

**Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council**  
**Thursday, May 9, 2017, 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, Geoffrey Dooley, Derrick Anderson (Secretary; Alternate), Joel Dingman (absent).
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes: It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2017 meeting. Motion passed.
- 4.0 Updates from Government Agencies

4.1 Riverside County Sheriff Officer Thomas

Deputy Thomas stated criminal activity continues to be up especially burglaries, petty and car thief, in the areas of Van Buren, King, Gamble and Washington. There were 378 calls made in March and 5 arrests, as well as 318 calls in April and 12 arrests. Deputy Thomas said he continues to have a significant amount of interactions with individuals in the community who are homeless, several from Orange County and others on parole. Major incidents included; an assault with a shotgun in the Stater Bros' parking lot, a car-to-car shooting at Van Buren and King, a group-home 12-year-old female run-away was raped after meeting someone she had contacted on the internet. The suspect was arrested and he lives in this area. The community is also asked to be on the look out for a suspicious 2004 Ford F-150 blue pick-up with a ladder rack. This vehicle is connected to several home break-ins, some while the residents were inside.

Lieutenant Edward Chavez addressed the audience encouraging parents to take an active role in monitoring their children's use of social media. He credited the parents of the 12- year old rape victim with cooperating with the department and as a result they were able to quickly make an arrest in that case. He warned that predators are out there lurking and waiting on an opportunity to victimize someone.

The Lieutenant reminded the group that the department is actively citing people who are illegally discharging weapons and they are doing what they can to assist with traffic problems in the area. He said that staffing remains an issue within the department but that our Perris office is in better shape than many others. That being said, patrol staffing would probably remain the same for now and he did not see any additions in the near future.

4.2 Cal Fire – Engineer Nelson

Fire activity in the area has started to pick-up once again. Residents were reminded to clear weeds and debris from around their homes to a defensible space of 30 to 100 feet of clearing. Also, the department will start making their annual inspections in the area and will be issuing citations for those in violation of fire safety codes. The process consists of inspections, warnings being issued, re-inspections, citations being issued, and more inspections. Residents should realize this process could take a while and any impact may take some time to see. The County Fire Department is facing a budget short fall and the Chief was asked to come up with a list of possible cuts to save 11.9 million dollars. The Board of Supervisors reviewed those possible changes and only made minimum cuts. Even with that, Engine 8 may not be at the local station at all times because they have to back other area some times.

4.3 California Highway Patrol- Sergeant Steve Licon

The Sergeant reported that there was a very bad accident on Harley John that resulted in a fatality. He pleaded with everyone to slow down. The citizens in attendance gave him numerous examples and complaints of traffic congestion, flagrant violations, and speeding. They also offered suggestions that could possibly alleviate some of the conditions. Sgt. Licon took copious notes and made a commitment to follow-up with some of those providing suggestions.

#### 4.4 Code Enforcement– Officer Daniel Gregorio

It was stated that there were 63 new cases opened and 77 old cases closed. The group was reminded that Code is facing some deep cuts in their staffing - as much as 50%. That would mean a drastic cut in services. Several board members and those in the audience voiced their concerns about illegal signs, car sales, and excessive outside storage. If you need to contact Officer Gregorio you can call 951-776-3233.

#### 4.5 Western Municipal Water District-

No representative present

### 5.0 New Business

#### 5.1 Chris Singletary [GPA 1192 project information]

Chris informed us that his family wants to change the project site's General Plan Foundation Component from Rural Community (RC) to Community Development (CD) and to amend its Land Use Designation from Very Low Density Residential (VLDR) (1 acre minimum) to Commercial Retail (CR) (0.20 — 0.35 FAR), on three parcels, totaling 10.3 gross acres. The application for this amendment was submitted during the application window for the 2016 General Plan Review Cycle.

LOCATION: Generally located north of Van Buren Boulevard, east of Firethorn, and west of Mariposa, within the City of Riverside sphere of influence.

