

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council
Thursday, May 14th, at 6:00 PM
Woodcrest Library
16625 Krameria Avenue
Riverside, Ca. 92504

- 1.0 Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm By Geoffrey Dooley, Chairman.
Pledge of Allegiance
- 2.0 Roll Call Advisory Council: Geoffrey Dooley (Chairman), Gary Jensen, Les Douty, Murl Craft. Gary Jensen, Allison Dale (Secretary), Joel Dingman

Roll Call Riverside County: Kristen Huyck, Representative from Supervisor, Kevin Jefferies Office.
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes: Murl Craft moved approval of March 12 minutes. Gary Jensen seconded, motion carried.
- 4.0 Update from Government Agencies

Riverside County Sheriff Officer Thomas

The activity in Woodcrest is up. In one incident a homeowner didn't lock his home and he left for 20 minutes. When he came back someone had broken in and they were looking for guns. Additionally, car thefts have also increased. Secure your residence the best you can, don't leave windows open. Proposition 47 has changed what were felony crimes into misdemeanors. We arrest them and they get let out. Please keep your house secure and call if you see or hear anything suspicious. They are priority calls. Shut your garage, don't leave it open. People casing the neighborhoods can be on foot, car and bike. Murl said his Toyota pickup was stolen out of his driveway. It was found in Gavelin Hills.

Rite Aid homeless encampment has been cleaned up.

Jurupa and the 60 going west as you get on the freeway; there is a major homeless encampment. Thomas said he would talk to someone in the Jurupa area.

Cal Fire Officer George Gradias

There have been on the increase of fires lately because of the dry vegetation. State and County has kicked in the residential weed abatement for cleaning up property. Traffic Accidents are low.

Deni Horne gave a report for Assembly Woman Melissa Melendez Office.

Mandatory Vaccination passed the Senate and is heading to the Assembly. Prop 47, AB 150 Gun theft to a felony status. Wants to see it restored to felony status.

1. ACA 4 Constitution Assembly Amendment reduces the vote threshold from 2/3 to 55 percent to levy a special tax.
2. Right to die which would make assisted suicide legal in Ca.
3. Reduce sentence up to 25% for enrolling in programs.
4. Fire Fee – from Diane Harkey – have to pay and please fill out the petition, if you want to have the funds refunded to you. Must fill out the petition.

Code Enforcement Officer Brian Bealer

Brian reported that they moved a couple of camps located at Gardner and Iris, they are working with the property owners to clean up the property area as well and they did a sweep of removing the temporary signs.

Gary stated that he sent several photos of signage issues and they are still up, i.e. the yellow signs on the power poles, the advertising for the sales of homes; and on the corner of Chicago and Van Buren, those businesses are proliferating signage which becomes a distraction to the motorists.

Gary also mentioned the continual car sales on the corner of Gamble and Van Buren every Saturday and Sunday. Brian asked Gary to email him. Brian says they are chronic and we don't work weekends, thus it's hard to enforce. 925 is the legislation which controls the prohibition of the outdoor cultivation of Marijuana. It will prohibit in all zones, with an exception for medical Marijuana. Brian will also check and ask Transportation to pull the signs as well.

In Woodcrest if it under an acre no Roosters are allowed, if you have one acre you are allowed three. Geoffrey reported that there are more on Sendero Del Charro then allowed.

Code was asked to check 15720 Golden Star, there are three vehicles, an old VW Bus and now a giant yellow school bus. Brian said they would go out and look at these issues.

Memorial sites are illegal, but as a courtesy they are left up for a five or six week window. Transportation is responsible for picking them up.

A resident brought up the problem of visualization when turning right from King to Van Buren, a motorist is not supposed to stop in the Cross Walk. Unless you get into the cross walk you can't see the traffic on Van Buren because of all the signs posted from the security company. Stop behind the crosswalk and move forward to get a view to see when it is safe to move forward.

