

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council
Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM
Woodcrest Library
16625 Krameria Avenue
Riverside, Ca. 92504

1.0 Called to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Geoffrey Dooley, Chairman,
Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 Roll Call Advisory Council:

Geoffrey Dooley, (Chairman), Allison Dale, (Secretary) Les Douty, Gary Jensen, Murl Craft.

Roll Call Riverside County Representative: Kristen Huyck

3.0 Approval of Minutes:

Les Douty moved approval of September 11, 2014 minutes, Gary Jensen seconded,
motion carried.

4.0 Update from Government Agencies:

Riverside County Sheriff Officer Burden

The crime rate over the last month has remained about the same in Woodcrest. There is a problem with a homeless encampment at Washington and Van Buren. A lady was beaten in Mead Valley. No recent mail box break-ins. Les noted that in their neighborhood, they have a set of 6 mail boxes, and they put up a sign saying, "You are on video," it stopped the mail box break-ins. A lady got stuck in a chimney; she was trying to get into her boyfriend's house.

Riverside County Fire Department Captain John Hawkins

Woodcrest Station 8 December calls totaled 87 of which 53 were medical. The burning restriction has been lifted. If you want to burn tumble weeds, it requires an application and a site visit. A lady was taken out of a chimney at 5 a.m. on Saturday morning. In order to get her out we had to demo the back of the chimney. The size of the chimney was 12" x 16". A chimney gets tiny near the damper area. She had very good vitals, mild case of hypo thermos, she had no clothes on. The fire department has a right to enter whenever anyone is in harm's way.

Fireplace burning falls under AQMD, the only type of wood that can be burned is what is called clean wood. Clean wood is cut wood, no construction wood. Not allowed to cut trees and use for burning. Not allowed to have a flame over 5 feet. The fine violation from the AQMD is \$800.00. A house burnt down on Sendero Del Charro, there was a lock on the gate and the fire department could not get onto the property.

California Highway Patrol Officer Gilmore – Community Service Officer

Officer Gilmore said he was aware of Washington, Markham and Harley John traffic issues and that he is hitting it hard. He is also aware of problems at the schools in the area with the parents are double parking.

If you have a traffic complaint b.gilmore@chp.ca.gov

State of California is getting rid of double yellow lines. In the State of CA you cannot cross over the double yellow lines.

If you go through the toll road, you can pay within 5 days, so you don't get a ticket as they have taken out all the cash tolls on the 241. 91 is an express lane you have to have a toll road. If you have registered your license plate, then ok. He is also aware of the racetrack between Barton and Wood on Cajalco road?

Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez Office

Representative reported that Melissa is the Chairman of the budgeting committee. She is also working on her legislative plan and some key issues which include a portion of Proposition 47. Proposition 47 took a lot of felonies and made them misdemeanors. For instance, the possession of date rape drug is now a misdemeanor. Melissa is a proponent of Ontario Airport being returned to local control. Geoffrey noted that her newsletter was very well written. Michelle is not a proponent of the bullet train; she thinks we could be putting those funds to other uses.

WMWD – Torrey Webb

Torrey reported that we are still in a drought situation.

There is a contingency plan, in case there is an emergency which includes preserving water. Geoffrey says water districts have not exceeded their water use. Rate pay tiers are going to be consolidated, plan is to reward those that conserve water. It's important to turn off irrigation outdoors. There are pass through rates to rate payers. Hearing on February 18th, at the corporate offices located at 14205 Meridian Parkway at 6:00 p.m. Gary suggested people to go voice their opinion. Murl asked about have a small session on ways to conserve water.

5. New Business:

5.1 Lawrence Tai, Riverside County Transportation Land Management

Lawrence reported that the traffic on Van Buren Blvd continues to back up, especially on Friday. The county has funds for design, but they are still waiting for construction funding. The county wants to be ready to grab the money and start construction, the plan is for Van Buren to be 5 lanes. The county needs transportation dollars from congress. The County is applying for federal funds which are administrated through Cal Trans. The process is very competitive, as we are competing for other projects.

Gary is very concerned about the safety of the children with the traffic at Washington and Krameria. The county administers the "Safe Routes to School" program and the Highway Patrol helps on the enforcement side. A lot has to do with the way parents

behave. The safety issue has been brought to the attention of the Superintendent of Schools, the Highway Patrol and at the Town Hall meeting.

Les brought up a concern about the traffic trying to turn West on Van Buren from the south position on Washington. Les was the 5th car back and he waited through three lights in order to turn south on Washington. Suddenly the light is very short, this was about 3 p.m. There should be sufficient green light time turning south from Washington onto Van Buren. Lawrence said he would check on the timing and the hardware.

Someone in the audience asked if the county was going to install a traffic light at Iris and Washington, north of Van Buren. Lawrence said Iris was dedicated for access only; he did not believe it would meet signal warrants. It costs ¼ million dollars to put in a signal light.

