

# Winchester Municipal Advisory Council

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 10, 2011

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

### Attendees:

#### Winchester MAC:

Andy Domenigoni, Chairman  
Dirk Meredith, Vice-Chairman  
James Horecka, Secretary  
Jimmy Sheldrake  
Al Ramirez

#### Ex Officio:

Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Jeff Stone  
Members of the Public

Call to Order: Call to Order by Andy Domenigoni at 6:30 PM.

Flag Salute. Introductions.

### Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Dirk Meredith. Second: Jimmy Sheldrake. Approved: Unanimously.

### Approval of January 2011 Minutes:

Motion to approve: Dirk Meredith. Second: Jimmy Sheldrake. Approved: Unanimously.

### Guest:

Juan Perez, Riverside County Transportation. Unable to attend. See below.

### New Business:

- A. MWD Proposed Solar Farm: General discussion. More information should be sought out. There is concern that MWD has reneged on promises made for recreational amenities on the west end of Diamond Valley Lake, and further that the proposed solar project may impact such amenities. It was agreed that further information is required, to be better informed.
- B. Land Use Meeting with Supervisor Stone is slated for March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30, at the office in French Valley. The WMAC will have two representatives present. One of the topics to be discussed will be engaging a formal Land Use Study, hopefully funded by Redevelopment moneys (an ideal use). Study General Plan, eye toward future cityhood.
- C. WMAC re City of Menifee & City of Hemet: Andy Domenigoni will contact the cities personally. Intent is to announce the WMAC and work together as good neighbors.
- D. Other New Business: Fairhaven Memorial Park & Mortuary: Marla Noel (representative) spoke, telling the WMAC of their interest in developing a cemetery & mortuary in a park-like setting on about 40 acres near Double Butte. Project is in very early stages. No definite plans at this time. She left with us an info folder, which included a Conceptual Drawing (not site-specific). Folder filed.

Guest: Juan Perez was unable to attend, but a representative was sent in lieu. Brought us up to date: Ramona repairs soon. Gilman Hot Springs Road repairs next summer. Hwy 79 widening approved by Cal Trans. Awaiting Federal approval. Phase I slated July/Aug, from Pwky to Scott Rd. Phase II later, Scott to Abelia.

### Old Business:

- A. Benchmarking: In progress. WMAC has received many helpful maps to date.
- B. Land Use Committee Meeting: Update. See Item B under New Business.

- C. EMWD Updates: Peter Odencrans of EMWD brought us up to date on various issues, including rates, water quality, etc. Phil Paulie may be able to make next month's meeting.
- D. Redevelopment; Roads in downtown Winchester. Opal Hellweg and staff advised the WMAC that the Transportation Dept. will not rework roads that are not adopted by the County. Improvements to a dirt road would have to be up to current standards (no dirt roads allowed), and the road would have to be adopted by the County for maintenance. This limits ability to attend to improvements along those lines.
- E. Highway 79 - Update on widening between Domenigoni Parkway & Abelia: Andy Domenigoni brought us up to date on current status. Project approved at State level; awaiting Federal approval, then bidding. It is hoped that construction will begin soon. Likely in phases.
- F. Other Old Business: Hwy 79 Realignment Project through Winchester. General discussion recapping what was covered at the March meeting of the Winchester Community Association meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, when Cathy Bechtel and others gave a presentation on the topic. Clearly this is a hot issue, and community members have great concern over the same issues that have been discussed the past several years that this project has been in the works.
- G. Mike Rowe brought up questions regarding Sewer Master Planning for the area. Odencrans suggested that question may be better answered by Phil Paulie.

Open Forum:

- A. James Horecka requested that the topic of Billboards within the WMAC area be included in next agenda.
- B. Potential speaker from Waste Management at a future meeting.

Next WMAC Meeting:

The next WMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment:

Motion: Jimmy Sheldrake. Second: Dirk Meredith. Passed. Adjourned 7:48 PM.