Murl asked if can we send emails to code enforcement with a specific problem. Yes, a resident can email complaints on line, when you do you will receive a tracking number. Les said this program works very well.

5.0 New Business

Tracy Goss: South Coast Air Quality Management District

David Manson, the Public Affairs Specialist, presented a summary of the district. The First Quality Air District was established in 1947. Today there are 17 million residents, 800 employees, and 38 locations. SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency responsible for controlling emissions primarily from stationary sources of air pollution.

The purpose of the organization is to protect the lives and the environment by insuring good air quality. Key Air Pollutants include:

Particulate 10 and 2.5,

Ozone –

Air Toxic = Diesel/Automobile are responsible for 80% of the air pollution.

The overall air quality in Southern California continues to improve.

Control the local sources of air pollution by issuing permits to businesses.

Inspectors go out and check to make sure everything is correct. The majority of the air quality pollutants come from mobile sources including ships, trains, planes, refineries and restaurants.

State of California is subject to loss of federal transportation funds if we don't meet the standards.

Air pollution adversely affects the health of humans. Especially has an impact on young people, and may cause premature deaths.

Clean transportation is one of the focuses at this time through promoting technology. We are working specifically with the ports to clean up the emissions of trucks and trains with alternative energy vehicles. Technological solutions still need to be implemented. Business and individuals all need to do their part to achieve our goals and accomplishment.

If we improve the air quality we improve public health. There is a monitoring station in Mira Loma. The cancer rate has dropped in the area. In this region fine particulate matter from wood smoke is a primary component. We work with fire agencies to forecast burn days and develop open burning rules. Last month we had 25 no burn days. Best time to burn tumble weeds is now. Work with the fire department to get permits

Rule 445 establishes restrictions on new home building and would restrict the number of homes that have wood burning fireplaces.

If you notice someone burning and you think they are in violation, call 1-800-cut-smog to make complaints anonymously.

Gary asked the planned distribution center in the area and Semi trucks driving through the area on a daily basis, what kinds of things are being done to limit the emissions.

There are things that can be done like, having the trucks hook up to electrical power so they don't idle and focusing on diesel particulates to reduce the emissions of the smoke out of the stack.

AQMD has the ability to levy fines for enforcement.

What's is causing us the greatest risk? 80% of the cancer risk is diesel trucks.

Try to get the Federal and State Government to create incentive to truck owners to purchase trucks with newer emissions technology.

Prop 1B program help get truckers to comply.

1 - 800 cut smog, call.

Another problem is rough roads because micro particles come off the tires. What can we do to encourage counties to make the roads smoother? It is up to the Co. to spend their transportation dollars with smoother roads, more lanes, thus, less congestion, and less smog.

5.2 Dottie Ellis-Merki, Program Chief, Riverside County Department of Environmental Health to discuss the Department's role in vector control.

The County of Riverside has technicians that on a regular basis work to control mosquitoes by talking to homeowners, looking for stagnant water and checking fish ponds. The County of Riverside offers free mosquito eating fish to homeowners who have streams.

Diseases that come from mosquitoes include the Plaque, Lime Disease, and West Nile Virus. In Riverside there have been 15 cases of West Nile Virus. Asia Tiger Mosquitoes can carry viruses, container mosquitoes eggs can sit for three days. Day biter mosquitoes eggs will lay dormant in no water and when the water and when water comes back, they come back.

Vector control efforts have been funded by property tax dollars. On May 22nd ballots will be mailed out and allow the public in certain areas to vote on benefit assessment to support vector control. If passed it will add \$7.14 cents a year onto your property taxes.

5.3 Pete Pitassi, Diversified Pacific Home Presenting the Van Buren project.

The Estate Collection at Van Buren Hills, located on the north side between Pick Place and Whispering Spurs. They are proposing 38 units in a gated community. Access will be from Van Buren. It will be presented to the County of Riverside planning commission and Board in September this year. Proposing single family homes, from 3300 square to 4300 square feet, one story and two story.

