

WOODCREST MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
January 11, 2024, at 6:00 P.M.  
16625 Krameria Ave., Riverside, CA 92504  
MINUTES

0.0: Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:14 PM.

1.0: Roll Call: Members present Bruce Rogers (chair), Larry Rubio (secretary), Sonya Almendar. Absent: George Perez (vice chair), Michael Osman, Marc McClain (first alternate).

Pledge of Allegiance

2.0: Approval of Minutes, October 12, 2023: M/S/C (ALMENDAR/RUBIO) approving the minutes of October 12, 2023, Woodcrest MAC meeting.

Approval of Minutes, November 9, 2023: M/S/C (ALMENDAR/RUBIO) approving the minutes of November 9, 2023, Woodcrest MAC meeting.

3.0 Announcement of Woodcrest MAC Meeting Rules and Regulations: Chair Rogers read a summary of the rules and regulations to the MAC.

4.0 Community Updates

4.1: Congressman Calvert's Staff Update: Jett Benavidez reported that the Congressman serves on the Defense Appropriations Committee. The Congressman led a bipartisan effort within the National Defense Authorization Act to transfer seven C130 Hercules airplanes from the Coast Guard to CalFire for the state of California to use for battling wildfires. He is also leading efforts to enact the "Stuck on Hold" Act to force wait time announcements when calling Social Security and the Veterans Administration. This would force these agencies to announce call wait times and if the wait time exceeds 15-minutes they must provide a call back option. With the call back option, they must respond within that same day.

4.2: Senator Seyarto Staff Update: Madison Marks-Noble "Maddy" updated the MAC on the Senator's efforts on SB 911 to make the first \$20k of payments for survivors' benefits tax free. SB 916 extends the California veterans fee waiver for courses that go toward undergraduate degrees. The Senator and his staff are always available to assist with any issues involving state agencies.

4.3: Assemblymember Essayli Staff Update: Casey Deaver stated that the Assemblymember is working on the legislative package. He is also working to find solutions to the State's \$68B deficit this cycle.

4.4: Riverside County Sheriff's Department: Lt. Favero updated the MAC on the Lake Matthews Station calls. In December, they had 258 calls for service, a couple assaults and arrests, six felonies and 17 misdemeanor arrests. In December they had 271 calls for service. There was a vehicle burglary string in the Lake Hills area and a home invasion on the Temescal Valley side. In the Woodcrest area they made four felony arrests and ten misdemeanor arrests. Favero then introduced the Station's newly appointed commander, Captain Jessica Vanderhoof. Questions were voiced about a drug lab raid on Roberts Rd.; numerous helicopters in the area; and weekend bonfires on the tentative Arroyo Vista tract.

4.5: Riverside County/CAL Fire: Engineer Markheim reported they had one commercial incident, 24 false alarms, 180 medical aids, 13 other type fires, seven public service assists, five residential structure fires, five standbys, 15 traffic collisions, one vehicle fire and six wild land fires for a total of 257 calls.

4.6: Code Enforcement: Officer Ayres reported that cases are down. They currently have 134 open cases this is down from the last report. They are working with the community to reduce incidents. For case updates residents can call 951-955-2004 and provide the case number and/or address.

4.7: California Highway Patrol: Officer Balantyne updated the MAC on traffic enforcement in the Woodcrest area. He did not yet have the fourth quarter data. He reported there were three fatal accidents in the area. Two were on Van Buren around the Mockingbird Canyon area. One was a hit and run in which a woman was fatally struck by a vehicle. Another was an illegal street race that resulted in an accident where one person lost his life. Both accidents resulted in arrests. The third was a single rider motorcycle accident off Firethorn that resulted in the rider losing his life. Stepped up enforcement on Van Buren and focus on schools during drop off and pick up times were initiated.

4.8: Riverside County Emergency Management Department: Representative Cadden updated the MAC on preparing for a disaster by having sufficient supplies on hand. He also updated the MAC on their efforts to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Updates on warnings and evacuations can be found at [www.rivcoready.org](http://www.rivcoready.org).

4.9: Western Municipal Water District Staff Update: Sylvia Ornales updated the MAC on SB 366 that proposes to force the State to increase the water supply by 2040 and 2060. She also discussed Prop 1 funding to establish a site reservoir that would be 1.5M acre feet of storage, or about double the size Diamond Valley Lake. If it doesn't get held up anymore, it should be completed by 2030. She discussed legislation to bring water from the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta to the South. Water would travel through a pipeline 150 feet below the ground. Ornales stated that work on Dallas Road and Riverside Avenue should be completed in five weeks. Member Almendar asked, if possible, could the Dallas Road project's excess dirt be used to fill a small dirt side road off Dallas Road. Ornales requested an email with exact location.

4.10 Woodcrest Library Update: None

4.11 Supervisor Karen Spiegel's Office: Melania Castellanos stated there were not any new general updates. The MAC meeting schedule is on the back of the meeting agenda. A question was presented to Tom Ketchum regarding a training session. Mr. Ketchum stated there were several delays but would shoot for late March as he is awaiting authorization. A member of the public thanked Supervisor Spiegel and staff for their efforts to mitigate a problem with coyotes in the area. She voiced her concern at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting, received a call about three hours afterwards, and has a trap on her property as we speak. Member Almendar asked for an update on the Woodcrest sewer construction project. Mr. Ketchum stated it was tentatively scheduled for March. Almendar requested an update on the Dallas Road paving project. Mr. Ketchum stated that should start at the end of February. Almendar asked for an update on the General Plan Committee for the GPA. Ketchum stated it would come to the Board in two weeks. That will begin the process to appoint people to the committee. There will be an announcement about this and the same process of having committee hearings will continue.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Quick Quack Car Wash Project on Van Buren Blvd. Update – David Storer \*10 minute update: Nick Wirick, Lee and Associates, representing the Fruchiano family provided background information on the subject property and the Quick Quack corporate structure and philosophy. He also stated that Quick Quack identifies a local charity then donates to that charity. David Storer has been with Quick Quack for about six months. He provided a slide presentation and stated that this project is consistent with the General Plan and zoning codes. It is categorically exempt under CEQA 15332 land fill. They completed a sound study and traffic study and are in compliance. They will invest \$6M above the land cost to develop this project. Member Almendar asked if this was the best use of your land. She suggested they come to future MAC meetings to better understand community needs and wants. She is concerned about traffic impacts that will result from this project. It was further requested that the supervisors pursue a moratorium against additional car washes in the area since there are already nine within a three-mile radius. MAC members and members of the audience suggested more information should be provided on traffic impacts.

6.0 Public Comments:

Grace Sims: Ms. Sims stated her concern regarding traffic around schools during the Van Buren sewer and pavement project. She stated that the construction times should begin at 8:30 AM to not impact school drop off times. It was further stated that the work should be conducted at night to avoid heavy traffic hours on Van Buren. Mr. Ketchum and Ms. Castellanos will present this to the County and RPU respectfully.

Tim Kihm: Mr. Kihm stated that the Arroyo Vista project had one EVA access point and two full points of access. He stated that their project is 1.6 units per acre. He will return to provide a community meeting around the end of February.

7.0: Woodcrest MAC Board Comments: No comments

8.0 Future agenda items: No comments

Proposed next meeting: March 14, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.