gary asked about the speed limit going down Washington from Van Buren to Victoria. In the county it's 45 miles per hour and the city speed limit is 40 miles per hour. Gary asked about the City of Riverside raising the limit to match the county limit. Gary also asked about the 18 wheeler using Van Buren as a thoroughfare. The county does not have an ordinance to stop the 18 wheelers.

6.0 Old Business

7.0 Public Comments:

Charlotte Guyaux thanked the members of the Woodcrest MAC for their service to the community.

Sue Douty asked about the vacant recovery home. There is a lot of weeds and trash. Code will look into the property.

She also wanted to know about the yellow house on the corner of Washington and Krameria. The yellow house is coming down as a part of the improvements on the corner.

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

The trailer on Van Buren next to the Louie's Nursery has been cited and they are in the process of getting it moved.

Code is also working on the 10 foot easement on Scottsdale which cannot be obstructed.

Code is investigating the illegal Dog Kennel on Sendero Del Charro.

9.0 Woodcrest MAC Member Comments:

Les mentioned he was concerned about the improvements at Krameria and Washington and the impact on the community.

Geoffrey asked about holding a special meeting to inform the community about the closure.

10.0 Future Agenda Items: July 10, 2014

Janet Green, RCC Trustee

Kathy Allavie, RUSD Trustee

11.) Adjournment: 7:55