

WOODCREST MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Woodcrest Library

16625 Krameria Ave, Riverside, CA 92504

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**MEETING AGENDA**

**0.0 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance**

**1.0 Roll Call:** Lisa Alexen (Chair) Mike Osmon (Vice Chairperson), Sonya Alemdar (Secretary), Bruce Rogers, George Perez, Marissa Gruytch (Alt#1) and Vacant (Alt#2)

**2.0 Approval of Minutes:** July 8th, 2021 minutes approved with no corrections.

**3.0 Public Safety Updates:**

**3.1 – Riverside County Sheriff’s Department – Capt. Matthew Sims / Lt. Donovan Brooks/ Deputy Thomas**

July- 427 calls for service, 8 arrests. Assault with a deadly weapon at the bike shop suspected was arrested. Break-in off Washington. August-359 calls for service 11 arrests. Sommerset school was broken-into, stole catalytic converters off the cars in the parking lot, Break-in at Woodcrest Dental, Domestic Violence and Assault of a Peace Officer at Flat Top Bar. Deputy Thomas cleaned out the homeless encampment again at Gardner and Van Buren.

**3.2 – Riverside County Fire Department – Fire Station #8** not in attendance

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

Saddleback Light Construction to begin in about 2 weeks. There will be flagging but no full lane closures. The stripping was changed at Washington and Scottsdale. The median clean up was done like previously requested by community members. Capella paving update is about 18 months out because of the change to design and change of project because of drainage issues.

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

188 open code cases in the Woodcrest area, Sarah Rhodes new Code Officer to our area. The house on Suttles was finally cleaned up.

**3.5 – California Highway Patrol – CHP Representative** not in attendance

**3.6 – Western Municipal Water District – Grace Cardenas/ Director Gracie Torres**

Director Torres spoke about the mandate from the state to reduce water while we are in a drought.

**4.0 New Business:**

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

There were over 550 children that participated in the Summer Reading Program. 450 children read more than 5 books. RUSD served over 6,000 breakfasts and lunches, over 45 days. Fit after 50 programs are starting back up. Now offering Ancestry at home through your library cards for access.

**4.2 – Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco**

Board gave the Sheriff Department 5 million dollars for additional patrols for the entire county unincorporated areas. 1 floor of the New Jail is open due to inner department budget savings. The board didn’t approve additional budget requests to continue opening the Jail in Indio. Next budget year Sheriff Bianco will go back to the board and ask for more money to open the Jail because it is desperately needed in our county. In the Anza Valley, there is over 2300 illegal marijuana grows documented, RSO raids 10-20 a week. Currently, the homeless in our area, aren’t individuals that are struggling with lack of housing, it’s an addiction issue, lifestyle, and drug induced psychosis. The state laws aren’t helping the Homeless issues in our area. Don’t feel burdened by not calling in to the Sheriff Department. There are analysts that work in the department whose job is to analyze the calls for service. The #1 reason why deputies are out on Workers Compensation is due to fighting with homeless.

**4.3 – CDBG Informational Update Blanca Higuera** not in attendance

**4.4 – True Life Companies – Tim Kihm** [Proposed New Housing Project - Iris and Chicago]

140 acres, 273 houses, lots as small as ¼ acre to 1 acre lots, and a public park. Street improvements to Chicago Avenue, Iris Avenue, Gamble Avenue. 3 miles of trails for public access that follow the creeks beds and on the exterior of the property development. Deed will be in perpetuity for the public to use. The HOA will maintain it. Forever it will be open. Chicago will not be connected throughout the existing neighborhood. A decision wasn’t made on if the properties were going to be marketed as equestrian homes. General Plan for the area encourages intensive equestrian developed homes. Which requires 1 acre minimums lot size.

**4.5 – Proposed New Date for November Meeting**

NEW DATE is November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 because the original date for meeting falls on Veteran’s Day.

**4.6 – Smartlink (AT&T) Proposed Cell Tower – Alicia Strasheim**

New Cell Tower on Highview Court near La Sierra Construction. Estimated to start 6 months to a year.

**5.0 Public Comments:**

**6.0 Woodcrest MAC Board Member Comments**

**7.0 State Legislative Updates**

**7.1 Representative for Assemblyman Kelly Seyarto's Office**

Joe Fuentes is the Legislative Assistant for Kelly.

**7.2 Representative for Senator Melissa Melendez's Office**

Casey Diver Legislative Assistant for Melissa. Alex's Law (Melissa's Bill) awaiting the Governor signs this bill. Veteran's Expo 10.22.2021

**8.0 Report from Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' office**

Tom introduced Damian Fussel. Tom thanked the room for allowing the developer to speak and to allow us to provide them with our honest opinion.

**8.1 Damian Fussel, Legislative Analyst to Supervisor Kevin Jeffries**

Damian introduced himself, replaced Samantha Stillwell. Sage Ave was paved. Re-districting Board Meeting on 9/28/2021. Woodcrest Clean-up 9/25/2021 at Sandals Church.

**9.0 Future Agenda Items**

Sonya Alemdar suggested Kelly Seyarto to come to the November Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:37PM