Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council Thursday, July 13, 2017, 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> Les Douty (Chairman), Murl Craft, Geoffrey Dooley, Derrick Anderson (Secretary), Taylor Keen (Alternate), Rose Calderon (Alternate), Joel Dingman absent
- 3.0 <u>Approval of Minutes:</u> It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 11, 2017. Motion passed.
- 4.0 Updates from Public Safety and Government Agencies

4.1 Riverside County Sheriff - Deputy Thomas and Lt. Edward Chavez

Deputy Thomas reported that we had 328 calls in the month of May with 5 arrests. In June, there were 258 calls with 1 arrest. Burglaries seem to be increasing and mail box thefts continue with the thieves sometimes taking the entire mail box. Lt. Chavez encourages groups to form neighborhood watches. His department is willing to come out and assist if anyone was interested and provided his contact information (951) 210-1083. He also invited everyone out for National Night Out on August 19, 2017 from 4:00 – 8:00pm at the Perris Sheriff's office.

4.2 Cal Fire

Representatives from Cal Fire were called out of the meeting prior to their agenda item but did leave their report. They had 178 calls of which 133 were medical, 12 were traffic collisions, and 13 were false alarms.

4.3 California Highway Patrol- Sergeant Steve Licon

Sgt. Licon gave an in-depth review and update on all the concerns the citizens had given him in May. For example, based on residents' input, officers were sent to areas where traffic violations frequently occurred. Many of these areas resulted in a significant number of citations being issued. Many attendees at the meeting offered their property to the Highway Patrol to be used as observations points.

4.4 Code Enforcement - Officer Daniel Gregorio and Supervisor Manny Acueto

Supervisor Acueto stated that the Code Enforcement Office has been impacted by a major reduction in staff and as a result he has had to merge the 1st and 2nd Districts officers leaving just 5 officers to cover both districts. Initially he will be assigning 4 officers to District 1 and 1 officer to District 2. This may change depending on needs. Each officer will have a caseload of approximately 300 cases. He also is realigning the duties of the officers whereas each officer will have an area of specialty (e.g. – dispensary and cultivation of marijuana, car abatement, etc.). Officer Gregorio stated there were 4 new open cases in June and 6 citations issued. The Code Enforcement phone number is (951) 776-3233.

4.5 Western Municipal Water District - No representative was in attendance

5.0 New Business

5.1 Schoolhouse Daycare Center – Amber Rodgers and Loren Hanson

Ms. Rodgers and Mr. Hanson presented a proposal to build a day care center that would offer a fun, safe and loving environment for children. It would house 48 children to start with a maximum of 96 at some point in the future with children ranging in age from 6 weeks to 5 years old. The center would operate Monday through Friday from 6:30a.m. to 6:00p.m. They will provide creative learning and play, potty training, and life skills. The center will be near Iris and Van Buren. Its architectural design will reflect the rural nature of Woodcrest and be modeled after a little red schoolhouse.

5.2 Verizon Wireless – Courtney Standridge

A new collocatable cell tower will be erected at the current location of the flag pole in the Stater Brothers shopping center located at Washington and Van Buren. It will be disguised as a tree and will be able to accommodate equipment from other cell providers thus eliminating the need for additional towers.

5.3 County Transportation Department – Lawrence Tai

Mr. Tai gave a thorough explanation of why the traffic lights are set at "red rest" on a section of Wood Road near Val Verde High School. He went on to say that since the lights have been set at "red rest" that there have been no collisions in this area. Evidence supports the fact that it is a safer section of road due to this strategy.

5.4 Introduction of new Code Enforcement Supervisor - Manny Acueto - see Item 4.4

5.5 Election of MAC Officers for 2017/2018

It was moved and seconded that Derrick Anderson be MAC Chairman for the 2017/2018 year. Motion passed unanimously. It was also moved and seconded the Geoffrey Dooley be Vice-Chair. This motion was also passed unanimously. There was discussion concerning the election of Secretary and the decision was made to push this item to the next MAC meeting. Murl Craft stated that he wasn't pleased with the process by which we chose a new chairperson. He said that for years the vice chair always became the next years Chair. Geoffrey Dooley said that he had spoken to Joel Dingman earlier and that Joel told him "he was moving to Corona to be with his son and that he did not want to be considered for any position. Murl said that if that was the case" Joel should have written a letter and without one we were voting on hearsay".

6.0 Public Comments

6.1 Supervisor Jeffries

Supervisor Jeffries acknowledged Gary Jenson and Murl Craft for their service to the Woodcrest community as members of the MAC Board. Each was presented with a plaque commemorating these sentiments. The Supervisor then gave a few remarks and stated that County spending is down from \$1.1m a week to \$800,000/week. He feels that the County is moving in the right direction but there is a lot of work to be done. They are experiencing a number of retirements from the County Board and next year he will be the senior Supervisor with a tenure of only 6 years of County Board service. Now that the economy is picking up, many developers will be dusting off projects and bringing them to the MAC and that the MAC plays a crucial role in vetting these proposals. Later he answered several questions and reminded the MAC council that we must continue to foster the good relationship between ourselves and the new Ward 4 Councilman, along with his office.

7.0 Woodcrest MAC Member Comments

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Murl Craft again questioned the procedural process for moving the Vice-Chairman to the Chairman position. He felt that the current Vice Chairman, Joel Dingman, should be required to submit a written resignation before a new Chairman is named.

Les Douty expressed his thanks to everyone for their support as he served as Chairman and noted that it was an honor to serve in this capacity. He thanked all for coming out.

Geoffrey Dooley stated that he has worked well in the pass with Paul Davis and he plans to do the same with Councilman Conder.

Rose Calderon and Taylor Keen both thanked everyone for coming and said they were pleased to be a part of the team.

Derrick Anderson said he was honored to be elected Chairperson for the coming year and that he looked forward to a productive and progressive year and that he would do all he could to help us achieve that.

8.1 Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez Office - No representative was in attendance

8.2 Thomas C. Ketcham—Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Jefferies

Thomas welcomed Rose and Taylor our new municipal advisory council members, and thanked both Gary Jenson and Murl Craft for the years of service. He also thanked Verizon for their willingness to work with the county and changing their plans in erecting the new cell tower. Additionally, he thanked Carolyn from Waste Management for being at the meeting and for providing cupcakes. Lastly, he asked that if you have something you want to inform him or the Supervisor about please do not just post it on Facebook, but call their office. They rarely get to check social media during their workday and your concerns may not get addressed.

9.0 Future Agenda Items Election of Secretary

10. Upcoming Dates

Next MAC meeting September 14th, 2017, 6pm @ Woodcrest Library