

# Winchester/Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 12, 2013

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

### Attendees:

#### Winchester MAC:

Dirk Meredith, Vice-Chairman

James Horecka, Secretary

Jimmy Sheldrake

Jeff Logan

Absent: Andy Domenigoni, Chairman

#### Ex Officio:

Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Jeff Stone

Members of the Public

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

Flag Salute. Introductions.

### Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Sheldrake; Second: Logan. Approved: Unanimously.

### Approval of August Meeting Minutes:

There was no quorum in August. General open discussion. No minutes.

### Guest: Marty Rosen, regarding Equestrian Trails

Rosen discussed the trail closure and rerouting due to the work on Leon Road. He presented a written response. Please see that document for details. Rosen's presentation was well received; the WMAC & public thanked him.

### New Business:

1. Downtown area proposal with 3M Development. Dirk informed us of 3M Development's intent. This will be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the WTA Land Use Committee, on September 16<sup>th</sup>. They have 200 acres. 40 acres is in our downtown area. Developer is proposing to engage a consultant, a Planner, to develop a concept. He'll look beyond the 40 acres. This study will likely be of value to us.  
Q from Gregg Cowdery to Opal: Does Metrolink still have plans to someday have a station in Winchester? She did not know off-hand.
2. Other New Business: Charlie (public) asked that a coffee pot be provided in the meeting room.

### Old Business:

- A. Update - Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant advised us of the following:
  - a. Opal reported that Gregg went to the Board of Supervisors, who agreed to provide \$5K for the upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
  - b. Opal reported that Discretionary Funding is improving a little.
  - c. The Board of Supervisors decided several items, on such matters as ACA, Prison Realignment, building the East County Detention Center, etc.
  - d. Opal announced the Emergency Preparedness; there is a group who can come present to us.
  - e. Opal suggested the WMAC also tap into the offerings of the Mobile Health Fair.
  - f. Q from Logan: Clean-up Day in Homeland? Opal did not have info on that.
  - g. Q from Charlie: Where will new Courthouse be? Opal said that has not yet been decided.
- B. Sheriff Dept:
  - Not present. No report.

- C. EMWD Updates – Kevin Pearson reported on Sewer Main work, down Olive Avenue. Bid soon.
  - No news.
- D. Highway 79 - Update on widening.
  - The progress is apparent.
- E. MWD Proposed Solar Farm (Andy Domenigoni)
  - On hold.
- F. Land Use – (Jimmy Sheldrake)
  - Area developer Michael Smith, who owns a large property, has indicated that he wants to set up a meeting with us & WTA, regarding 40 acres in our Core area. He wants to bring in a Planner, at his expense, to study that area in our core. A WTA Land Use Committee meeting is planned for September 16<sup>th</sup>. For more info, call: 926-6924. Sheldrake urged attendance.
- G. Gangs in Winchester.
  - Gregg Cowdery informed us that there's a new Sheriff in town. Well, a new Captain at the Sheriff Station. He suggested that we invite him to our WMAC. All concurred. Noted that there was a murder & fire in our area recently.
- H. City of Hemet update – Emery Papp
  - Emery not present; no report.
- I. Citizens Patrol -- Bob Gibbons
  - Bob not present; no report.
- J. Winchester 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Gregg Cowdery
  - Gregg Cowdery reported that County Permits for the event have been acquired. There is a Schedule. He briefed the WMAC on various events planned, and contributions made. A grand event is expected. Gregg also announced that he has event shirts and caps for sale. Event will be October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- K. Dispensaries:
  - The Dispensary south of Winchester Store appears to still be open, conduction business secretly.
  - Logan mentioned that he believes there to be a possible dispensary coming in on Highway 74. Opal offered to follow-up on that.
- L. Other Old Business
  - None.

Open Forum:

- A. Dirk Meredith put forth the fresh idea of promoting our valley as the Winchester California Cycling Epicenter. Building on the idea as a new 'identity' for Winchester. He cited the fact that area highways are already quite popular with bicycle enthusiasts.
- B. Phil Paule of EMWD stopped in to visit. Dirk welcomed him.
- C. Gregg Cowdery announced two other events that are scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>, the anniversary date.

Next WMAC Meeting:

The next WMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10th, 2013, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment:

The WMAC adjourned 7:25 PM.