

# Winchester Municipal Advisory Council

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 14, 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

Guest: Cathy Bechtel – Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

Call to Order: Call to Order by Andy Domenigoni at 6:30 PM.

Flag Salute. Introductions.

### Approval of Agenda:

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

### Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2012:

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

### Guests:

1. Cathy Bechtel – Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), assisted by Gustavo Quintero.
  - Cathy brought us up to date on the status of the Highway 79 Realignment project. She hit highlights, including the various Alternatives, heights (25'+ vs just above flood plain), etc.
  - Train vs 79: RCTC owns ROW; there has been no tater train for years; tho no traffic, there is no desire to abandon ROW. RR is currently funded only to the Perris station. Even if 79 is built down low at the tracks, if RR ever extends service, RR could bridge over 79.
  - Q by Meredith: What is the 2014 milestone? A: "Record of Decision"; authority to do so. Then engineering could begin, then ROW acquisition could start. If the EIR is old by then, it may need to be revisited; called Revalidation.
  - At present, the project has neither approval, nor authority, nor money.
  - Q by Markham: Who makes the alignment decision? A: Affect local agencies, CalTrans, RCTC. A recommendation is made, then written into the EIR. Legal reviews; if OK, CalTrans then has the authority to approve the project.

### Sheriff's Report (*item moved up in agenda as a courtesy*)

- Lieutenant Charles Wilhite advised us of crime trends. Deputy Rodriguez serving SW Riverside Co.

### New Business:

1. Harvest Valley Community (HVC) Meeting
  - Harvest Valley Town Hall meeting was May 15<sup>th</sup>. Stone attended, along with Vern, his Chief of Staff; also Jeff Logan of HV, some from the WTA. The next meeting will be June 19<sup>th</sup>. The consensus of the community was that they would like to join the WMAC.
  - WTA is also on board. WTA voted to support the merger. Most concur.

- The topic was also discussed at the April 25 Quarterly Meeting with Supervisor Stone. Opal Hellweg will assist in setting up the merger, determining boundaries, board members, etc.

## 2. Other New Business:

- Mr. Su, "Frank," owner of Winchester Market, & his son, told of troubles w/ tenants, Code Enf., etc.

## Old Business:

- A. Update - Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant
  - Opal reported that Jeff Stone was re-elected as County Supervisor.
- B. Land Use Committee Meeting - (Sheldrake)
  - Sheldrake didn't attend. Meredith briefed us; he advised of a Power Point on Website. Noted that the next meeting is slated for the 18<sup>th</sup>, with the topic being Trails. Thornhill continuing to refine Plan.
- C. EMWD Updates - Longfellow Recycle Water Tank
  - Peter Odencrans of EMWD advised us that the project is on schedule.
- D. Highway 79 - Update on widening.
  - The project is coming along. Gregg & Gail were at a blasting event, which went off well.
- E. MWD Proposed Solar Farm (Andy Domenigoni)
  - No news.
- F. New MAC Member
  - Deferred to later.
- G. Sheriff Dept - Lieutenant Charles Wilhite
  - Covered above.
- H. City of Hemet update – Emery Papp
  - EP advised us on news from May 22<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting, incl: Regional Housing Needs Assessment. General Plan area, extending now to Hwy 79. Zoning Consistency; likely sim. to now. General Plan was adopted in January, 2012; two years to complete process. Meredith asked that we be notified when the study sessions reach California Avenue. Papp gave his email and tele.
- I. Other Old Business
  - None.

## Open Forum:

- Gregg Cowdery announced that Cub Scout Pack 383 is back.
- Gregg Cowdery announced the Homes for Our Troops fundraising event, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Harvest Valley event; July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.
- Peter Odencrans of EMWD announced that Outdoor Water Efficiency Kits are available.

## Next WMAC Meeting:

The next WMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2012, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment: WMAC Adjourned 7:45 PM.