

Winchester/Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 9, 2014

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: Horecka; Second: Meredith. Approved, unanimously.

Approval of December Meeting Minutes:

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

Guest:

Louis Davis with Southern California Edison.

Mr. Davis delivered a presentation updating us on the Valley South Subtransmission Project. His presentation was well-received. There will be several open house events to keep the public informed & engaged. To Valley Substation, along Briggs & Leon roads. Some additional capacity will be included, another 3.5 miles. In general, project will consist of transmission lines and infrastructure upgrades. 115 kV. Some new ROW will be required. Replacing poles with larger poles. Timeframe is about 4-5 years. Filing expected last quarter of 2014 or first of 2015. If questions: Visit SCE.com. Davis left pamphlets with info, and his cards. Questions from public:

Q: Why poles, not underground? A: Underground not feasible: extreme costs & tech challenges.

Q: Process from here? A: There will be several open houses, & CPUC will come out for sessions.

Q: Other routes? Visual? A: There is a primary route and alternative routes. Aesthetics will be considered.

Q: Next steps? A: Davis will contact our Board before the Open House events.

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 should be able to be used to blade dirt roads that are in bad shape to gain some relief. Rose was present, but was not prepared to present.
2. Andy passed out handouts covering a covered Gas Line project.

Old Business:

- A. Update – Rose, filling in for Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant advised us of the following:
 - CDBG: Logan gave Rose the Maps that he created, showing roads needing attention.
 - Logan urged attendees to participate in the EDA Survey; link to that URL on our website.
 - News: Property tax revenues are up.
 - Decline in mortgage defaults.
 - Solar is up.

- Side effects of AB 109 continuing to present a challenge.
 - Hospital projected to be in the red. County hired a consultant & new CEO in hopes of fixing.
 - Mentioned efforts of the County to comply with the Affordable Care Act.
 - County looking to enhance Emergency Preparedness. Public Safety communications efforts.
 - County reduced Development Impact Fees in hopes of helping spur growth.
 - Presented Grand Juror applications.
 - Announced Third District Economic Forum event, at Pechanga. Had flyers for that event.
 - No new info on the Health Fair.
- B. Sheriff Dept; Lt. Charles Guillen spoke:
- New radio system, which is helping.
 - As of January 1st, their station took over service of Lakeview, Nuevo, Juniper Flats, Green Acres and also Homeland.
 - Hasn't heard of new significant incidents in our area recently.
- C. EMWD Updates; Director Phil Paule:
- Longfellow Tank project complete. Those with an opinion said it went well.
 - Asst Gen. Mgr. Mike Luker retired. Jeff Wall took over.
 - Water in general in the State is very low. Low snow pack. ~20%. Possible water shortages looming.
 - Brief discussion of the \$60K spent on an "outreach project" in San Diego.
 - Briefly discussed the Sewer project on Olive: Design phase pushed out; bid perhaps in February?
- D. Highway 79 - Update on widening.
- The progress is apparent. Phase One is mostly open. All agreed quite nice.
- E. MWD Proposed Solar Farm (Andy Domenigoni): No news.
- F. Land Use:
- Downtown: No news.
 - SP 288: WTA looked at. WTA did a letter. We read that letter. WMAC handed letter to Rose.
 - WTA Land Use Committee will meet Wednesday, Nov. 27th, at Cindy's office (day before T-Day).
- G. Gangs in Winchester: No news.
- H. City of Hemet: Emery Papp not here. A.D. noted that Hemet has a new City Manager. WMAC will meet.
- I. Citizens Patrol: Bob Gibbons gave a brief update.
- J. Marijuana Dispensaries in Winchester: No news.
- K. Other Old Business: None.

Open Forum:

- A. Open Space Forum: What to do with the Double Butte Regional Park?
- B. Gregg Cowdery mentioned homeless veterans. Queried Rose whether the vacant boarded-up model homes in the abandoned Pleasant Valley tract on Simpson Ave. might be used to house homeless veterans. Rose could not answer at this time.
- C. Announced Winchester Clean-Up Day: Saturday, February 22, 8:00-12:00. Homeland residents included.

Next WMAC Meeting:

The next WMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13th, 2014, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment:

The WMAC adjourned 8:08 PM.