

Winchester Municipal Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 9, 2012

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

Attendees:

Winchester MAC:

Andy Domenigoni, Chairman
Dirk Meredith, Vice-Chairman
James Horecka, Secretary
Jimmy Sheldrake
(Fifth Seat still vacant)

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 6:31 PM.

Flag Salute. Introductions.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2012:

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

Guests:

1. Gary Thornhill: Winchester Land Use Update
 - Gary brought us up to date on current process. Working on Background Report.
 - First Workshop will be February 13th. Then slated about every three weeks.
 - "Opportunities and Constraints." Policies, Goals & Objectives.
 - To help enable the WMAC & Community to control our destiny.

New Business:

1. Highway 79 Groundbreaking:
 - Andy announced details of groundbreaking and meetings to keep public informed.
2. Other New Business:
 - None.

Old Business:

- A. Update - Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant
 - Sup. Stone has directed Staff to help assure safety during widening of Hwy 79.
 - Opal advised us of budgetary issues facing the County.
 - Opal mentioned the hearings about the proposed quarry near Temecula.
 - Q: RDA funding? A: State issue. Not likely any access to funds.
- B. Land Use Committee Meeting - (Jimmy Sheldrake)
 - Sheldrake did not attend. No report Dirk attended. Told of Regent project. Regent proposes to alter density and other aspects; two signals, shopping center; no apartments. Suspects Regent likely will go after entitlements, then sell.
 - Q: How will development be controlled? A: Via guidelines and controls, as usual.
 - Cindy: WTA requested time to review the changes.
 - There is concern over density, vehicle trips, etc. Claim "no impact;" hard to believe that.

- Mike Rowe suggested Regent is attempting to make project more marketable.
 - Thornhill: They will have to amend the Specific Plan; not easy?
 - Sheldrake: Be cautious, sure. But we'll need retail, jobs, etc.
 - Horecka: Allegro ma non Troppo: Progress, but not so fast as to be careless and end up like MoVal.
 - Concerns over density, mix. Consensus was that we, the community, require more information.
- C. EMWD Updates - Longfellow Recycle Water Tank
- Updated us on progress. Grading nearly complete. On schedule.
 - Water pressure issues: EMWD found a faulty regulator; repaired it. Should be better now; 70-75 psi.
 - Pipeline contract awarded.
 - Cindy: Winchester is indeed interested in painting Winchester ID on the Tank.
- D. Highway 79 - Update on widening.
- Andy updated us on status. Focus will be on safety throughout.
 - Sheriff advised that only they can issue a permit for blasting; will help ensure safety.
 - Construction start may be delayed until Feb 28 or so, due to contractor.
 - Concern that access to local businesses be maintained, as well as emergency vehicle access.
 - RCTC was not able to attend this evening's meeting. Perhaps in April. Andy will try to get another Guest to speak; perhaps Dennis Green, Juan Perez, or the Contractor (of widening project).
- E. MWD Proposed Solar Farm (Andy Domenigoni)
- Andy Domenigoni attended a meeting in LA. What can they put on the land on east and west zones? 3,770 acres total. Solar Farm still in the running; but their Option will expire in March.
 - Markham: If the solar power is for MWD alone, no permits required.
 - Cowdery: MWD was to have allocated funds for recreational development.
- F. New MAC Member
- Issue was discussed at the Quarterly Meeting with Supervisor Stone.
 - There will be a Town Hall Meeting at some point in the near future. The District 5 MAC is now in District 3. Romoland/Homeland MAC is now non-existent. Interest was expressed in joining with us, as areas abut. WMAC requested Maps showing areas, limits.
- G. Other Old Business
- Sheriff: Crime is up, ~19%. Property crime up. Our Community Deputy was rotated back into patrol.
 - Public Hearing on Flood Control: Andy Domenigoni wanted to attend, but could not. He advised that written comments were still being accepted. Markham suggested that if we have anything to say, we should speak up. He suggested that we ask that Flood update the Master Plan for the Hemet Channel, as well as the Green Acres Dam; promoted funding necessary studies.

Open Forum:

Gregg Cowdery read a statement from 1893, regarding 'beautifying the community.'

Next WMAC Meeting:

The next WMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2012, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment: WMAC Adjourned 7:52 PM.