

Winchester-Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 09, 2019

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

Attendees:

Winchester MAC:

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

Ex Officio:

Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for Third District Supervisor
Members of the Public

Call to Order: Call to Order by Andy Domenigoni at 6:34 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda: Motion by Logan; second by Meredith. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve January 10th Meeting Minutes: Motion by Meredith; 2nd by Logan. Approved U.

Guest Speaker: Manuel Acueto, Interim Code Council Official, Riverside County Code Enforcement.

Mr. Acueto was unable to attend our meeting this evening. Marr Christian spoke instead, covering various issues of interest:

- The mobile home at Leon & Hwy 74: Background: There was some sheriff activity; a person in a car passed away. Building & Safety red-tagged the mobile home, but did not notify Code Enforcement. The unit has now been posted as substandard. When you encounter issues like this, don't hesitate to file a report. Call 955-2004. Marr noted that all communications have now been centralized, and that getting through can sometimes be frustrating.
- Hidden Valley at Rawson: An inspection warrant case.
- Leon & Terand: Two properties involved in utility theft.
- 9th St & Patterson: Illegal storage. They were given a notice, & an administrative hearing for abatement. Now in the 90-day appeal period.
- Winchester & Stetson: Generator noise.
- Winchester Rd at 9th (the old Winchester Inn): A dispensary popped up (claiming to be a church). That issue is going through due process, with County council.
- Melba & Allen: Illegal grading.
- At Olson, south of Allen: Illegal cultivation. In civil litigation.
- The dispensary on SH 7h in Homeland is scheduled to go into receivership; in the hands of council.
- A large greenhouse was shut down.
- 4,000 marijuana plants were pulled out of Juniper Flats.
- 32,000 marijuana plants were removed from Meade Valley.
- At Epiplaneia and Holland Road, by the former dairy: Hotheouses are up again.
- Marr noted that Code Enforcement does the discovery. County council writes the Cease & Desist orders.
- Their warrant deals with cultivation only.
- Applications: The County of Riverside is looking to regulate cultivation of marijuana. For only 50 growers. At present time, it is still illegal to cultivate in unincorporated areas of Riverside County, except for minor private growing, with Recommendations: Limited to 12 plants per person; if there

are two Recommendations in a single household, then the limit is 24 plants, maximum. Marr noted that the County of Riverside has not granted ANY permits. Permits would only be granted after due process through the new system, meeting requirements as they end up, proper zoning, etc.

Old Business:

- A. General County update; Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant:
- With intern Leslie Sanchez, from Senator Stone's office.
 - The County budget is \$5 billion total, but only \$820 million of that is discretionary. She brought a packet to share, for those interested. Additional info on-line.
 - The fires and floods cost our County dearly this year. The rain events alone cost \$93M. We got a federal grant, 75% of the \$93M, which will help. Governor Newsom decreed a State of Emergency.
 - Good news: Dr. Robert Pleinhens indicated that there is "no recession" in Riverside: Riverside County is in 'full employment,' with the unemployment rate at about 4.7%. Flat/slow growth.
 - Priorities of the County Supervisors: 1. Healthcare. 2. Local hospitality. 3. Logistics. 4. Whole Trade. 5. Manufacturing. 6. Tourism.
 - 75% of workers do not commute. 90% commute in Los Angeles. Home ownership is 66% in Riverside County.
 - Great news: The French Valley Library project was approved!
 - Leslie Sanchez, intern (goes to UCR): The cleanup in the Winchester / French Valley area was a success, with several tons of trash & debris removed by the community.
- B. Sheriff Department update; Deputy Andrew Showalter:
- Crime stats: Mar: 220 calls; 5 arrests; Feb: 217 calls, 4 arrests.
 - Some model homes in the Mountain View tract have been hit with theft.
- C. EMWD Updates; Kevin Pearson:
- Not present; no report.
- D. Code Enforcement; Marr Christian:
- See 'Guest Speaker' above.
- E. Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez' Office; Cynthia Bennet:
- Cynthia announced that the next Town Hall will be at the Canyon Lake County Club, on the 10th. Cynthia brought us up to date on legislative efforts. Regarding the fire arms bill: A new rule allow for a bill to not even be read; AB 276 fell into this rule. So it is dead. The Chair killed the bill, so that the supporters will have time to improve the language; this may give the bill a better chance of passing next time. She mentioned a bill to provide grant funding to combat human trafficking, which is moving along. AB 18 proposes a gun tax: \$45 per gun.
- F. Senator Stone District Director, Darrell Connerton:
- Darrel Connerton stated that Senator Stone is working on 15 bills: See the Senator's web page for current details.
- G. Highway 79: No news.
- H. Land Use update; Cindy Domenigoni, et al.:
1. Winchester Community Planning update:
 - a. Winchester-Homeland General Plan Amendment #1207 is still in process.
 - b. EIR Scoping Session was scheduled for April 30th: update: About 50 people attended the EIR Scoping Session on April 30th, not counting government officials present. The public has until May 20th to comment and ask questions.
 2. Winchester Ranch Marketplace: Still in the EA process. No update.
 3. Stone Creek (TR 36365): Pending TPC hearings. Held up due to the Highway 79 Policy Area (47 units over the maximum allowance).
 4. Domenigoni Plaza – Commercial development at Winchester Rd & Domenigoni Parkway.

- J&T Management owns the land. They are looking to go to the County next month. There will be a convenience store, gas station & pumps. They will meet or exceed parking requirements, landscape requirements, etc. All studies and such have been done, per CEQA requirements and normal processing. The County planners have been involved in the architecture of the facilities (the presenter was the Director of Architecture for Ralph's Markets). There may be a grocery store on this site in the future. There is a CUP. Preparation of Draft Conditions of Approval are underway. Our local input was sought. Comments include: The facades are blah and nondescript; they could be anywhere. We opined that some effort to make the facades appear to reflect local Winchester would be appreciated. Also noted was that Winchester Hills has formal Architectural Design Guidelines, which should be adhered to. This should not be just another rubber-stamp job. The proponent seemed receptive.
- I. City of Hemet update; Jeff Logan: No news.
- J. City of Menifee update:
 - The City of Menifee has a new Police Chief, Pat Walsh. Also, they plan to begin hiring for the Police Department soon.
 - Menifee is now the second-fastest growing city in Riverside County. First is Beaumont. Menifee is seventh-fastest growing in the state of California.
- K. Other Old Business:
 - Future topic suggestion: Have Supervisor Washington come visit the MAC again.

Open Forum:

- Angela expressed concern over the minimal improvements and other issues at the intersection of Scott and Leon Roads. She reminded all that the high school near there is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2020.
- The Domenigoni Charity Ride for Diabetes was a huge success! Per Dirk Meredith: Great weather, 230-some horse. All went well. Great sponsorship. Benefits go to Camp Conrad Chinnock. 14 runs and counting, with Dirk involved as Chairman for 28 years total! Thanks to all sponsors and participants. A grand time was enjoyed by all, at a true country affair!

Next WHMAC Meeting:

The next WHMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2019 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment:

The WHMAC adjourned at 7:52 PM DM/JS/Un).