

Winchester Municipal Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 14, 2013

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

Attendees:

Andy Domenigoni, Chairman
Dirk Meredith, Vice-Chairman
Jimmy Sheldrake
James Horecka, Secretary, absent
(fifth seat vacant)

Ex Officio:

Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Stone.
Members of the Public

Call to Order: Chairman Andy Domenigoni at 6:30 pm.

Flag Salute. Introductions.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion for approval: Meredith. Second: Sheldrake. Approved: Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from January 10, 2013:

Motion for approval: Sheldrake. Second: Meredith. Approved: Unanimously.

Guests: Louis Davis from Southern California Edison cancelled.

New Business:

1. Draft EIR for Hwy 79 is out. Cathy Bechtel from RCTC will attend our March 14th meeting. Realignment tossed around. Much information forthcoming.

2. We will set up another meeting with Louis Davis from SCE.

3. Meetings with new city managers of Hemet and Menifee in the works.

4. Other New Business:

Eight grade student Bethany, from Rancho Viejo Middle School, gave a short talk on her wanting to go to Washington D.C. with her English Honors Class. She attended Winchester Elementary School and was selling Slim Jim's and packets of coffee to help raise the \$2139.00 needed for the trip. Five days and four nights. Several in attendance purchased products.

5. Re-modeling of building between Winchester Store and Winchester Feed. Word on the street possible medical marijuana dispensary. Opal will talk with code enforcement. Lots of work taking place.

Old Business:

A: Update from Opal Hellweg, Supervisor Stone's assistant.

New Code Enforcement Supervisor Hector (missed last name) but had worked our area before.

Reported on the Golden Spotted Oak Borer beetle. Major problem, responsible for the loss of 80,000 oak trees in San Diego County. Asked that residents not bring in oak firewood from any outside locations. This is a major concern of county officials and residents as we have a large oak tree population.

Opal provided us with a map of the new boundaries of the Winchester-Homeland MAC. Most helpful.

A motion was made by Sheldrake, seconded by Meredith, to expand the Winchester Mac boundaries to include Homeland and Green Acres. Approved unanimously.

B. EMWD update: Kevin Pearson.

Longfellow Tank done inside, to be painted outside soon. Pipeline done. To go online in June if all goes well. Future pipeline work on Leon Rd. Questions were asked about access to get around the work. Kevin will get us some answers. Andy was interested in what EMWD had learned about the reclaimed water problems in the citrus groves. Kevin tells us of an upcoming class at EMWD headquarters concerning a new sprinkler control valve. To be held Feb. 23rd in the board room. Complaints about the road condition at Ashbury and Longfellow because on construction activities were discussed.

C. 79 Widening: Andy reports they are having problems with the road base. Drainage problems at Holland Road. Phase Two to start soon. Fence issue. Temp fencing to be stock tight. All things related to construction to be moved then put back to work.

D. Solar Farms Update: Sun Edison cancelled meeting with Andy. McSweeney Ranch land on State St. possible future solar farm. Hemet doing EIR. Sun Edison has option along Domenigoni Parkway. Also west side of dam. Does MWD doing EIR in house change things as to county input and control?

E. Sheriff Lt. reports that priority 1 calls response time off by 12 minutes. Budget cuts, man power issues. Crime down over all in county. New thief target- air conditioning wiring and units.

F. 125 Anniversary Update: Planning moving along nicely.

G. New sign going up coming into town from the south. Pointing to community center and park.

H. The Domenigoni Ranch Charity Ride for Diabetes to be held May 4th was mentioned and the body was told that the ride will honor Winchester's 125 anniversary. Recognition will be shown on brochures, posters and tee shirts.

Next MAC meeting will be held March 14, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Vice Chairman Dirk Meredith