

MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2012
WINCHESTER MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Andy Domenigoni, Dirk Meredith and Jimmy Sheldrake.

Flag salute, introductions, approval of the agenda. Waved off the approval of the September minutes.

Guest speaker: Benjie Cho with Riverside County Transportation. Benjie is the Project Manager of the Hwy 79 widening.

Phase One--blasting October 25--rock crushing to continue--paving in late Nov or Dec--temporary signal at Construction Way, pole in the way, Westside--flop traffic early next year--need Caltrans approval for some moves at Scott Rd.--complete spring 2013.

Phase Two--Scott Rd. to Abelia--start March 2013--county would like signal at Keller Rd.--not enough cross traffic--need exemption--hope to put in during construction. Six lane right of way not owned. Phase One needs more right of way eastside. Phase two needs more right of way on both sides. Safety issue as spelled out by Andy. Concrete barriers both sides of road-- how do emergency vehicles get to victims in the event of an accident? Benjie said good point will look into it. Full completion early 2014. Good presentation, good questions.

Jeff--President on the Harvest Valley Community Council asked for the MAC's help in closing the last Medical Marijuana Collective in Homeland. The other collective, So Cal Botanical, shut down on its own, after winning a lawsuit against the county, they are waiting for the law to be sorted out. At their next meeting students from the Agriculture Research Center at Heritage High School will be their quest.

Dennis Tuffin, Kurt Gurling and Randy Williams, residents in the Keller Rd. area, were on hand to voice their concerns about the 79 widening. They had a petition in support of the installation of a signal at the intersection of

Keller and Hwy 79. Benjie and this group will be working together to arrive at a solution to this problem.

Opal Hellwig, Supervisor Stone's assistant and our liaison with his office, reported that all is quiet at their office. She spoke of The Lisa Project, a child abuse presentation, that a friend of mine saw and said it was heavy and disturbing. Good on the county for putting it out there. Another round of layoffs was forth coming. EDA to be hit again. Many office mergers in the works.

Jimmy Sheldrake--Winchester Land Use Study to be delivered to Supervisor Stone. Rice Rd. and Patterson issue correct in report. Jimmy makes a motion to accept the report and present it to the Supervisor, seconded by Dirk Meredith, motion carries, voting yes, Andy Domenigoni, Dirk Meredith and Jimmy Sheldrake, no nays. Cindy Domenigoni and Mike Rowe will attend the meeting representing the Winchester Town Association. Meeting to be set.

Dirk Meredith made a motion to expand the Winchester MAC bounties to include Homeland and Green Acres after months of discussion. Seconded by Jimmy Sheldrake, motion carries, voting yes, Andy Domenigoni, Dirk Meredith and Jimmy Sheldrake, no nays.

Kevin Pearson--EMWD--shell of water tank done in two weeks--36' pipeline moving along. Greg Cowdery disappointed with the landscaping at the ponds, Kevin will look into it. Dirt piled at Simpson--what will happen to it?--we could use it.

100 acres by McSweeny Ranch will/could become solar project.

Lt Guillen from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department was in attendance. The Lt made mention of a marijuana collective in Menifee--liability problems for the department--law confusing. The gang problem is mentioned--Latin Kings--downtown area-- Lt will pass the word to the gang taskforce. Mentions Motor Madness Car Show Saturday from 9 to 2 at MSJC Menifee. Birthday party from 4 to 9. Shuttle service for seniors from the core.

Greg Cowdery reports that the fundraiser for our local veteran to build him

a home raised \$6508.01--property chosen--start to build next year.

Winchester will turn 125 years old October 5, 2013--celebration planning in the works.

Cindy Domenigoni mentions the community benefit bingo to be held October 19th--BBQ chicken to be served.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.