

Woodcrest Municipal Advisory Council
November 14th, 2019 at 6PM.
Sandals Church~ 17421 Van Buren Boulevard, Riverside, CA 92504

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance** Derrick Anderson called meeting to order at 6:01 PM -
2. **Roll Call: Derrick Anderson (Chairman), Rose Calderon (Vice Chairman), Michael Osmon, Randy Redden, Lisa Alexen, George Perez (Alternate) & Sonya Aledmar (Alternate)** All Board Members were present.
3. **Approval of Minutes: September 12th, 2019**
There was one correction submitted by Lisa Alexen. Correction was made and motion approved.
4. **Public Safety & Government Agency Updates:**
 - 4.1- **Riverside County Sheriff Department-**
Deputy Thomas {951-210-1128} provided the stats; Sept. 125 calls for service & 8 arrests. Oct. 383 calls for service & 7 arrests. Some of the arrests included battery, warrant arrests, drugs, and attempted burglary. There was a murder off El Sobrante, a boyfriend killed his girlfriend and fled to Mexico; he was identified but not arrested. In September, Viano's burglarized a safe was stolen, in the safe was a gun, it is still being investigated. There was another break-in & burglary by a transient off Saddleback; he was arrested. The businesses have been providing feedback stating that the transients haven't been a bothering them or their customers for a while, probably because they have moved on, or they are still in jail. There was a question about noise. There is no time limit- if noise can be heard from over 250' it is ticket able and there is a fine. Fines start around \$500, but a judge can issue an additional fine of \$2500, Even if you don't know the exact location call it in; RSD may not be able to respond, but if they clear a more serious call they will come and write a ticket. Deputy Thomas has been going to Hibiscus recovered 3 stolen vehicles and recovered the stolen property from Lawler's. There were concerns with OHV late at night off Mariposa down Roosevelt, and into Mockingbird Canyon. ROVE team came out over the last couple of weekends and wrote up over 100 tickets.
 - 4.2- **Riverside County Fire/ CALFIRE- Fire Station #8**
Chris Musulman gave stats-September Calls- Medical 60, Other Fires (ex- BBQ or BONFIRE) 3, Residential 1, Traffic Collisions 10, Wildland Fire 9. October: Medical 57, Other Fires 3, Residential, 3, Traffic Collisions 3, Car Fire, 4, Wildland Fire 10.
 - 4.3- **California Highway Patrol- CHP Representative** not present
 - 4.4- **Transportation Land Management Agency-** not present
 - 4.5- **Western Municipal Water District-**
Rep. Pam Pavella, there was a 411 Meeting on Tuesday night, about 21 people attended, because of the lower attendance nearly everyone got a door prize. 65th Anniversary event this Saturday 11/16 11-3. Tons of booths and activities for kids. Live Streaming of the board meetings will begin on 1/15/2020. Master Gardener Workshops will resume in January, the second Saturday of the Month, January- bareroot planting, February- trees for the IE, March- vegetables~ the good, bad, and ugly. A lot of rebates are currently available; Turf Replacement \$3/ft up to 5,000sqft, Toilets \$40, Washers \$85 Weather Based Irrigation Systems \$200, if >acre, then \$35/station. Soil Moisture sensors \$80 if <acre, then \$35/station if >acre. High Efficiency Nozzles \$2, minimum 30 nozzles. Rain barrels/cisterns \$35 up to \$350. Any questions about rebates please contact Pam.
 - 4.6- **Representative from Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez**
Casey Deaver provided legislative update of bills. He also discussed two school bills #1-AB 1214, Melendez. School employees: training: cardiopulmonary resuscitation. This bill would have allowed for funding to ensure teachers are CPR certified & make it mandatory to maintain. The bill made it easily through the Assembly & Senate, Newsom vetoed it. #2-SB328 Changing school start times in 2022. This was signed by Newsom and changes school start times for middle & high schools. Middle School to 8 AM. High School to 8:30 AM. It was asked if there was any way to undo this and without new legislation or a proposition, then no it can't be changed. Melissa Melendez has announced her bid to for Jeff Stones' Senate seat. Primary will be in March 2020. Melissa will continue to her Facebook live updates while campaigning. *If you don't already watch these, make sure you tune in, very informative.
5. **New Business:**
 - 5.1- **2020 MAC Meeting Dates: {1/9, 3/12, 5/14, 7/9, 9/10 & 11/12}** no opposition.
 - 5.2- **Deputy Fire Marshall-** Steve Swarhout (Deputy Fire Marshall) & Carlos Rodriguez (Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal supervisor for Hazardous Reduction Team). They discussed weed abatement on un-improved properties. (properties without structures). County Ordinance 695 allows them to address

weed abatement, however if there is a structure on the property then CODE has to handle it. The Fire Marshall will redirect reports to the appropriate department/agency if it is outside their scope. If you report with your contact information, they will follow up with you at least once on the status. Carlos's team tries to go out within a week of a report, then the homeowner has 30 days to address. Construction debris is a code issue. Reports can be made through the website, [rvcfire.org](http://rvcfire.org/_Layouts/Forms/HA_ComplaintForm.aspx), "report fire concern or complaint" >>http://rvcfire.org/_Layouts/Forms/HA_ComplaintForm.aspx

