

# Winchester/Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 14, 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 6:30 PM.

Flag Salute. Introductions.

### Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Meredith; Second: Logan. Approved, unanimously.

### Approval of September Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve: Sheldrake; Second: Meredith. Approved, unanimously.

### Guest:

Eric W. Cadden, Emergency Services Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services (Riverside County Fire Dept).

Mr. Cadden delivered a presentation show about "Emergency Preparedness on a Budget," until 7:13. Covered many useful tips for citizens to better prepare their personal household for various emergencies that may arise. His presentation was well-received.

### New Business:

1. From previous meeting: CDBG Fund \*is\* available for road repair in Winchester & Homeland, even for dirt roads; further, minor repair to such roads may not need to meet current road standards. That is, CDBG Funds might be able to be used to blade dirt roads that are in bad shape to gain some relief. All were encouraged to visit the website to file suggestions for Projects that they feel are important.
2. Andy covered a Land Use item: Rancon Development and Regency: Change of Zoning Request. Their team has been working on this for about three years, proposing various zones and land uses. Andy introduced us to the basics, and displayed maps. He noted that the County has this application on Fast Track, which by-passes the Planning Commission. The proposed Density has changed. Will that affect the number of Trips? The number of units would be reduced by 9%. Smaller units, smaller lots; ergo less traffic. Overall more houses, but fewer Trips. Andy announced that this topic will be presented at the Town Association meeting in December. Andy only received copies of the Maps & Design Guidelines today. He noted that the EIR is vast: The Cultural Study alone is ~1,000 pages long. Questions:
  - Meredith: Will this Group actually build? A: No; they are developers. Would likely sell the entitled parcels, which would then be built by others.
  - WTA person noted that the WTA \*may\* have this on their December agenda; not yet decided.
  - Cindy Domenigoni expressed concerns that County is not informing us of Projects in a timely fashion.
  - Generally, topics like this would be run through the WTA first; Land Use Committee and WTA at large. Then sent to the WMAC, as liaison between our citizens and our Supervisor.
3. Motorcycle Rally: Omar Medina made an informal presentation on an idea he has, as a proponent for a sort of motorcycle rally in our town. He mentioned that the intent, in part, would involve fundraising for

(unnamed) State & Local groups. Our open roads and rural setting is attractive to bikers. His website URL is: [www.wwwbikefest.com](http://www.wwwbikefest.com) He said planning is in the beginning stages. Involving Anza, etc. A certain time window would be important, due to other events occupying other times on the calendar. He started researching permits, etc. Even would be a full weekend: Fri-Sat-Sun; 1500-2000 bikes. Possibly set at the Wild West Arena? 150 mile bike run.

- Citizens expressed both a little interest and many concerns: especially crowds, traffic, security, sanitation, etc. Concern of alcohol, drugs, possible crime. Limited facilities; bars, eateries.
- Sheriff advised that indeed various permits would be required. May require paid security, etc.

Old Business:

- A. Update - Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant advised us of the following:
  - Opal reinforced the opportunity presented by the CDBG. She noted that in our area 51% of the population is categorized as low-to-moderate income. Eligibility! Urged we submit many projects.
  - Hospital moving forward. \$25M. New CEO: \$600K/Yr. Riverside County Regional Medical Center. Only some counties in California have Hospitals; we are one of them. Hospital is losing money; they have hired a consulting group to assist in this issue.
  - Opal noted that the County is in decent shape financially.
- B. Sheriff Dept; Lt. Charles Guillen spoke:
  - The former Captain was promoted. New Captain Mike Judge is slated to be at our January meeting.
  - Lt. Guillen noted that Part 1 Crimes are down 16.3% (mandated reporting to FBI)
  - Discussed Response Times. They are prioritized. As follows: 1 Life/death: 10 mins; 2 Domestic violence, burglaries: 36 mins; 3 Past event: 58 mins; 4 Loud music, barking: 81 mins.
- C. EMWD Updates; Kevin Pearson spoke:
  - Bidding for Sewer end of month. Construction start likely February; one-year duration.
  - At request, he will bring Maps of the Sewer work to a future meeting.
- D. Highway 79 - Update on widening.
  - The progress is apparent.
- E. MWD Proposed Solar Farm (Andy Domenigoni): No news.
- F. Land Use: See above. Also:
  - WTA Land Use Committee will meet Wednesday, Nov. 27th, at Cindy's office (day before T-Day). At this meeting will be the Planner for the SW corner of Downtown, and also Winchester Meadows.
- G. Gangs in Winchester: No news.
- H. City of Hemet: Emery Papp not here.
- I. Citizens Patrol: Bob Gibbons not here.
- J. 125 year Anniversary: Covered last month. (Remove from next Agenda.)
- K. Marijuana Dispensaries in Winchester: This is over in Winchester. But starting up in Homeland?
- L. Other Old Business: None.

Open Forum:

- A. A resident of Highland Farms mentioned theft, & that Sheriff recovered stolen goods & returned. Kudos!
- B. A few residents of Panorama Cove were in attendance: Some representation, as word is spreading.
- C. Sympathy card was circulated: Joey, Dance-a-Thon.
- D. Charlie noted that the WTA meetings are held the first Thursday of each month, in this building.

Next WMAC Meeting:

The next WMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 9th, 2014, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment:

The WMAC adjourned 7:30 PM.