

Winchester/Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 11, 2016

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

Attendees:

Winchester MAC:

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

Absent: Jeff Logan.

Ex Officio:

Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for Third District Supervisor

Members of the Public

Call to Order: Call to Order by Andy Domenigoni at 6:32 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Motion by Meredith; second by Horecka. Ayes: AD, DM, JH; not present: JL, JS.

Approval of June Meeting Minutes (There being no meeting in July):

Motion to approve: Motion by Meredith; second by Horecka. Ayes: AD, DM, JH; not present: JL, JS.

Guest Speaker: Damian Laning from Riverside County GIS

Mr. Laning introduced himself and gave a brief bio. Riverside County GIS (RC-GIS) prepares the official MAPS that we display here in our MAC meetings (not counting those provided by others; EMWD. e.g.). He went over many advantages of digital GIS over static maps: More current, though still a snapshot in time. Their department supports other County offices with GIS services as well. Their current on-line public-facing GIS interface is old tech; they are working on upgrading the interface. RC-GIS works with schools, LAFCO, Supervisor's Office, etc.

- Q: Does RC-GIS support the Sheriff? A: No, the Sheriff has a separate system, using their own data.
- Q: How much data? A: Over 200 layers.
- Comment: Horecka described his positive experiences using the RV-GIS GIS system to perform project-specific research over the years.
- Q: Will RC-GIS update imagery? A: Yes, next year.
- Q: How is the imagery acquired? A: A Custom flight contract, piggy-backed onto existing flights.
- Q: Contact info? A: See online, or his business cards at back of room.
- Q: How long before a Zone Change would appear on the system? A: Each case varies. After the Second Reading and so forth, once the change becomes official, the processing lag would be roughly two weeks (varies).
- Q: What is the most complicated map that RC-GIS has made? A: They once did a physical map for the Supervisors that had many, many layers of acetate on it.
- Q: History? A: Ten years with Thomas Brothers Maps. RC-GIS uses ESRI, in Redlands, which has been around for decades; known as a global pioneer and leader in GIS systems.
- Q: Does RC use GIS for projections? A: Yes; demographics, socio-economics and such. See the website, and the County Progress Report.

New Business.

- B. Brandon Webb introduced himself. He is the new Field Representative for Melissa Melendez, Assemblywoman, 67th District. He brought us up to date on activities at the State: AB 1176, a gun theft bill, was vetoed by Governor Brown. AB 1788, a whistle blower bill, was killed in the Senate. He mentioned that there will be various initiatives coming up. Webb announced that the Veteran's Expo is coming up, at the Wildomar Elks Lodge. Forty vendors, many services for veterans. The event is free for veterans.

Old Business:

- A. Update – Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant:
 - Opal noted that RTA offers free rides for veterans to Loma Linda. That trek takes 2 hours from Murrieta. Called the Vet's Express. Other programs are available (Dial-a-Ride, etc.) to qualified persons.
 - County news: The Budget was approved on July 26th. The Sheriff asked for \$12M, got \$6M.
 - Q: How much is heightened security costing? A: Opal did not know.
 - Opal told of a Drowning Prevention Seminar that she attended, through First Five.
 - Opal will not be at the MAC meeting in September.

- Q: Mary Plum inquired about community bulletin boards, where many of these programs and such might be posted. A: The Post Office had one, but no longer, after an issue. Rules apply. Gregg Cowdery stated that flyers and such can be put up at Valley Wide, provided they are first approved.
- B. Sheriff Dept.; Lieutenant Chavez reporting.
 - Chavez told of the latest crime report. June: 245 calls, 9 arrests. July: 206 calls, 4 arrests. Homicide 0, rape 1, assault 3, burglary 3, vehicle theft 4, larceny 5, arson 0. Simpson & 79 remains a hot spot. He reminded all: "See something, say something." Right away!
 - Q: Fireworks! A: On July 4th, 15,000 calls came in. Only a handful of deputies available.
 - Q: Stetson Road has become a shooting area; what do? A: Call 911 if urgent. But that may be private property up there, and allowed. Remember: We live in the country. See County Ordinance 514.
 - Q: Recent shooting? A: Started at Stowe & 79. Handgun & hatchet. Led to officer-involved shooting.
 - Q: Traffic violations? A: CHP.
 - Q: Arsons? A: Riverside County Fire is still working on that. Not a Sheriff matter.
- C. EMWD Updates; by Kevin Pearson reporting:
 - The pipelines going in along Olive east of Hwy 79 are part of a developer project. Water & sewer.
 - Recent water use by EMWD customers reflects a savings of about 14%.
 - Kevin announced a new exhibit at the Western Science Center museum, opening on Saturday and running through November. Backed in part by the Smithsonian. Very interactive. Try to see it!
 - The Pond Site project is still some months out.
- D. Highway 79 (realignment) update.
 - No update.
- E. Land Use:
 - GPA 1120 Housing Element and Downtown Winchester. The Winchester Town Association (WTA) sent the comment letter on May 30th, 2016, commenting on the Draft EIR. Gregg Cowdery reported on recent activity. The process is still moving along. Gregg also spoke at one of the public meetings. Questions included how the county chose certain sites for changes, how owners were notified, etc. Also questions about tax implications under different zones and as a result of changes. Also comments on the EIR. Present were Jerry Jolliff (Riverside County Transportation Land Management Department), Olivia Barnes, various County staff. The County hearing was continued to October 5th.
 - Winchester-Homeland General Plan Application: Status: Looking for funding from the County for studies in the County Initiated Plan. WTA representatives also met with County Staff regarding the Winchester/Homeland General Plan Application. Staff gave the WTA a preliminary MAP, including some Foundation Changes. The whole affair is a three-year process. For us, one of the first steps will be contracting with a planning consultant to help us out.
 - There was a Land Use Committee meeting regarding the proposed K-1 Speed CUP 03733. The proponent was present. The proponent may present his project at a future meeting. Attendees stated that they need to see more information on the proposal.
 - Another Land Use Committee meeting is coming up on August 30th.
 - There is a proposed change for new R-7 zones, that projects in those zones won't require an EIR, nor have to go through CEQA. R-7 Zone is HHDR. See Internet for details.
- F. City of Hemet update:
 - Jeff Logan. Jeff not present; no update.
- G. City of Menifee
 - Andy Domenigoni went to the City Council meeting about taxes. There is a proposal for a CFD of \$537 per unit to fund police and fire; essentially Public Safety. There was uproar from developers. There were nine speakers against the proposal, and one for it. The Council tabled the matter. There was also a proposal for a 1% increase in sales tax; several citizens spoke, all in favor. Andy also spoke, expressing a concern there was no limit in the proposal: It needed a "sunset clause."
- H. Other Old Business:
 - None.

Open Forum:

1. Gregg Cowdery noted that the Cub Scout troop will be coming back.

Next WMAC Meeting:

The next WMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2016, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment: The WHMAC adjourned at 8:02 PM.