

# Winchester Municipal Advisory Council

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 12, 2012

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

### Attendees:

#### Winchester MAC:

Andy Domenigoni, Chairman  
Dirk Meredith, Vice-Chairman  
James Horecka, Secretary  
Jimmy Sheldrake

#### Absent:

Al Ramirez

#### Ex Officio:

Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Jeff Stone

Members of the Public

Guests

Call to Order: Call to Order by Andy Domenigoni at 6:33 PM.

Flag Salute. Introductions.

### Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Meredith. Second: Horecka. Approved: Unanimously.

### Approval of November 17, 2011 Minutes:

Motion to approve: Meredith. Second: Sheldrake. Approved: Unanimously.

### Guests:

#### 1. Paul Jones, G.M. for EMWD.

- Longfellow Recycled Water Tank Project: Began grading in November. On schedule. Expected completion of the project: About the end of 2012.
- Winchester Ponds: The old landscaping fronting Simpson, which degraded, will now be replaced with new appropriate landscaping. Drought-tolerant plants, irrigation, ornamental rock.
- Signage on Tanks: Paul advised us that EMWD has a program whereby non-profits (like our community) may advertise on side of tank. Public entities. MACs qualify. Can apply for a sign or mural, then if approved pay to paint. Recoat about every ~15 years.
- Questions:
  - Q: Water-wise landscaping at ponds? A: Yes.
  - Q: Pipes in town are old? A: Yes, they are.
  - Q: Sewer line issue along Pkwy? A: Yes, EMWD is aware.
  - Q: Wine Country sewer project? A: Jones indicated that the project down in that area may in the future prove a useful model for funding/developing sewer in other communities.
  - Q: Concern over TDS in Recycled Water. A: EMWD is aware of issue; trying to keep salts down via various methods, incl'g getting more outside water to mix, desalting, etc. EMWD is trying to add a third desalting plant.

#### 2. John Hill, Perris Station of Riverside County Sheriff.

- Hill announced that the Perris Station has now taken over our area. Benefits will include: Improved response time. An assigned deputy. Assigned Lt Charlie Woolhite, Area Comander, & Deputy Baron, who will oversee crimes & investigations.
- Numbers will stay the same: 776-1099. Toll-free: 800-950-2444 Emergency: 911
- Deputy Baron informed us that crimes in our area are generally minor and few. No trends or significant issues to report.

## New Business:

## 1. Regent Property Meeting

- Sheldrake gave report. Location: SW corner of Winchester Rd. & Domenigoni Pkwy. Project: Regent shared some maps. Some proposed minor changes in density to suit market, economy. Project reportedly still staying within EIR as far as traffic, architectural character, etc.
- Questions:
  - Q: Is it the intent of Regent to get Entitlements, then sell? A: Unknown.
  - Q: Is Regent taking into account the Realignment of Hwy 79? A: Yes.
  - Q: What is timeline? A: Unknown. Just pursuing Entitlements at present.
  - Q: Are there renderings? A: Citizens can visit County resources; see County Website for detailed info.
  - Q: Will Project affect our town 'look'? A: Rancon got buy-in on the design guidelines from our local community years ago.

## 2. City of Hemet General Plan

- Andy Domenigoni attended Hemet meeting. Andy objected to Hemet's expansion of sphere. Dirk Meredith noted that the sphere is proposed to encompass some 97 square miles. Gregg Cowdery noted that the Hemet City Council indicated that they have no intention of "backing off" our area. They mentioned the WMAC. The sphere change must first go to LAFCO for consideration. Requires 51% of votes to be approved. Supervisor Stone sits on LAFCO. The consensus in the room was that it is clear that Hemet wants Highway 79 for the Tax Base for their city.

## 3. Other New Business

- Citizen question: Does our community intend to pursue cityhood? A: Yes, someday. Jimmy Sheldrake noted that Gregg Cowdery sits on the Cityhood Committee in WHOA.

## Old Business:

## A. Update - Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant

- Supervisors voted to not dip into reserves for budget.
- If WMAC wishes to send a letter of opposition re Hemet's sphere, we can. Andy advised we do.
- Opal gave notice of a hearing on the Liberty Quarry (their appeal). See website for details.
- Opal announced the grand opening of the Field of Dreams.

## B. Land Use Committee Meeting - (Jimmy Sheldrake)

- Sheldrake visited San Jacinto. Noted that there is little going on these days, due to 'the economy.'
- J.S. noted there will be a joint meeting of the Winchester Town Association & the WMAC Jan 17th.

## C. EMWD Updates - Longfellow Recycle Water Tank

- See above (covered earlier).

## D. Highway 79 - Update on widening - Andy Domenigoni - 1/23/2012 Meeting

- Notice to Proceed was signed. Permits still lacking. Likely to start in February.
- There will be a public meeting, here, to inform public regarding construction processes.

## E. MWD Proposed Solar Farm (Andy Domenigoni)

- Andy met previous week. OPower bought out by Sun Edison. Not much info forthcoming. Andy will set up a meeting with Sun Edison.

## F. New MAC Member

- Opal briefed us on the process and the status.
- Also noted that the WMAC may possibly wish to join with another MAC to the north of us, IF there were to be community interest in so doing. Plusses & minuses. Andy requested Maps. Opal will get. A future Town Hall Meeting may be called to discuss that topic.

## G. Other Old Business

- Charlie asked status on the Soboba Property. A: They would have to follow same rules as anyone.

Open Forum: No items.

## Next WMAC Meeting:

The next WMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2012, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.  
Adjournment: WMAC Adjourned 7:55 PM.