Lot size is minimum ½ acre. Les noted that access onto Van Buren could cause problems as motorists are traveling at 55 mph. Pete noted that they will be adding deceleration and acceleration lanes to facilitate the flow of traffic. The project will have an Advanced Drip Allocation Treatment System, to comply with the draught tolerant new regulations. New water restrictions, for HOA's are not going to be required to put in drip irrigation systems.

The CC&R's require the homeowners to create a drought tolerant landscape design. Gating the property adds exclusivity to the community.

They are putting in a basin storm drain water run-off treatment system that will be biologically treated.

Fire will review the plan for Ingress and Egress to make sure it complies with the acceptable standards.

Les noted that in current basin run off systems there is typically a pond in the bottom of the standpipe, which causes vector control problems.

Will the Basin fall under Flood Control?

In the event of the El Nino pattern changing, where is its emergency outflow?

The one on Cajalco could not handle it several years ago. Plantings were a dismal failure.

Pete assured us that the flood control system is being built to current updated standards with criteria for multiple layers of safety, which are built to withstand a 100 year storm. Murl asked about fixtures, grey water system and flow onto an onsite system. That is not built into this project.

Murl commented on the grass lawn in the model homes photo. There is turf on the model homes in order to demonstrate and sell. If purchasing the model homes, are you going to put in grass or arid irrigation, 38 Acres Basin roughly 2.5 acres.

6.0 Old Business

7.0 Public Comment

Tory – Western Municipal Water District

Approve the Governor's mandate

Board meeting May 20th 6:00 Board room on Meridian When we know what the

Craig Yocum from Lee and Associates wanted to let the community know about a proposal at the old modular plant on Krameria. The Carty family has a RV Boat Storage Facility that they want to propose for that site. One concern addressed was low traffic type of use. Traffic route is not go in front of the school but to proceed out onto King to Van Buren. There will be no maintenance performed at the facility. It is purely for storage of RV's. Block wall and iron fence will

surround the property. Gary asked if the new use needs to go through the planning department. Zoned MSC Zone, permits, underlying land use is low density residential. Yes, need to go through the Co. Planning.

Typical storage number is 0 to 10 a day. Will be storing between 240 – 250 units, Typically they store boats for six months, come in winter go out for summer.

Area is 12 Acres, about 9 acres will be used for storage. There will be no fabrication on the property. Grace mentioned that a lot of parents use the street in front of the facility for picking up and dropping off children.

8.0 Report from Supervisor Jeffries Office

Jore and Wendle from the planning department will help pull a permit up to get Pete through his process. It is their job to assist; people would pull permits that may otherwise sit there.

Monday is the drought tolerant meeting at the County of Riverside, its open to the public. Metropolitan, 9:30 a.m. in the board room.

We constantly send out construction alerts on projects on the 215-15-91 Freeways. Now that Gardner is paved, people are speeding.

The paving of Mariposa presents several challenges, ½ owned by City of Riverside, ½ is not build out. To alleviate part of Dallas, Taft will be paved, to help the neighbors driving.

Supervisor Kevin Jefferies will be at the next meeting in July.

9.0 Board Member Comments

Murl – discussion on the water coverage, wanted everyone to be aware of the meeting on Monday 9:30 Board of Supervisors. There is a huge desalination plant in Carlsbad. He is glad to see everyone has jumped on board.

Murl want to thank Geoffrey for his 10 years of service.

Geoffrey said that he and Gary went out to review the proposed park. The was to have the Co. purchase the property and put in the park. The problem is the ground is rocky and there are lots of challenges. Geoffrey noted this was his last meeting as Chairman of the MAC and enjoyed being chairman for the last ten years.

10. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Thursday July 9th at 6:00 pm in the community room at the Woodcrest Library

Meeting Adjourned 8:11 pm