

Winchester/Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 10, 2013

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

Attendees:

Winchester MAC:

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

Ex Officio:

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

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

Flag Salute. Introductions.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of September Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve: Sheldrake; Second: Logan. Approved: Unanimously.

Guest: Economic Development Agency – Becky Mitchell

Sterlon Sims presented. Asked for our assistance in collecting data, aiming to help determine needs of the community. Relative to Development Block Grants, ESGS, etc. Brought pamphlet. \$472K will assist housing, homelessness prevention programs, etc.; can also assist with interim needs. They meet with Supervisors, present the projects. Public comments considered. March review; approvals due in May. First-time buyer assistance, clean-up efforts (tires project, e.g.), & more. Asked that we fill out survey, on paper or on-line. Andy D. asked whether funds may be available for improving/repairing the Community Center (built in 2002); maybe, given age. Fielded general questions from the public. All funding for CDBG comes from HUD.

New Business:

1. Heighton Properties / Race SoCal, Plot Plan No. 25387 – Leon Road & Wicker Road, 4.57 acres. A gentleman from England wishes to set up a bed & breakfast affair at an existing structure, to offer lodging for visiting motorcycle racers. Guests would not do riding at this location; just stay. Races elsewhere.
2. Tire Collection is slated to occur on October 26th, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Same location as usual.
3. Logan announced the Homeland Community Cleanup event. Oct. 19, 8-12. Flyers made available.

Old Business:

- A. Update - Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant advised us of the following:
 - a. Advised that the Board of Supervisors has passed a Pit Bull dog ordinance. See on-line details.
 - b. Board reduced the TUMF fee by 50%, in hopes of helping encourage development (in a slump).
 - c. Announced the Hemet Ryan Air Show, slated for November 2nd at Hemet Ryan Field.
 - d. October 22nd, 9:00 AM, the Board of Supervisors will read the Official Proclamation of the 125th anniversary of Winchester.
 - e. Introduced Darrel Connerton: Duties of law enforcement, and will be working with the sheriff, human trafficking, etc. Was asked about the Dispensary: He responded that there is an on-going investigation; he is working with the Perris Sheriff.

- B. Sheriff Dept:
 - The former Captain was promoted. New Captain Mike Judge is slated to be at our next meeting.
- C. EMWD Updates – Phil Paule presented. Updated us on the Olive Avenue Sewer Main work, down Olive Avenue. Charlie Bachman & Kevin Pearson gave a PowerPoint presentation, which told the story well. Also brought hard-copies. New, deeper line. Strengthen existing 36” line. The project has been engineered in such a way that it will make it feasible to bring sewer to our downtown (showed possible lines).
- D. Highway 79 - Update on widening.
 - The progress is apparent.
- E. MWD Proposed Solar Farm (Andy Domenigoni)
 - No news on the west side proposal. The east side if moving ahead (in the City of Hemet).
- F. Land Use – (Jimmy Sheldrake)
 - A WTA Land Use Committee meeting was held September 16th. Area developer Michael Smith, brought in a Planner, at his expense, to study that area in our core. Schematics were created. Seeking comments. The team will refine the schematics, and return again.
- G. Gangs in Winchester.
 - Gang activities in the area continue to be an issue of growing concern. Law enforcement dealing with.
- H. City of Hemet update – Emery Papp
 - Emery not present; no report. Andy noted that Hemet has a new City Manager.
- I. Citizens Patrol -- Bob Gibbons
 - Bob not present; no report.
- J. Winchester 125th Anniversary – Gregg Cowdery
 - Gregg Cowdery reported that the event went very well. While attendance did not meet expectations, those who participated had a grand time. The Crazy Creek Band was very well received, as were the characters in historic costume. He noted the Proclamation from Ken Calvert, Assemblywoman Melissa Mendez, etc., and announced that the Board of Supervisors will present an Official Proclamation at their upcoming meeting (see above).
- K. Dispensaries:
 - Covered under Sheriff, above.
- L. Other Old Business
 - None.

Open Forum:

- A. A member of the public brought up that there is a Menifee sign placed within our boundaries.
- B. A member of the public enquired as to whether Homeland’s joining the Winchester MAC has obtained State approval yet. Jeff Logan responded that the paperwork has been submitted to the Department of Corporations.
- C. Opal Hellweg suggested that the MAC consider a visit from OES (Office of Emergency Services) in the near future, perhaps next meeting, regarding general disaster preparedness.

Next WMAC Meeting:

The next WMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 14th, 2013, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment:

The WMAC adjourned 7:30 PM.