

Winchester Municipal Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 14, 2010

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

Attendees:

Winchester MAC:

Andy Domenigoni, Chairman

Dirk Meredith, Vice-Chairman

James Horecka, Secretary

Jim Sheldrake

Al Ramirez

Ex Officio:

Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Jeff Stone

Members of the Public

Prepared by: James Horecka

- I. Call to Order: Call to Order by Andy Domenigoni at 7:00PM.
- II. Flag Salute.
- III. Introductions.
- IV. A. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous.
B. Minutes (None; first meeting).
- V. Guest: Peter Odencrans, EMWD Senior Public Relations Officer.
Mr. Odencrans offered to be available as a resource, helping us to obtain maps of potable water systems, waste water systems, reclaimed water systems, etc. He fielded various questions from the MAC and a few members of the public.
- VI. New Business:
 - A. Mission Statement: Various ideas for the Winchester MAC Mission Statement were discussed. No decision this meeting. Table until next meeting.
 - B. Benchmarking: Discussed the need for “benchmarking,” determining what Winchester is at present: Boundaries, land use, transportation, utilities, flood, tract maps, specific plans, etc.
 - C. Call for citizen input: Andy & the WMAC encouraged members of the public to participate actively, stating that the WMAC serves in part as the “eyes and ears” for the Supervisor.
Opal Hellweg:
There are no plans to close the Winchester Post Office at present.
The “Cannabis-Infused Music & Art Harvest Festival” that was advertised was canceled by the owner of the Wild West Arena. No permits had been applied for.
Status of the Winchester RDA. ~403K currently in pot. Q: Possibly expand the area?
An assessment could be arranged, to determine areas of economic & physical blight.
“Welcome to Winchester” signs: Three bids were received. It was suggested that this topic, started in the Winchester Homeowners Association, remain within the WCA (not the WMAC).
Cindy Domenigoni:
Suggested sending a letter to LAFCO, attn: George Filiotes, informing LAFCO that the Winchester MAC has been formed, and the council is in place. Ask for a copy of the Boundary Map of Winchester. Request that he alert us of anything that comes through his office that might affect Winchester. Copy this letter to surrounding cities.

- D. Land Use Committee: Form a Land Use Committee, jointly with the Winchester Community Assoc. That is, a free-standing Land Use Committee which would have representatives from the WMAC, WCA, and other interested parties, such as Residents and Land Owners.
Volunteers: Mike Rowe, Gregg Cowdery (Historical Society), Charlie.
- E. Marijuana Dispensaries: Grace Vearden (not a resident or property owner), part-owner of one of the dispensaries in the area, spoke. She explained the basics of how dispensaries work. Citizen questions remain regarding the Moratorium on same which has been in place in the unincorporated area of Riverside County since 2006, legality, permits of all aspects, proximity to school children, etc.
- F. Proposed Motocross venue at Double Butte Park: The Proponent for this item, Mr. Roger Lefler, did not attend the WMAC meeting, nor did a representative. At this time, no proposed plan drawings have been presented to the community. General concerns discussed include: Use may not be appropriate at this park, proximity to existing equestrian and team penning facilities, noise throughout valley, dust, traffic, etc. Suggestion: Take up topic at a future meeting of the Land Use Committee.

VII. Open Forum:

Gregg Cowdery:

There is a deep open drainage ditch cutting across East Grand Avenue at Patterson.

Ms Hellweg suggested that Gregg notify the Riverside County Transportation Dept.

Citizens suggested:

That the WMAC be “proactive,” not merely “reactive.” That proposed future development “fit.” That we in Winchester should set lofty goals and visions, with an eye toward blossoming into a “model city” someday.

VIII. Announcement of next meeting:

Thursday, November 11, 2010, 6:30 PM. Note earlier start time. Same location.

IX. Adjournment:

Motion: Horecka. Second: Meredith. Approved: Unanimous. Adjourned: 8:45 PM