5.3- Homeless Update- Natalie Profant Komuro, Deputy County Executive Officer

Homelessness Solutions: Natalie arrived 32 minutes tardy to the meeting and wasn't able to hear the Sheriff's Department update from Deputy Thomas. We last heard from Natalie in January 2019. She came back to the MAC to provide updates. In January 2018, the BOS adopted a "Homeless Action Plan" to develop strategies for addressing Homelessness in RIVCO. As of November 2019, the Encampment Protocol hasn't been presented at a BOS Meeting or been made public, it was expected in July 2019. Her first priority in this job was to convene all the different entities regarding encampments. 17 different county departments all took part in the discussion trying to learn how to work together and differently, instead of separately in the past. However, currently she said that the Sheriff's Department or their HOT (Homeless Outreach Team) Team isn't one of the 17 departments that she is coordinated to work with. Why? I don't know, but this isn't seem conducive to the residents/ taxpayers of RIVCO who have to deal with this issue daily. By the end this discussion there was 20 county departments involved and 20 cities involved in this conversation. She recently received funding for one position to coordinate with different departments around the county. Elias Santos, is our new homeless coordinator. Prior to it was only her, and whomever she could "use" from the County Executive Office. She discussed the need to have different protocols for homeless encampments on private vs public property. For private property, code enforcement takes the lead; outreach would come out but they cannot go onto the property. Code will not clear people off the site, but they can enforce trespass if the owner has a 602 letter. Code won't help "move" people, that is the responsibility of social services. For public property, she talked about needing creative ways to address the encampments when the homeless don't want the services. Then she spoke about the City of Riverside deciding to enforce "no camping ordinance" at Hole Lake. They started by offering services for 7 weeks leading up to the clean out. The camp had roughly 80-100 people living in it -- ONLY 19 people accepted services and 'path to housing'. The remaining people moved to other areas. She stressed the importance of having locations available for homeless that are willing to accept services to deal with drug/addiction problems and how there needs to be an expansion of substance abuse programs. Currently, it is more difficult to get a bed in this type of facility if you are a man; if you are a woman, particularly a pregnant woman you could get a bed now. Point in Time aka "PIT" Counts The state is spending more money on homeless, based on these counts. The count needs to be done annually and accurately to ensure our funding. These counts are done by volunteers all over the county in a 4-hour window beginning at 5AM on a specific day. Last year, we were one of the first counties in the country to do the count with an app [instead of paper & pen]. The app tracks a continuous map of homeless found. The app data makes it easier to ensure the appropriate services are offered, (i.e.; veteran vs pregnant woman vs man looking for a path to housing, etc. The app also creates a map of identified encampments; this helps direct funds as well.) ***The 2020 POINT IN TIME COUNT" is Wednesday, January 29, 2020.*** *volunteers will be needed*; the more volunteers the more accurate the count can be. Without a good count, we stand to lose upwards of 100s of thousands+ in federal funding. Don't forget about the upcoming CENSUS in 2020 >>>****Census is coming in April 1, 2020.* Homeless services in Woodcrest, she stated that because this area is more rural and lacks infrastructure Woodcrest wouldn't be a good location to "house" services. Ideal areas have transportation hubs. A resident asked "What have you done since we saw you last year": Her answer was that she did encampment planning between around 20 different agencies, attended a lot of meetings, traveled around the county, spent a lot of time in the desert she has received a lot of support from Greg Rodriguez (Manny Perez's Chief of Staff) and did a few events in the desert which included providing services the ICE released "asylum seekers" in Blythe. Someone asked what the count numbers were for our area? She said she didn't pull the number for our district before coming to the MAC, she apologized stating that she had just gotten off of being off for a week, but that the county wide count was roughly 2,800. Sonya Alemdar looked up the numbers for the First District, it was 362. She stated a key part in all of this is to focus on prevention of homelessness and ending senior homelessness because there are a "disturbing number of seniors becoming homeless." Someone asked, if the count of homeless seniors was because current seniors are becoming homeless or because current homeless are refusing services and becoming seniors. She gave a vague non answer to this question. Low income

housing options only came up briefly towards the end of the discussion. She said low income housing isn't helpful unless there are jobs for the people, so they can continue to afford the low-income housing. She stated that "WE" are part of this housing first issues when we oppose higher density developments and affordable housing in our area.

5.4- Proposal Gas Station at Van Buren & Chicago (CUP 190021)

This project is proposed as an Arco gas station, AMPM, a drive-thru restaurant and a carwash. The car wash would be an express wash on a conveyor working on a water reclaiming system, with restricted operation hours (not 24/7). The developer brought a new rendering that shows their proposed "western themed architecture" and the frontage along Van Buren. The construction on this project will not begin until the Van Buren SEWER PROJECT is COMPLETED because they plan to tie into the sewer system. The gas station would have 8 fuel dispensers for a total of 16 pumps; the canopy would have directed LED lights to prevent the light flooding the area. The facility access will be off Van Buren with a deceleration lane and off Chicago. There is NO access from Iris. The rendering showed landscaping across the Iris side. There were questions about the water table- a hydrology study was done and there will be underground basin detentions that mitigate to the pre-existing water flow for safe disbursement. There are retention basins on about 1/3 of the property because they couldn't develop the entire property because of the water course that runs through the property.

6. **Public Comments:** none

7. **Woodcrest MAC Member Comments:** none

8. **Representative from County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office, Tricia Almiron**

Tricia provided updates on the library. Meetings will continue to be at Sandals Church for January and March. May Meeting will be a Townhall Meeting and may be able to be held at Woodcrest Library. Tricia will know more in March. Meeting locations are expected change back to Woodcrest Library in May. Fingers-crossed!!! There will be a grand opening for the Library once construction is completed, stay tuned!!!

9. **Future Agenda Items:**

NEXT MEETING:
JANUARY 9TH, 2020!