

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council
Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 6:00 PM
Woodcrest Library
16625 Krameria Avenue
Riverside, Ca. 92504

1.0 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance; Les Douty, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2.0 Roll Call Advisory Council: Gary Jensen, Murl Craft, Les Douty, Joel Dingman, Derrick Anderson (Secretary; Alternate), Geoffrey Dooley- absent

3.0 Approval of Minutes: It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2016. Motion passed.

4.0 Updates from Government Agencies

4.1 Riverside County Sheriff Officer Thomas

Deputy Thomas stated: Crime is still down in the area, but car break-ins remain a problem, particularly near the library. There was a robbery at the Chevron gas station on Van Buren and a homicide on Dauchy Ave. Deputy Thomas can be reached at 951-210-1128.

4.2 Cal Fire – Engineer Nelson

Not present.

4.3 Western Municipal Water District – Lynn Butler

Lynn Butler stated that the district is flushing fire hydrants in the area to remove sediment. If this is causing a problem for any resident, they should call 951-789-5100. She also stated that there will be workshops presented by Master Gardeners on September 10, October 8 and November 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 450 Alessandro Blvd., Riverside and the Annual Inland Region Iris Sale will be held on September 17 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. same location. Lynn can be reached at 951-571-7261

4.4 Assemblywoman Melendez Representative - Jeff Peterson

There has been a lot of activity and the Governor has many bills on his desk. The legislature is waiting to see if he will sign or veto them. One bill would make denim the state fabric, another would allow convicted felons to vote while in jail and another would require all restrooms with single stalls to be identified as mixed gendered. These are but a few examples of the pending legislation.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Hector Viray, Interim Director of Riverside County Code Enforcement

Mr. Viray reported that the County budget situation remains bleak which directly affects his department. There are 50 Code Officers employed by the county who cover the non-incorporated areas and the city of Perris. Perris holds a contract with the county. There were many questions relating to a variety of code regulations such as legal and illegal car sales, the number of people or families that can live in one dwelling, how many horses and chickens can be on a property, rubbish and non- running vehicle storage on property, and easement erosion. Mr. Viray attempted to answer each question but encouraged everyone to visit the Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency web site (rctlma.org) where they could get answers to all of their questions.

5.2 Brianna Noler informed the group that Verizon wishes to install a cellular tower at an existing wireless facility located at 15209 Wood Ave., there were no questions on this issue.

6.0 Public Comments

6.1 Mike Diab

Mike stated that life in Woodcrest is changing for the worst. He complained about a church group located near the corner of Taft and Mariposa that he says violates the county noise ordinance on a regular basis and leaves trash on the ground. He asked that Mariposa be paved and that something be done about the crime, dust and weeds in the field by the Water District tanks in that area.

6.2 Miscellaneous Comments

There were no other public comments.

7.0 Woodcrest MAC Member Comments

7.1 Members Comments

Several members acknowledged the large number of people in attendance at the meeting and shared their appreciation. Joel Dingman commented on the temporary narrowing of Van Buren Blvd. and questioned why lanes had been closed. Kristen Huyck, Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Jefferies shared that there will be a traffic signal installed, however, the city had not provided advanced notice of the lane closures to the County.

8.0 Reports from Supervisor Jeffries Office

Kristen Huyck —Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Jefferies report that the county budget still remains the major area of concern for the board of supervisors. Each department is being asked to cut cost and shared an example of the employees of the District Attorney's office taking out their own trash.

Thomas C. Ketcham—Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Jefferies report that the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) decided not to sell General Old Golf Course to a housing developer, instead they sold it to the National Cemetery. This decision was based on two major factors, first the JPA didn't have a housing component and second, building homes that close to the air base could jeopardize the operation of the base. He explained that the current construction happening now across from the golf course and cemetery are for the South and North Campuses. On the north side there will be warehouses, offices and retail. On the south side they are building trails, bus stops and warehouses. If you are interested in learning more about the JPA activities, you can call 951-656-7000 or attend one of their meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Western Municipal Water District on Meridian Parkway at 3:00 p.m.

9.0 Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

10. Upcoming Dates

Woodcrest Town Hall Meeting – November 10, 2016, 6:00 p.m., at **Krameria Elementary School**