

# Winchester/Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 8, 2018

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

### Attendees:

#### Winchester MAC:

Andy Domenigoni, Chairman; Dirk Meredith, Vice-Chairman; James Horecka, Secretary; Jeff Logan; Jimmy Sheldrake.

#### Ex Officio:

Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for Third District Supervisor

Members of the Public

Call to Order: Call to Order by Andy Domenigoni at 6:32 PM.

### Approval of Agenda:

Andy: Correct agenda item C to defer it. Motion to approve agenda as-corrected: Motion by Meredith; 2nd by Sheldrake. Approved unanimously.

### Approval of January Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve: Motion by Meredith; second by Sheldrake. Approved unanimously.

### Old Business:

#### A. General County update; Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant:

- Opal commended all in attendance for turning out to participate in the Town Planning meeting. She reminded us all that participating in this fashion is the purest form of democracy, grass roots citizen participation.
- Announced the upcoming 4 Winchester Community Clean-up. Brought fliers.
- Announced the 2018 Riverside County AgExpo: March 14, Riverside County Fairgrounds. Brought fliers for this as well.
- Andy Domenigoni thanked Opal for all her help supporting the MAC. He also thanked Angela Little and the Winchester Town Association for their support, especially funding the postage for sending out all the mailers to locals advertising tonight's important event.
- C: Gregg Cowdery noted that some of the existing paved roads in town will be undergoing re-paving. Exact details not known at this time.

#### B. Sheriff Department update: Deferred.

#### C. EMWD Updates: Deferred.

#### D. Highway 79 Realignment update: Deferred.

#### E. Land Use update: Deferred.

#### F. City of Hemet update: Deferred.

#### G. City of Menifee update: Deferred.

#### H. Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez' Office Field Representative Samantha Stilwell gave a brief overview:

1. AB 403, Whistle Blower Act: Passed. One bill passed in two years.
2. Announced the annual Women's Self Defense class: Saturday, February 24, 10:00-noon. Presentations by the sheriff and grandmaster Darrel Videll.

#### I. Other Old Business: Deferred.

### Open Forum:

1. Deferred.

Guest: Jerry Jolliffe with Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency and Land Use Consultant David Barquist with Kimley-Horn. Winchester Community Plan Workshop #3.

MAC Chairman Andy Domenigoni expressed our thanks to the County for funding these planning efforts. We greatly appreciate the value this brings to our community. He then introduced Jerry Jolliffe, who then took the floor. Jerry advised us that he brought along a Spanish translator to assist as needed in communication, both from the planning consultant to the citizens & citizens to the planning consultants.

He gave an overview of the General Plan. What it is, what it is not. There are GPs dating back to the 1960s. In 2003, a General Plan was adopted for our area: The Harvest Valley Plan.

Jerry asked that we participate & interact this evening. He pointed out background maps, which also include already-approved projects, as well as the 'bubble diagram' sketch of the downtown area, created about five years ago. The Downtown Core concept plan features mixed-use development. The intent is that this remain the Core. He stated that the current GP is in effect now. The area covered is approximately from Menifee on the west, Hemet on the east, Stetson on the north, Scott on the south. He also brought GP maps for the cities of Menifee and Hemet.

After tonight's meeting, all the comment cards filled out by citizens will be collected.

Mr. Barquist took the floor and introduced the plan for the evening. He encouraged us to provide meaningful feedback: Not just a Yes or No, but the "Why" behind our opinions. They are aiming to arrived at a preferred alternative. He reinforced that the General Plan does NOT 'build' anything: It is adopted policy that helps to define future development. He covered basic welcoming statements, then introduced the rough schedule of the project. He stressed the importance of the Community Engagement Program. And he presented a recap of where we have been so far. We're about a year and a half out from any conclusions. The idea is to come before the Board of Supervisors sometime in 2019.

So far, we have had two Public Workshops. This is the third Public Workshop. #1 covered, in brief: Intro, History, Visioning, etc. #2 covered, in brief, Exploration of Alternative Ideas. #3 will covered "Preferred Alternatives." The stakeholders are, among other: All of us citizens, each important, equal, heard and recorded. As well as EMWD, other utilities, Tribal Entities, County Service Providers, Special Districts, other agencies, etc.

From there, we dug into the Public Workshop. That portion of the meeting will be recorded on comment cards and such by the Planning Consultant and County Planning.

Next WMAC Meeting:

Next WHMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2018, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment: The WHMAC adjourned at 8:30 PM.