

Winchester Municipal Advisory Council (WMAC) October 13, 2011 Minutes

Andy Domenigoni called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Introductions followed the Flag Salute.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dirk Meredith and seconded by Jimmy Sheldrake.

Due to the absence of Jim Horecka the Minutes of the September 8, 2011 WMAC meeting were deferred.

Andy Domenigoni introduced guests Dusty Williams and his staff from the Riverside County Flood Control District. They proceeded to update the WMAC on projects in the works for Zone 4. He explained that along Salt Creek a crossing would be necessary at Rice Road and at Lindenberger before the flood plain status at Salt Creek could be removed in Winchester.

New Business

Opal advised that because of the supervisorial district changes that Homeland and Green Acres will be in the 3rd District instead of the 5th District. Opal mentioned that some residents have inquired about being added to the WMAC boundary. She is looking into these requests and will update later.

Opal advised that the Supervisor has not received directive from Al Ramirez of his resignation. It was relayed to Opal the resignation letter had been received in error by the WHOA and that WHOA would forward it to the Supervisor. Supervisor Stone will then determine the replacement process.

Becky Mitchell of EDA/Code Enforcement announced the Winchester Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 19th from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., between Finch and Gough Streets on Winchester Road. Becky also advised that CDBG funding is available for Winchester residents needing clean up of their property or demolition. Due to the average incomes in Winchester this is available at no cost.

Old Business

Opal advised that Riverside County is looking at an 80 Million Dollar deficit and that budget cuts are eminent.

Jimmy Sheldrake, Land Use Committee Chair, advised that there will be a meeting set up as soon as Land Use Planner Gary Thornhill has information on area to get started.

Peter Odenrans (EMWD spokesman) reported that the construction schedule for the Longfellow Recycled Water Tank should be out in 10 days. He and Phil Paule will be the liaisons between Winchester and EMWD.

Phil Paule Vice President of EMWD Board and our district director (District1), informed us that he is still our district director following the census. He has the unincorporated area at this time. EMWD has attempted to keep communities representation together.

Phil Paule is also lining up a representative from the Post Office to be at the next WMAC meeting to discuss the US Postal Services current downsizing of the Winchester Post Office.

Andy Domenigoni reported that the contract has been decided on by the Board of Supervisors and that construction for the widening of Winchester Road will begin after the 1st of the Year (2012).

Andy reported that he had not heard any more from MWD regarding the Proposed Solar Farm; however, Axio Power has been sold to Sun Power. He'll work on getting an update by next meeting.

Cathy Bechtel with RCTC is scheduled to be at the February 2012 WMAC meeting following Supervisor Stone's letter requesting a progress report on the long awaited EIR on the Highway 79 Realignment.

Andy reported to Opal that the WMAC and the WHOA are still not receiving information from Riverside County Planning when projects are coming before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. Opal has spoke with George Johnson and will again bring to his attention that projects planned need to be sent to WMAC and WHOA for comments.

The next meeting of the WMAC would normally be on Thursday, November 10th; however, has been scheduled for Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.