

WOODCREST MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

May 13th 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Woodcrest Library

16625 Krameria Ave, Riverside, CA 92504

MEETING AGENDA

- 0.0 Call to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance, Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM. Vice- Chair Mike Osmon announced Rose Calderon resignation from the MAC board.
- 1.0 Roll Call:** Rose Calderon (Chairperson), Mike Osmon (Vice Chairperson), Sonya Alemdar (Secretary), Lisa Alexan, George Perez, Vacant (Alt#1) and Vacant (Alt#2)
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes:** March 11th, 2021, Lisa moved to approve the minutes w/o corrections, George seconded the approval.

3.0 Public Safety Updates

3.1 – Riverside County Sheriff’s Department – Capt. Matthew Sims / Lt. Don Williamson/ Deputy Dave Thomas

Calls for Service in March 2021; 335 calls, 6 arrests; 2 warrant arrests, 2 trespassing arrests, 1 DV arrest, 1 RO arrest. The Smoke Shop was burglarized, Woodcrest Liquor and 2 residences on Gardner was also burglarized. Burglaries occurred between the hours of 5- 11:30 am. Calls for Service in April 2021; 326 calls, 5 arrests. 2 warrant arrests, 1 battery arrest, & 1 DV arrest. A couple burglaries in April, 1 on Van Buren, 12:30pm KB Homes stolen plywood, Petty theft on Avenue C. Mail theft on the raise again. In some of the recent burglaries’ guns have been stolen. RSO reminded residences to keep your serial numbers documented in a safe place so that they can be reported in the system properly, if an incident occurred. The Gardener Transients have been removed again.

3.2 – Riverside County Fire Department – Fire Station #8

No representative was present.

3.3 – Transportation Department – Dennis Acuna [County Traffic Engineer]

No representative was present.

3.4 – Code Enforcement – Jamison Cole [District 1 Supervisor]

204 open code cases. Still assisting the Sheriff Department with the Homeless issues in the area. Officer Gorgorio is moving to District 5 office. He’s been out in Woodcrest forever, sad to see him go. Temporary replacement is Sarah Rhodes. County is going do a lot of educating and enforcing the Illegal Fireworks Ordinance.

3.5 – California Highway Patrol – CHP Representative

No Representative present.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Woodcrest Library – Connie Rynning [programs, events and more]

The library is going to be working with RUSD to be a lunch time meal provider over the Summer starting June 1st from 11- 1 pm Monday- Friday. Adults can purchase a meal for \$5.50. Once a week BBQ will be starting. After 50 fitness class will be starting soon. First time this will be happening, there will also be an activity for the kids as well. The Summer reading program will be starting again

4.2- Western Municipal Water District – Grace Cardenas [Proposed Rate Increase & Q&A]

Craig Miller, Mike Gardner representative from D1, Gracie Torres representative from D2, Rod Le Mond CFO, & Sarah MacDonald was also present. There has been more out reach to the community because of previous comments made by our representative Mrs. Gracie Torres. Western was formed to import water to our area. MET increased the water rate in January 3%, January 2022 rate increase 4%, January 2023 5%, and then will stay at 5% increases annually for the foreseeable future. MET is investing in Drought Storage. SCE is projecting a 14% increase to commercial providers. 49% of their costs are out of their control due to MET and SCE operating costs. Most of our water comes from Oroville. Rate increase proposal will be a 4-year projection instead of the previous 3-year proposal. WMWD refinanced debt to benefit their customers. Year 1; 2.1%-4% average increase. Year 2; Year 3; 5% increase Year 4; 5% increase. Eliminating Tier 5 (wasteful water uses) and spreading the cost in the remaining 4 Tiers. On Average 80 % of customers are in Tier 1 & 2. Craig Miller stated that removing of tier 5 was a “reward” to our customers. The Employees now pay a higher rate to their retirement contributions. Went out on the market and shopped for their benefits which saved them 33% in costs. 14 new operational efficiencies will save WMWD 1.2 million dollars annually ongoing. June 2nd the WMWD Board will vote on the rate increase. Residents expressed concerns about the number of employees of Western that were present at the meeting, because it seemed a bit excessive. Sonya Alemdar stated that she has been asking for months for the reports and additional information regarding the cost to the customers on the “rebranding effort” that WMWD is pursuing.

5.0 Public Comments: Those who wish to address the MAC should complete a "Request to Speak" form and give it to the Secretary, completed. Speakers wishing to address items on the agenda should note the agenda item on the speaker's slip and will be asked to speak at that time. Speakers have a 3-minute time limit.
WMWD Gracie Torres asked for her constituents get in touch with her and voice their opinions on the Rate increase proposal. She also spoke about her idea on creating a Water Committee of Residences to help with better outreach and getting the community informed about issues at WMWD.
Mr. Alei Takano from Riverside County Flood Department spoke about the neighborhood meeting for Mocking Bird Canyon Flood Project, the meeting will be May 25th and May 26th at the Woodcrest Library.

6.0 Woodcrest MAC Board Member Comments-

Mike Osmon asked about what the plan is going to be with the Traffic to Van Buren. Asked for an update from County Staff. If it is going to get widened or at least getting it re-paved. Sonya Alemdar mentioned wanting to plan a Woodcrest Clean-up Day in the near future and would like to get a lot of Community Involvement.

7.0 State Legislative Updates

7.1 Representative for Assemblyman Kelly Seyarto's Office No representative was present.

7.2 Representative for Senator Melissa Melendez's Office Casey Diver excited about the state reopening, If anyone is having an issue with a state agency, please reach out to him and he will help you as much as possible.

8.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office Samantha Stilwell, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries
UCI Presentation at the June 15th. Exploring the lot at the end of the cul-de-sac with the ARPA money that will be coming to the County. There will be a Firework Reporting Phone Number. Samantha is our new Rep for the Woodcrest area.

9.0 Future Agenda Items

New TLMA Director Mark Lancaster to attend and address road concerns.

Date of proposed next meeting, July 8th 2021 @ 6pm @ Woodcrest Library

****Please note that MAC meetings are held on ODD MONTHS only.**

Adjournment time: _____ 7:40 PM