

# Winchester/Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 14, 2017

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

### Attendees:

Winchester MAC:

Andy Domenigoni, Chairman; Dirk Meredith, Vice-Chairman; James Horecka, Secretary; Jimmy Sheldrake; 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 6:30 PM.

Approval of Agenda, with amended by adjusting sequence to accommodate the Planning Workshop.

Motion to approve amended agenda: Motion by Logan; 2nd by Sheldrake. Approved unanimously.

Approval of August Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve: Motion by Sheldrake; second by Meredith. Approved unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Jerry Jolliffe, County of Riverside Transportation & Land Management Agency (TLMA). Topic: **“Winchester Community Plan Workshop.”**

Jerry Jolliffe brought us up to date on the recent planning efforts made on our behalf. Riverside County has authorized a STUDY for Planning efforts for Winchester. He described the overall boundaries of Winchester itself: Generally Menifee on the west, Hemet & Diamond Valley Lake on the east, Scott Road on the south, and Double Butte on the north. He noted that the County can amend the General Plan up to four times per year. Foundational Changes may only occur every eight years. It is the intent of the County for our Winchester Community Plan is to be included.

The Community Plan will cover things like land use, community design, housing types, open space, recreation, transportation issues, infrastructure and more. This meeting will be the second in a series of community focus meeting aimed at gathering input from local citizens. To help assure everyone has a voice and understands what is happening, a Spanish interpreter was available throughout the meeting.

Mr. Jolliffe then introduced the members of Kimley-Horn, the Planning Consultant engaged by the County to help us. Including: David Barquist, AICP; Margaret Allen, and Nick Chin on projector.

David Barquist described where we are in the process, where we've been recently in our last town hall meeting, and where we are going. He stated that they will be preparing Alternative Visions, based on information they are gathering from us and from high-level research that they will be performing. Later, they will present the Alternative Visions. These will be various broad-brush concepts for our downtown, etc., the Draft Land Use Plan, and so on. Mr. Barquist also covered high-level tentative time lines. The conclusion may be around the fall of 2019 (about two years). He also advised that there is a lot of useful information on the County website, under Planning Department. This information is updated every two weeks. He noted that there are other communities that the County is doing similar work with, such as Cabazon, Lakeland Village, etc. These are at various stages. By spending some time to study what it going on in those other communities, via the website, we can learn about the process in general, and gain more insight in what lies ahead, generally, for us (in terms of process, etc.). He strongly encouraged all in attendance to keep showing up, participating, and staying as engaged as we can. This is our future!

The balance of our meeting was spent on the community-engaging activities planned out by the Planning Consultant. More free-form than our previous session, the scoping activities this evening mostly consisted of citizens moving between prepared boards and tables that held maps and prompting questions. All were encouraged to read the different questions and respond to them, via Post-It notes on the boards with written responses, or in markers with written answers, features, hopes, dreams, notations of things that needed changing, pressing issues to be overcome, etc. There were also maps that we were free to mark on. Citizens participated eagerly, until finally our energies began to ebb for the evening. The Planning Consultant was able to take away the marked-up boards and maps filled with input from the citizens in attendance.

#### Old Business:

- A. General County update; Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant:
  - Opal not present.
- B. Sheriff Department update; Captain Greg Fellows reporting:
  - Cpt. Fellows introduced himself:
  - Cpt. Fellows has visited us before. Recently promoted, he is now the new Commander for the Perris Station, and Chief of Police in the cities that the County Sheriff serves by contract. He has served in law enforcement for 27 years. Worked in LA starting in 1990; started in Riverside in 1996. He has done investigating and worked in Internal Affairs. His motto: "People are the police; police are the people." He'll concentrate on crime prevention and community outreach. He will introduce us to a new lieutenant at a future meeting.
- C. EMWD Updates: Deferred per amended agenda. (Director Paule present. No news.)
- D. Highway 79 Realignment update: Deferred per amended agenda.
- E. Land Use update: All deferred per amended agenda.
- F. City of Hemet update: Deferred per amended agenda.
- G. City of Menifee update: Deferred per amended agenda.
- H. Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez' Office:
  - Field Representative Samantha Stilwell gave a brief overview: This is the last week in session, so all are pushing to their proposed bills forward. SB 620, re firearms: Passed both houses, now on to Governor Brown. AJR 24, regarding 'concealed carry': Opposes; affects federal reciprocity. "Just a resolution, not a law."
- I. Other Old Business:
  - 1. None.

#### Open Forum:

- 1. Coming soon: Community Clear-up Day, Homeland/Romoland. Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at Heritage High School. Flyers left.
- 2. New container law.

#### Next WMAC Meeting:

The next WHMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2017, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center. This will be a joint meeting with the Winchester Homeland Town Association.

Adjournment: The WHMAC adjourned at 8:05 PM.