

Winchester/Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 13, 2014

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

Attendees:

Winchester MAC:

Dirk Meredith, Vice-Chairman

James Horecka, Secretary

Jimmy Sheldrake

Jeff Logan

Absent: Andy Domenigoni, Chairman

Ex Officio:

Opal Hellweg, Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Jeff Stone

Members of the Public

Call to Order: Call to Order by Dirk Meredith at 6:30 PM.

Flag Salute. Introductions.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of January Meeting Minutes:

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

Guest:

Nicole Van Winkle from Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District.

Ms Van Winkle gave a brief bio, then spoke about Double Butte Regional Park (former landfill site). Per a previous update, they were working on the Comprehensive Plan. There are NO current plans for this site, due to a lack of funding.

She told us of the Salt Creek Parkway project. There is a \$5M grant to improve portions of 15.8 miles. Soft-surface, multimodal trail. From State Street all the way over to Normandy in Menifee. North side of the creek.

She highlighted the new "Drop Zone" Water Park at Hwy 74 & Trumble Road. This will be a 12-acre water park, similar to The Cove. It will have an "Aviation" theme, to tie in with the nearby skydiving activities. Many water activities, as well as sand volleyball courts, cabanas; a 50-meter competition pool, year-round swim lessons, full-service concessions, more. A Season Pass presale event is slated for May. See www.dropzonewaterpark.com They are looking for life guards (screening, hiring).

Q&A: Meredith asked if, at Double Butte Park, a portion could be made into a dirt bike park. Nicole: Persons interested in developing something at the Park would have to come with not just ideas, but full funding.

New Business:

1. From previous meeting: CDBG Fund *is* available for road repair in Winchester & Homeland, even for dirt roads. Opal has received both Andy Domenigoni's list and Jeff Logan's list. "The Girls" will go for a ride to review the roads on the rosters, in person.
2. Winchester Clean-Up Day: Sat, Feb 22nd, 0800-1200. Usual location. Homeland residents confirmed OK.
3. Other New Business: None

Old Business:

- A. Update –Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Legislative Assistant advised us of the following:
 - The Board of Supervisors approved the Midyear Budget.
 - Hospital suffering from overruns. See previous Minutes.

- Announced the Top Four Legislative Lobbying Items (Governor):
 - Affordable alternative jail construction; waive red tape to get-R-done.
 - Elections/voting by mail.
 - Fully-fund Veterans services, and set up a special designation on driver licenses.
 - Public Enterprise Communication System (PECS, pronounced 'peace'); set up and running. Supervisor Tavaglione invited others to join PECS at our cost.
 - Opal announced a two-day Seminar at the Riverside County College of Foreign Trade; brought flyers.
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- B. Sheriff Dept; Lt. Charles Guillen spoke:
- Guillen told of the Crime Control Model meetings held every two weeks.
 - Noted an increase in mail theft in our area (tax refunds, etc.)
 - Dirk Meredith asked if an AG Deputy has been selected. Yes, the sheriff selected one. Training.
 - David Suh, of Winchester Store: Told of problems with tagging and illegal dumping. On camera.
- C. EMWD Updates; Director Phil Paule:
- Sewer Project, Olive Avenue: An update is slated for next month.
- D. Highway 79 - Update on widening.
- Phase One is mostly open. Working well. Ribbon Cutting: Spring, 2014.
- E. MWD Proposed Solar Farm: No news, other than the West Side project is dead.
- F. Land Use:
1. Downtown Avenue: Ideas for the Core are flowing. Some bright visions for a vibrant Core, the one-mile square heart of Winchester.
 2. Tentative Tract Map #36417, off Olive Road. The Map for this was posted on the wall. The project has been graded for quite some time. The idea for reworking the tract into smaller lots was dropped. Lots will be 5ksf to 6ksf; the Planning Commission & Community both felt larger lots are better. We are awaiting more information on the architectural character, etc. This is along Olive, near Salt Creek.
- G. Gangs in Winchester: No significant activity. However, there was an incident described of a man who ran out of fuel late one night; Winchester Rd near Simpson; assaulted, escaped. Days later, the victim saw the perpetrators in town, reported, and they were arrested; firearms found.
- H. City of Hemet: Emery Papp was not present.
- I. Citizens Patrol: Bob Gibbons was not present.
- J. Marijuana Dispensaries in Winchester: Another one is popping up. Again in the little real estate office.
- K. Other Old Business: None.

Open Forum:

- A. Announced Winchester Clean-Up Day: Saturday, February 22, 8:00-12:00. Homeland residents included.
- B. Deni Horne, representing Assembly Woman Melissa Melendez, spoke. Told us of proposed AB579, a bill for the "immediate" supervision of criminals that are released from correctional facilities. Some bad news: In the Covered California program, the personal data of tens of thousands of applicants was released to brokers. Told us of proposed AED rules, covering the devices at public schools; however, they are meeting resistance from teachers.

Next WMAC Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

The WMAC adjourned 7:26 PM.