

**Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council**  
**Thursday, January 14, 2016, 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, Gary Jensen, Chairman.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
  
Roll Call Advisory Council: Gary Jensen, Murl Craft, Les Douty, Joel Dingman, Allison Dale (Secretary)
- 2.0 Roll Call Riverside County  
Kristen Huyck, Representative from Supervisor, Kevin Jefferies Office.
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes: Murl Craft moved and Les seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2015.
- 4.0 Update from Government Agencies
  - 4.1 Riverside County Sheriff Officer Thomas

Sheriff Thomas introduced Lieutenant Mike.  
Thomas proceeded to report that there were three residential burglaries. Vehicle thefts and mail theft is up. Glen Clark, a cross dresser, is back on the streets. He drives different cars and hangs out at Hibiscus, Gavilin Hill, and Van Buren and Washington. Sheriff Thomas gave out a new number and asked anyone who sees suspicious activity to call 951-210-1128.  
He said that Honda's are easy to steal because shaved keys are easy to use to start cars. Several Honda's have been stolen from right outside Stater Brothers on Washington.

A community member asked about the Half-Way house on Tava Lane. She said there were suspicious adults about age 50 walking down the street. She said they take a few steps and look at the houses and walk a few more steps.

Lieutenant Mike spoke up and confirmed that the house on Tava Lane was a Half-Way house and it was for juvenile offenders. He noted they had received several calls for runaways and drunks. The group home is managed and licensed through the State of California. The high number of calls are being investigated by the Department of Social Services. A state investigator is checking into the facility.

A community member noted that they were having problems with mail theft.

Les mentioned that about 9 months ago they put a note on the mail box indicating there was a camera on the mail boxes. Since they posted the notice they have had no problems.

4.2 Cal Fire Officer Jeremiah Nelson noted that calls have picked up.

He asked the attendees to make sure that their address was clearly visible from the street.

Fire permits are being issued again in the county. Permits are free, and you are given the full parameters of how you set it up. This includes hoses, buckets of water, which numbers to call, etc... AQMD has to be notified and fire has to be notified and approved. Outdoor burning is ok.

He reminded us to please make sure the storm drains and gutters on our houses are clean and clear. He said it was a safety issue for our families. The County of Riverside takes care of public storm drains.

The fire department is issuing sand bags in bundles of 25. They are free! Come down to the station to pick up the empty bags. If you have an emergency such as your house is flooding, please call.

4.3 Western Municipal Water District

Tori reported that from February thru October there is a mandate from the State of California to reduce water consumption.

WMWD has a workshop in their garden on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The local area is regulated to conserve 32% of water. They can use credits for groundwater. They are hoping the percentage will go down to 28%. Fines are heavy for noncompliance and are charged on a daily basis. California State Control Board is asking what we are doing to conserve. They will determine if we are doing enough to conserve, and then determine if we will be fined.

Removal of Turf has been suspended indefinitely as we need to come up with funds.

4.4 Assembly Woman Melissa Melendez Office,

Deni Horne, announced that Mr. Jeff Petersen would be the new spokesperson for Assemblywoman Melendez.

Deni outlined three proposals being supported by the Assemblywoman.

Three bills: 1. a tax credit for draught friendly landscaping 2. she wants the old AB 150 saying stolen firearms under 950.00 are a misdemeanor be

returned to felony status and 3. Legislative protection for employees, breach of ethics, or illegal, senators running guns, there is no protection for employees to be fired. She is putting forward legislation to protect employee.

El Nino – button for El Nino – links all the County Services. Shows you where you can go to for your area for flood control, things to look for, who to report to, or if you see certain issues on the rise. Assembly – there are two coffees a month, next one on the 29<sup>th</sup> at Pins and Pockets Entertainment Center at 10:00 am. to answer questions.

Murl asked what happened with Harvard Jarvis prop 13. A maintain is in effect.

Prop 13 has to do with property taxes that can increase based on the value of your home. If overturned, it would make for increases that could double. Imperative we keep it in place.

Shirley will be the contact for the Canyon Ridge process to get streets paved.

## 5.0 New Business

Juan Perez, Director – Transportation Land Management Agency – Juan oversees planning, transportation, building and safety and code enforcement. Storm preparedness for El Nino is important. The first storm was relatively mild. Prepare for the Micro Burst where 5” of rain is dropped in a short period of time. Be active in looking at drainage ways, notice to property owners, and any property effect up or down stream. Operated out of Emergency Centers. If you have twitter you can follow the alerts at #rivcostorms. In emergency operations center we have Fire, Edison, and Public Health agency to get information out on road closures. Ass the land get saturated, it begins to cause problems.

### Transportation – Projected Projects

A street project, the new two lane road from Van Buren to McAlister has been in the works for a number of years. It was approved in 2007 but the recession slowed the project down. The active project with Linnar Homes will start with the A street connection. It will take 6 to 9 months to compete and will complete Van Buren to McAlister. The goal is to get to traffic off of Van Buren.

