

Winchester-Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 10, 2019

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

Attendees:

Winchester MAC:

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

Ex Officio:

Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for Third District Supervisor

Members of the Public

Call to Order: Call to Order by Andy Domenigoni at 6:31 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda: Motion by Sheldrake; second by Logan. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve October meeting minutes: Motion by Logan; 2nd by Sheldrake. Approved unan.

Guest Speakers: Andrew Nadeau & Eddie with Inland Propane.

Dirk Meredith and Andy Domenigoni met with Eddie and Steve Hawkins, in late December. The proponents came to our community early, to brief us on their intentions, which is good. Russell Brady & Olivia suggested come see us. Assuming a positive reception of their ideas, they would move on to file for a CUP in County Planning.

- Their team delivered an informal presentation, introducing to us their proposed Propane Business at the NW corner of Winchester Road and Ninth Street. This included a Vicinity Map, very early draft rough Site Plan, and an overview land use study. It was indicated that neighbors surrounding the parcel in question were queried, and reportedly were not in opposition to the proposed development.
- A Traffic Study would be in order, as would "Duty to Inform" noticing.
- A motion was made in the Winchester/Homeland Municipal Advisory Council to pass on the Winchester Town Association's letter of support of their project, dated January 9th, 2019, signed by Angela Little, President of the WTA, to Third District County Supervisor Chuck Washington. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

A. General County update; Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant:

- Opal was not available to attend this meeting.

B. Sheriff Department update:

- Sheriff not present.

C. EMWD Updates; Director Phil Paule:

- The sewer lift station, at Olive & La Ventana, did not feature odor control when it was built back in 1997. EMWD will now add this feature, as new development in the area warrants it. Estimated cost is \$1.7M. Schedule: Start in April, end ~Feb. 2020. Traffic may be affected.
- Q: Water forecast? A: Seems OK. New leadership in California will affect things; to be seen. It is likely that a version of the water tax will pop up again. EMWD is working on an alternative scheme to help solve the problem.

- Q: Desalination status? A: EMWD is doubling their desalination capacity in Menifee, and they will add more wells. They received much funding, including grants. This will increase the water supply capacity. Using local groundwater is wise; however, desalination is expensive.
- Q: Is the groundwater replenished? A: Yes. All our water gets recycled out here!
- D. Code Enforcement; Marr Christian:
 - He went to the Board in December. The Board approved five new staff, to cover attrition. This offers a chance to be a bit proactive. The caseload of 400 to 450 was resolved down to 300 to 350. The “Homeland Choice” dispensary was closed down. The “Bud Boy” dispensary is slated to be shut down Tuesday. Another nearby it is next in line. Outdoor Cultivation has been taken from Code Enforcement; others will now enforce that aspect of cannabis.
 - Enforcement of illicit food vendors has stepped up. The new law in California projects certain vendors. Yet they must comply with applicable codes, standards and laws, in particular health violations. A vendor must have all required documents, must meet standards, have hot water, and must have a signed document from the owner of the property to operate on a particular parcel of land.
 - In Homeland, they pulled out six abandoned cars. They are also working on cleanup.
 - The census on the homeless will occur in January. The numbers will affect funding from HUD.
- E. Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez’ Office; Alisha Paulk:
 - Ms. Paulk advised us on various bills, including AB-71 and AB-162.
- F. Senator Stone District Director, Darrell Connerton:
 - Senator Stone is on the following committees: Budget & Fiscal Review committee. Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3; Energy, Utilities & Communications; Environmental Quality. Health (Vice-Chair). Human Services (Vice-Chair). Transportation Committee.
 - He is making efforts to improve the safety of the Ortega Highway, and also SH 74 up to Idyllwild, in an effort to reduce accidents.
 - Highway 79: No news.
- G. Land Use update; Cindy Domenigoni, et al.:
 1. Winchester Community Planning update: Winchester-Homeland General Plan Amendment #1207 is still in process.
 2. Winchester Ranch Marketplace: In EA process.
 3. Stone Creek (TR 36365): Pending TPC hearings. Held up due to the Highway 79 Policy Area (47 units over the maximum allowance).
 4. Villages North (TR 36504), with 507 homes. BOS approved May, 2018.
 5. TM #30322 – South of Olive Avenue: Change in Conditions.
- H. City of Hemet update; Jeff Logan:
 - General Plan Amendment 18-001; rezoning; this should have no impact on our community.
 - City of Menifee update: No significant news.
- I. Other Old Business:
 - None.

Open Forum:

Gregg Cowdery: 1. Thanks to all who helped remove green waste at the Patterson House. 2. The donations of goods during Christmas helped 34 families in need. Thanks to all!

Next WHMAC Meeting:

The next WHMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2019 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment:

The WHMAC adjourned at 7:53 PM.