He said that because of all the traffic on Van Buren that “this property dose not makes a very good residential piece.” He is proposing a gas station, maybe some RV parking and some kind of fast food restaurant. There were a number of questions such as; if this project would increase traffic in the area, would this be one way in and one way out, how would this effect the neighbors in Regency Ranch. There were several who questioned the safety of having a business at the bottom of the hill where people routinely ignore the red traffic light and at a location where there have been numerous accidents. Chris said he would put in a deceleration lane and the fourth stop light at Mockingbird Canyon. Chris said he is open to ideas for businesses to be located there but he is in business to make money. The general timeline would be at least a year to complete all the zone changes before moving ahead with a final project. Derrick Anderson stated to the MAC Board that he had met with the Regency Ranch/ Constable Road residents on May 8, 2017 and they were opposed to the project.

#### 5.2 Raincross Corporation- Representative

Two representatives from Raincross gave a recap of their revised project proposal they intend to present to the Board of Supervisors. Many in the crowd were angry that Lou Monville didn't come to the meeting. As the representatives attempted to make their presentation there were some in the audience that rejected what they were saying and insisted that Lou had given different information at other meetings. A map was presented but couldn't be seen by many which caused further frustration. There was lots of discussion and comments about this project. The reps stated that the total numbers of units they now plan to build are 420 compared to over 1,000 they had first asked for. It was the unanimous consensus of those in attendance that this project not be allowed to move forward.

### 6.0 Public Comments

Debbie Walsh, Sonya Alemdar, and Nancy Embry all voiced concerns against GPA 1196 and announced a rally they have planned for Saturday.

Grace Sims spoke out against metal cargo storage containers being allowed on one-acre parcels. She wanted to know if this was something that Woodcrest wanted? Beth Amer voiced her concern about the lack of our Sheriff's Department's response to calls. Ann Grell voiced concern about water drainage for the proposed development involved in GPA 1196. Connie P. spoke out against tarps being placed of chain link fences as a solution to excessive outside storage complaints.

## 7.0 Woodcrest MAC Member Comments

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Gary Jensen encouraged everyone to go to the Board meeting and let them know that they were opposed to GPA 1196 because it makes a difference. Les reiterated that he was retiring after the May meeting and thanked the people for allowing him to serve them. Geoffrey Dooley thanked all the people for coming out and encouraged them to go to the Board meeting. Derrick and Murl had no comments.

## 8.0 Legislative Updates:

### 8.1 Katlyn Blackmer Field Rep, Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez office

The Assemblywoman introduced AB 27, which would change the rape of an intoxicated person from a non-violent crime to a violent crime. The bill passed Assembly Public Safety and moves on to Appropriations. She also introduced AB 757 that clarifies that self-defense is an acceptable justification for obtaining a carry permit, that bill was killed in committee. The Assemblywoman is opposed to Senate Bill 1 which raises the gas tax an additional 12 cents, diesel tax an additional 20 cents and charges an additional \$300 on vehicle registration. She charges that Governor Brown doled out over 1 billion tax dollars in deals to buy votes to pass the gas tax. She has called for a full DOJ investigation into potential illegal measures taken to pass the \$52 billion gas tax. It was suggested that the Assemblywoman have more meetings in the Woodcrest area during evening times when people can come out and hear her not at 11:30 in the mornings when people are working.

### 8.2 Thomas C. Ketcham

The traffic lights in front of Citrus Hills are set at "RED REST" for the next six months in an effort to slow down the traffic. There have been numerous complaints about speeders and CHP can't spend all of their time there so they are trying this out to see how it affects traffic. RED REST is when all lights at set on red until someone approaches the intersection. Code is facing major reductions and if you are having a problem you should go to their website and generate a ticket number. They will tell you when you can expect to have the issue resolved. If the problem isn't corrected by the completion date please contact Tom and he will follow-up with Code. Also note that Code will start to prioritize complaints and something like rubbish will be second to health and safety matters. Storage cargo containers are becoming a major complaint problem so the county is looking to revise their current usage regulation. Currently you can have one container for every five acres you own. They are looking to change that to one per one acre and requiring setbacks 25 to 50 feet, paint to match and no electricity. This will only be in certain zones as agriculture areas and winegrowing areas will be exempt. There was a question as to what the county plans to do about allowing marijuana plants to be grown starting January 1, 2018 and currently it looks like you will be able to grow 6 plants per person per parcel for your own recreational use.

## 9.0 Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

## 10. Upcoming Dates

Next MAC meeting July 13<sup>th</sup> 2017, 6pm @ Woodcrest Library