

Winchester/Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 9, 2014

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

Attendees:

Winchester MAC:

Andy Domenigoni, Chairman
James Horecka, Secretary
Jimmy Sheldrake
Vacation: Dirk Meredith, Vice-Chairman
Sick: Jeff Logan

Ex Officio:

Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Jeff Stone
Members of the Public

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

Flag Salute. Introductions.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Sheldrake; Second: Horecka. Approved, unanimously.

Approval of August Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve: Sheldrake; Second: Horecka. Approved, unanimously.

Guest:

Meardy Tim, Project Manager for CalTrans.

Presented on various CalTrans topics, involving mostly how projects are processed, reviewed, approved, funded, etc., from beginning to end. His presentation was accompanied by a PowerPoint deck, paper copies of which he distributed and left with the MAC. The presentation was an overview of the California Highway System, what roles CalTrans plays, funding sources, how highways are planned, approval processes, construction processes and close-out. Tim was assisted from time to time by others present from CalTrans. The presentation ran until 7:30 PM.

New Business:

1. LAFCO Hearing:

A. Gregg, Charlie & Andy attended.

LAFCO stood up for Winchester. Proposed City of Menifee Sphere of Influence Map: Could have encroached into Winchester boundaries. However, no action was taken, as there was nothing properly submitted. The City of Menifee had not requested a sphere of influence increase.

2. Other New Business:

A. None.

Old Business:

A. Update – Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant

· Opal not present. No update.

B. Sheriff Dept:

· Lt. Charles Guillen spoke. Advised us of an arrest of a certain citizen. Also advised that the Metro PCS Store was robbed, and that the next day suspects were in custody. Advised the usual cautions.

C. EMWD Updates:

· Phil Paule spoke, assisted by Kevin Pearson. Phil announced the EMWD Open House coming up on October 25th, at EMWD HQ. He brought flyers for the room.

Phil Paule discussed desalination in California, noting that he is on the board of directors. He told of various locations where desalination is working, including our own. Discussed ocean desal, and correction of brackish well water (which is the case in our area). More desal will expand water portfolio. Keven Pearson updated us on the status of the sewer line work: Salt Creek will have a pre-bid walk next week; at Olive Avenue, the contractor is dealing with dewatering challenges.

D. Highway 79 - Update on widening.

Minor work continues; generally punch-list type work.

E. MWD Proposed Solar Farm:

No news. It was noted that Sun Edison is pursuing a CUP with Hemet on the East side of town: north of the Parkway, 134 acres.

F. Land Use:

1. Downtown Core: Reiterated that the contract planner has been engaged. The next Land Use meeting will be in 2015. Probably not a lot of movement will be seen until July.

2. Solar Project proposed for Grand Avenue (10 acres). Ecos Energy. The project passed Planning Commission, and is schedule for review by the Board of Supervisors on October 14th.

3. Riverside County General Plan Amendment No. 960: No news.

G. Gangs in Winchester update: No news.

H. City of Hemet update - Activities noted include: A site development review for 40 units on 34 acres; a proposed CUP amendment for "Shooters Bar & Billiards," which was denied.

I. City of Menifee – Andy Domenigoni: No significant news. See above for sphere of influence, etc.

J. Citizens Patrol - Bob Gibbons: Not present; no news.

K. Marijuana Dispensaries in Winchester: Dropping from agenda, as typically covered under Sheriff.

L. Other Old Business: None.

Open Forum:

1. None.

Next WMAC Meeting:

The next WMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th, 2014, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment: The WMAC adjourned 8:10 PM.