Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council Thursday, July 14, 2016, at 6:00 PM Woodcrest Library 16625 Krameria Avenue Riverside, Ca. 92504

- 1.0 <u>Call to Order:</u> Pledge of Allegiance; Les Douty, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2.0 <u>Roll Call Advisory Council:</u> Gary Jensen, Murl Craft, Les Douty, Geoffrey Dooley, Joel Dingman, Derrick Anderson (Secretary; Alternate)
- 3.0 <u>Approval of Minutes:</u> Gary Jensen moved and Geoffrey Dooley seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 12, 2016 with the following corrections: change 4.4 draught to drought, and section 5 the new secretary name is spelled Derrick. Motion passed.
- 4.0 <u>Update from Government Agencies</u>

4.1 Riverside County Sheriff Officer Thomas

Deputy Thomas presented the following stats:

	May	June
Arrests	8	7
Thefts	12	3
Car thefts	4	3
Burglaries	2	1
Robberies	0	1
Total Calls	310	331

The good news is crime is down 67% in the area, but Stater Brothers parking lot is a hot spot for all types of crime. He said Stater Bros is aware they have a problem and he is working with them.

Officer Thomas introduced Lt. Edward Chavez, the new Lieutenant at the Perris Station. The Lieutenant indicated that he would talk to the CHP about having a presence at Krameria and Washington when school went back in session to keep traffic from speeding. The County Sheriff is also happy to send an officer to neighborhood watch meetings and be a source of information for those wishing to start a neighborhood watch.

4.2 Cal Fire – Engineer Nelson

Engineer Nelson provided a reminder that is it fire season, which will run through late November. He asks that addresses be clearly posted and if you live off the road, you should tell dispatch that you live off the road and provide directions. He also stated that they are issuing permits for burning, warming, and cooking. Residents need to consult with the AQMD as well. Property owners are responsible for removing brush from their property and easements. Cal Fire will not issue significant citations initially but would rather work with homeowners to insure property is cleared.

4.3 Western Municipal Water District – Lynn Butler

A Town Hall was recently held by the water district and was well attended. Outdoor water budgets are back to 100%. Excessive watering is still being billed at a higher rate. She warned that there is a scam currently being conducted with individuals claiming to be in partnership with the water district to install free toilets. The water district has no partnership or program like this. Ms. Butler will take information back to the water district billing team regarding billing cycles that can sometimes be confusing because the days in the billing cycle fluctuates.

4.4 Assemblywoman Melendez Representative - Jeff Peterson

There has not been a lot of activity because the legislature is on break. The gun theft law, AB1176, was passed but then vetoed by the Governor. Next meeting they will provide a print out of all the gun laws that have passed.

There will be a Vet Expo on August 20, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at the Elk's Lodge in Wildomar.

5.0 New Business

5.1 County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, District 1

Supervisor Jeffries reported that the County budget situation is dire. The county is over spending by \$1.17m a week. The primary reason for this is the shift of expenses related to incarceration moving from the State to the Counties. The County has engaged consultants to examine the issue and provide recommendations. There must be a course correction within 12-18 months to avoid lay-offs. There is no talk of a tax increase at this time. However, if budget cuts are made they will impact unincorporated areas first.

Concerning road improvements, property taxes do not go into road improvement projects. There has been a \$20m cut in funding from the State for road improvements. If you buy gas in the city of Riverside, that tax goes to fund city road improvements.

There may be funding available to expand the Woodcrest Library by adding a community room.

The March Joint Powers Authority is looking to change its structure. The county is taking an activity part in examining the warehouse and trucking problem in the area. Currently the County is engaging with Moreno Valley in discussions related to a large warehouse development.

6.0 Public Comments

6.1 Woodcrest Library – Librarian Connie Rynning

Librarian Rynning shared that there are approximately 700 participants involved in 49 different Library programs. There were 150 people at movie night.

6.2 Miscellaneous Comments

Can the AOMD contact information be added to the back of the agenda? Response – yes

There was a request for an update on the new Rite-Aid construction site. Response – there is currently discussions underway as to which party will pay for the clean-up of toxins found in the ground at the site.

The group was encouraged to attend Paul Davis' meetings as his Ward runs adjacent to Woodcrest. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the even numbered months.

7.0 Woodcrest MAC Member Comments

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Murl asked if the minutes could be provided shortly after the meeting rather than waiting until the next scheduled meeting for review. Kristen Huyck, Legislative Assistant, indicated that a draft copy of the minutes could be posted on the web, however, they are not official until approved at the meeting.

8.0 Report from Supervisor Jeffries Office

Provided in item 5.1

9.0 Future Agenda Items

Code enforcement will be in attendance at the September 8, 2016 meeting.

10. Upcoming Dates
Woodcrest MAC meeting – September 8, 2016