Van Buren – Widening between Wood and Washington. The county is currently finishing up the environmental studies now. The projection is a 6 lane road between Wood and Washington. Construction is anticipated to start in 2017. Widening will help traffic flow on Van Buren and traffic won't use other roads such as Kamaria as cut through.

Cajalco Road, a very long term project for the city, will go from the 15 to the 215 freeway. It will be 16 miles of road and the cost is projected to be \$3 hundred

million to \$4 hundred million. First step is the environmental studies which are projected to be available in 2017. If the project gets approved the county will start to acquire the rideaways, the first area will be the Mead Valley area.

Ask the MAC to give feedback – Approached by the City of Riverside, Considering a pilot project to evaluate the pros and cons of designating Van Buren as a Truck Route.

Want the MAC to take a position as a pilot project. The Woodcrest community overwhelming gave immediate feedback to not make Van Buren a Truck Route. The 215, 60, 91 Interchange, which is extremely delayed, is being done by Cal Trans, not the county and is projected to finish mid this year. The project has encountered a number of issues.

Gary asked that if during the Van Buren widening at Porter and Van Buren, can the switching gear which is currently blocking oncoming traffic, right on red be moved so the driver does not have to look around the curve on Van Buren. Supervisor Jeffries has shared with transportation that un-maintained county roads are a priority. He is working hard to find funds to pave roads given the budget and transportation funding. One resident wanted to know if they kept a list of potential streets to be paved and how do they get their street on the top ten streets to be paved.

A lot of residents need to be addressed sooner than later. What are the issues determining the road's priority and how to get it moved up on the list. How many people use the road? Residents? Development ? Ultimate condition? Cost – how much money do we have to do this year? It is very expensive to pave roads. We need a road that will last as a design for 20 years. Road project – drainage courses, bridge, culverts, all are factors. Best allocation of the limited funds.

Live on Canyon Ridge – Pot holes in the street are wrecking cars. Canyon Ridge is a private road owned by the homeowners that align the street. The county does not have the ability to pave private roads. A lot of people live off Canyon Ridge. In 1978 when the road was originally put in there were 200 homes, now there are 1000 homes. Additionally, with the development of Lennar homes ther are big trucks are driving through the neighborhood.

The community made it very clear that the un-kept road is a danger for kids, cars and has a high potential for accidents. The community noted that it is very scary to drive up Canyon Ridge. Additionally, they noted that emergency vehicles would have a problem driving on the road to service the community. They noted that they pay property taxes but are not getting the service to keep their community safe.

They are getting a lot of cut through traffic and truck traffic on Warren. There is no utility on Warren road and it is straight pavement. They would like to know where Warren Road fits into the scheme of venting process.

A community member pointed out that there are several roads that need to be paved in Woodcrest. They said the county was planning these major road expansions without taking care of the internal roads throughout Woodcrest, like Canyon Ridge, Mariposa and Warren. The community stressed the need to fix the current road problems with paving before the county improves the already paved streets like Cajalco and Van Buren.

The Gas tax pays for the maintenance of currently public roads. The gas tax can only be used on specific roads. It is not for privately held roads. Before the county can take responsibility to pave a private road the road needs to be upgraded to a specific level. The county used to have redevelopment funding that was available. Now the county will have to use one time funds or general funds.

Measure A – Tax same rules for expenditure – need to be on the county maintained roads.

Gary asked what was happening with Code Enforcement issues that impact quality of life issues. Funds for code enforcement also come out of the General fund, same as Sheriff Service. Budget hearings will be before July of this year, And it provide priorities to the Co. Board of Supervisors.

Les made a suggestion to not put all the funds into building a jail only to close the jail.

## 6.0 Public Comments:

### 7.0 Woodcrest MAC Member Comments

7.1 Chairperson's Comments – Gary asked everyone to make sure they signed in and noted the street that they represent.

### 7.2 Members' Comments – Murl thanked everyone for coming,

Les invited everyone to come back.

## 8.0 Report from Supervisor Jeffries Office

Kristen Huyck, Legislative Assistant – Thanked Shirley and everyone for coming tonight, she noted that Kevin Jeffries will review. With publically owned roads the residents have to agree to sign over their easements. When you send email, you need to mention that you would be willing to sign over your easements. It gives her more ammunition to work with the supervisor's office. Mariposa and Warren are on the Supervisor's radar.

A petition would be helpful. Easement – property owners own an easement to the middle of the road, sign over your legal easement to the Co.

Shirley – also a liability to the owners, you own to the middle and you are responsible.

Rite Aid is on hold until they get additional funding and clean up the soil. Following up with the developer, they need to still protect the property

8.1 Update on Code Issues – Motor home on Krameria – working with code.

8.2 Future Agenda topics - Speakers – Any other county departments – Public Health to speak on roads or AQMD – had a couple months ago, may push to the end as they were.

Animal Control, Maybe get Lennar to come

Lennar homes are going to be on sewer. Lennar homes will have ingress and egress through Meadowline, which may cause other issues.

Property on Washington, home and rehab. Are people living there again.

9. Upcoming Dates:

Woodcrest MAC meeting – March 10, 2016