

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council
Thursday, March 10, 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, Geoffrey Dooley, Joel Dingman, Allison Dale (Secretary)

- 2.0 Roll Call Riverside County
Tom Ketcham and Bob Magee, Representatives from Supervisor, Kevin Jefferies Office
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes: Les Douty moved and Murl Craft seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2016.
- 4.0 Update from Government Agencies

4.1 Riverside County Sheriff Officer Thomas

Sheriff Thomas

A community member asked about the Half-Way house on Tava Lane. Sheriff Thomas reported that the juvenile group home on Tava Lane continues to be a problem. One of the juveniles causing problems is 17 years old. The State of California is taking over the investigation. There is a certain individual who goes through trash cans in the neighborhood. He is really casing the houses out.

There were several burglaries on Porter and Canyon view. The suspect is in custody. Parolees are getting out because of proposition 47. Thomas said, "We arrest them and they are out in just a few days."

If a call comes in to say there is a suspicious person, it becomes a priority call and the patrol will arrive faster. If any suspicious or unusual activity is seen, please call 951-210-1128.

4.2 Code Enforcement – Jose Cruz

Jose Cruz introduced the new officer in the area John Kirchoff.

John is the code officer for Lake Mathews and Mead Valley.

John announced that he is very familiar with the area. He said to please email him if you see any code enforcement issues. He left some business

cards on the table with his contact information. His email is Jkirchhof@rctima.org

Jan Wingo spoke about the problem with the abandoned factory across the street from Woodcrest Elementary school on Krameria. It is boarded up and has become a place for the homeless to live. She went in front of the Board of Supervisors and the school district with the problem. She wants the MAC to take up the issue because the property owners can be fined up to \$1000.00 per day.

Bob Magee from Supervisor Jeffries' office announced that the RV storage company that was trying to move into the abandoned factory is not moving because their current location they were moving from, fell out of escrow.

Other code violations in the area include the food truck parked on Dauchy. The truck was blocking the intersection on Van Buren and Washington, and then it moved to Dauchy. Geoffrey mentioned that although most signs have been removed, there is still one at Sunset, just before Roberts Road. Gary mentioned that someone has been running a car sale business for a number of years on Porter and Van Buren.

If you see a code violation you can go online to the County Web site and file a complaint. Most violations are followed up on by public complaint.

4.3 California Highway Patrol Officer Betancur

Officer Betancur has been in Riverside Co. for 13 years. There have been 5 vehicles stolen and abandoned off Washington and Krameria.

A.C. Jones reported that he lives on Robert Road and the traffic does not obey the 25 mile speed limit. He presented several photos and a report about a young man who was driving a Nissan truck, turned onto Roberts Road from Wood and was going so fast that the man ran into his brick and concrete mail box, making it fly several feet. The truck turned over on its side. Photos presented were the Roberts Road corridor looking west, 25 mile posted speed limit, the vehicle, front, side. The residents of Robert Road have requested speed bumps. The Transportation Department has a policy against speed bumps.

4.4 Fire Department Engineer Jeremiah Nelson

Nelson announced they are continually working on response times. The fire department is currently giving out fire permits which only allow the burning of tumble weeds. Currently they have sand to fill sand bags.

Sand bags come in bundles of 25, and are to be used for protection of property.

4.4 Western Municipal Water District, Torrey Webb

The water received up north is 80% of normal.

El Nino update: Still warm water in the ocean, may still get some rain in April.

Drought restrictions are extended to 2016. The area is assigned to cut back to 32%. Management is considering a rate increase. Residents will be getting a flyer in the mail.

4.5 Jeff Peterson – Assemblywoman Melendez Representative

Melendez is proposing any gun theft will be a felony, not just a misdemeanor. She also is proposing defunding the 80 billion dollar high speed rail, and putting that money into the 15 freeway.

Student privacy protection: A nonprofit wanted to release all the students' social security numbers in the state. There was enough public outcry and it was overturned. Melendez proposed AB2097 to prevent anything like that happening in the future.

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 the position as a pilot project. The Woodcrest community overwhelming gave immediate feedback to not make Van Buren a Truck Route.

4.6 Woodcrest Library Branch Manager Connie

There are various activities going on at the Woodcrest Library and Connie invited the community to come be an active participant. A free After 50 Fitness Class on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9:30 – 10: 30 am.

Woodcrest Library has a Facebook Page, which announces book sales, summer reading program and other activities including a book club where if a child reads 5 library books they get a free hamburger.

5. New Business

5.1 Jim Guthrie representing a development project

The project is to be a 24 lot subdivision of 24.86 acres. Proposed to be a gated community at the end of Roberts Road consisting of rolling low hills with a southern drainage.

On development projects, the Indians have a right to review to make sure artifacts are saved. Jim hopes the project can move forward once there is a scraping. He met with the land use committee and several homeowners. They are trying to resolve the issue of secondary access. They plan to extend the pavement down Samaniego through to Kross Road. Let everyone that lives west of Chicago use it, in case there is an emergency or a wreck or a fire. It will be gated which will fit the need of the community so they feel more secure if people can't drive in and out of the neighborhood. Jim gave his cell number to anyone with questions. 951-334-9003

Several residents from Roberts Road were present and they wanted Roberts Road paved. They want to reduce the access to Roberts Road and they don't think access to this new community of homes is safe for the residents of the current residents. The residents don't want more vehicles down Roberts Road and they are very concerned about the safety, access and the infrastructure of ingress and egress into the new development.

Roberts Road is only 40' wide, one idea proposed was to add stop signs on Roberts Road feel is necessary.

The Secondary Access would be used in case of emergency.

Jim mentioned that most of the property is landlocked, and they offered to purchase the property so it was not landlocked. They can't force someone to sell their property.

Proposed 1 Lot per acre, from Chicago properties are .74 acres per lot. This development is proposing actually bigger than the existing neighborhood.

Meetings to deal with the public, public hearings, have to be met, there will multiple opportunities for the public to come speak out on the project.

5.2 Ryan Woolsey and Jeff Smith from Lennar Homes Jeff Smith –

Developer of the Citrus Heights Community provided an update on the construction of the project located between Van Buren and McAllister. 330 Home Sites located on Van Buren Blvd. and Mc Allister / Canyon Ridge. The main entrance is off MC Callister.

Overall there will be 2400 – 4600 Square foot homes, on 8000, 10,000, 12,000 foot lots, Blasting – 2 weeks – move to 4 – 9 weeks more blasting.

6.0 Public Comments:

7.0 Woodcrest MAC Member Comments

7.1 Chairperson's Comments

Gary wanted to bring to attention that the proposed Van Buren truck transportation access route for the City of Riverside and the State of CA. Moreno Valley is in a development stage and Van Buren will become a shortcut for trucks. Please let Kristen know how vehemently you are against allowing Van Buren to become a trucks route. Additionally, you can attend Councilman Davis at his meeting on the 14th of April Woodcrest Community, and voice your opinion.

7.2 Members Comments

Murl said how nice to is to see lots of new faces. He said the point of the meeting was so that the supervisor knows what is going on in the community. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Geoffrey was concerned about the Rite Aid development, which is started, and is concerned about what the city is planning to do about the sewer line on Van Buren.

Les Douty, mentioned if you have an issue get in touch with Kristen.
Joel Blane mentioned his concern on the vagrancy on Firethorn.

8. Report from Supervisor Jeffries Office

9. Future Agenda Items:

10. Upcoming Dates:

Woodcrest MAC meeting – May 12. 2016