

Winchester Municipal Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 10, 2012

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

Attendees:

Winchester MAC:

Andy Domenigoni, Chairman
Dirk Meredith, Vice-Chairman
James Horecka, Secretary
Jimmy Sheldrake
(Fifth Seat still vacant)

Ex Officio:

Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Jeff Stone

Members of the Public

Guests (Gail Wesson of the Press Enterprise was present)

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

Flag Salute. Introductions.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Meredith. Second: Horecka. Approved: Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2012:

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

Guests:

1. Code Enforcement: Supervisor Brian Black
 - Black noted that the CE office is now in French Valley, off Sky Canyon near Supervisor's office.
 - Brought various info. Described process taken in CE cases. Current 45 cases in Winchester area.
 - Also in attendance: Vern Lauritzen (Sup Stone's Chief of Staff), Corinne Daly (Legislative. Asst.).
 - CE is primarily 'complaint-driven.' Various comments from citizens.
2. Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians (slated)
 - Representative not available to attend.

New Business:

1. Harvest Valley Community (HVC) Meeting
 - Advised that the Harvest Valley Town Hall meeting will be May 15th. Sheldrake plans to attend, as does Supervisor Stone.
2. Other New Business:
 - None.

Old Business:

- A. Update - Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant
 - Opal reported that there are no new Solar Permits in our WMAC area (tho some just outside area).
 - Cathy Bechtel should be able to attend June 14th WMAC.
 - Cindy Domenigoni went to a workshop at EMWD to explore whether EMWD would be willing to pay for the 'Winchester' sign on the recycled water tank on the hill; answer: Negative.
 - Opal noted that the new office of Sup. Stone is on State Street in Hemet, near the Courthouse.
 - Emery Papp: Works for the City of Hemet. MWD held an open work study session with City Council; nothing was finalized. One scheme involves solar energy. Papp stated that he hopes to attend our WMAC meetings; to act as a liaison of sorts.

- B. Land Use Committee Meeting - (Sheldrake)
 - Sheldrake did not attend. Meredith did attend; report: Thornhill sketching bubble diagrams; WMAC east side similar to Hemet's scheme. The next meeting will be May 21st, focusing on the downtown. Meredith noted good progress, and that Mr. Papp was there.
 - Meredith noted that there will be a WTA meeting May 17th at 3:30; a planning meeting to discuss a project at the intersection of Dom. Pkwy and Leon; Regent/Crossroads; potential changes, questions.
- C. EMWD Updates - Longfellow Recycle Water Tank
 - Peter Odencrans of EMWD advised us that the project is on schedule.
- D. Highway 79 - Update on widening.
 - The project is coming along. A D-11 caterpillar arrived on site.
- E. MWD Proposed Solar Farm (Andy Domenigoni)
 - MWD Real Property Manager Ralph Hicks did a presentation to WTA last meeting. Said no solar on the west end. He would be open to meeting with Gary Thornhill.
- F. New MAC Member
 - Deferred to later.
- G. Sheriff Dept: Lieutenant Charles Wilhite
 - Not available.
- H. Other Old Business
 - None.

Open Forum:

- Andy thanked those from the County who attended this evening for their turnout & support.

Next WMAC Meeting:

The next WMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2012, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment: WMAC Adjourned 7:45 PM.