Grace Sims noted that the traffic at Woodcrest Elementary school was organized chaos. Parents let their children out everywhere but, it moves very quickly once the bells rings. Grace's suggestion to make the traffic to move faster would be to require the drivers exiting the Woodcrest parking light go right only. Allowing the traffic to go left, it gets very tight and slows down the flow. Lawrence said he would ask the CHP to observe what good and bad and see if they can come up with a solution.

The problem is the school is an older design for when children were bussed to the school. The school was not built to accommodate the flow of traffic. As RUSD has cut back on funding on busing the automobiles have increased. Les offered to come out to the school to observe the traffic issues.

Geoffrey asked about the right of way to gain entrance onto the north east corner of Washington. Lawrence said the county is trying to contact the opposite property to get the needed ride away and do a swap of property at Krameria and Washington.

Gary, spoke about the men who want to build 80 homes near Nandina and Washington where the old Nursery is on the East Side. He mentioned that the proposed site plan should include the widening because there is still a bottleneck at Mariposa.

Ann wanted to know if the property owner at the corner of Krameria and Washington, could be contacted and ask them to put up some sort of barrier to stop the cross through traffic.

5.2 Code Enforcement:

Brett – Supervisor for Woodcrest.

If a couch has been abandoned, off the road call Transportation. Gary wanted to know the requirements for large animals, 25 feet from where they have a house corral and 25 feet to dwelling. Gary asked if the storage containers were allowed or not allowed? Some seem to be grandfathered. A property just sold and there are three containers

showed up. Brett said the ordinance is being re-written, give him the addresses and he will check. Gary sent photos of signs that needed to be removed and asked if his officers were pro-actively taking down excessive signage. Brett said his officers need to be creative to get them down and we need to call in and report them. Often they take them down in the evening and next morning they are up again. Geoffrey mentioned that the cars being sold on the weekend are still showing up on properties along Van Buren most every Saturday and Sunday. Brett will check with Jose, and get them turned in to DMV. Grace asked if the enforcement been relaxed on people living in trailers as she noted someone has been living for 6 months plus in a travel trailer. Brett noted the ordinance has not changed on vehicles that are not operational. Currently there are 1400 cases in District 1.

A community member noted that his neighbor is growing pot in back yard. Currently a card holder can grow up to 600 plants on his property. County ordinance is being re written. Give Brett the address, and they get rid of the plants.

The voters of California legalized Medical Marijuana, now there is a group looking to decriminalize in 2016. The community needs to have their voices heard; need ammunition when we start putting legislation together to fight the legalization of Marijuana.

5.3 Appointment of Officers:

Kristen Huyck, representative for Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, reported that the Chair and Vice Chair must rotate every year. She adores Chairman Dooley and his passion as well. We will be required to rotate leaders before July 2015 meeting. According to Woodcrest Charter, a board member can be reappointed for every two years. Geoffrey was concerned because, 5B of the Woodcrest Charter says a board member can serve no more than two years. Kristen noted that a board member can be reappointed. Kristen also noted that Joel Dingman the alternate may be an open position. Joel is looking for jobs outside the state.

Murl move post pone action on the appointment of officers to our next meeting, Les Seconded, motion passed.

Santa event went very well, it was very well attended, bounce house, cookies, Santa visit, and code enforcement, open space took the lead, WMWD brought cookies, and it was a great event.

Planning did a Woodcrest, Lake Matthew's clean-up last October, This year the clean-up is being planned for October 10th. If you want to clean up call Waste Management They will pick up 3 large bulky items as well as electronics. On the table is a green flyer on how to dispose of hazardous waste.

Kristen asked the audience what topics you want to hear at these meetings. Suggestions were, Principal of Woodcrest Elementary, animal control, principal of the middle school as students are still walking on the side of the street without the sidewalk. Murl suggested the water district manager as we are paying a lot of money

to take up the grass and replace with turf; he wanted to know if there was research being conducted on the amount of water run-off.

6. Old Business:
None.

7. Public Comments:
Ann Grell mentioned the King Band Fundraiser – They are selling mattresses they are all top of the line and you can order a custom one.

8. Report from Supervisor Jeffries Office:
Kristen Huyck, Legislative Assistant
8.1 Update on Code Issues
8.2 Future Agenda Topic

9.0 Woodcrest MAC Member Comments:
Murl mentioned the turn right out of Woodcrest Elementary – wants comments to be followed up on.
Gary asked the community if they thought every other month is sufficient for Woodcrest MAC meetings. He asked that it be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
Les noted that the time and infrequency of the meetings seems to have generated greater attendance.
Geoffrey mentioned Riverside City Councilman Paul Davis was in attendance and that his area backs up the Woodcrest Community.
Gary noted that the green fabric on the fence at Suttles still looks bad on Van Buren at the left side, it was supposed to be a screen, and had become an eyesore.
Geoffrey thanked Melissa representative for her newsletter and all the departments for being in attendance.

10. Future Agenda Items:

11. Date of Next Meeting/Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting is March 12th 6: p.m. in the community room at the Woodcrest Library