

# Winchester-Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 11, 2024

Place: Winchester Community Center, 32655 Haddock Street, Winchester

### Attendees:

Winchester-Homeland MAC: Andy Domenigoni, Chairman; Jimmy Sheldrake, Vice-Chairman; James Horecka, Secretary; Thomas Laury.  
Members of the Public.

**Call to Order:** Call to order by Andy Domenigoni at 6:30 PM.

Flag Salute. Introductions.

### Approval of the Agenda:

Motion JH; seconded TL: Unanimous.

**Approval of the Minutes** from March 14, 2024:

Motion JS; seconded TL: Unanimous.

### Staff Reports:

- B. Sheriff Department update; Deputy Aaron Klundt, of the Perris Station:
  - Winchester Stats: March 306 calls, 13 arrests.
- C. California Highway Patrol; Lieutenant Steven Rusk:
  - Local statistics: 10 injury collisions in 3.5 months; ~ 3 / month. Most at the Domenigoni Pkwy at SH 79.
  - A specialized enforcement detail is slated for Wednesday. The Sheriff is hiring; hunting for qualified persons.
- A. Supervisor Chuck Washington's Office; Robyn Brock, Chief of Staff, & Andrea Mares, Legislative Assistant:
  - Robyn met with a Planner & TLMA regarding status of the Winchester Community Plan.
  - Q (AD): At the upcoming workshop, will they take questions? A: Yes, & Planners will meet with our LUC to go over the Business Park land uses.
  - Q (AD): Re realignment of SH-79; might here be seed money to advance portions of the route? A: County is looking to take \$25M from local TUMF funds to jump-start the realignment of SH-79.
- D. Cal Fire Winchester Station #34; Shaun Labarre:
  - Stats, Station 34 (Winchester): 78 calls. (52 med, 8 false alarms, 2 wildfires, 3 misc fires, etc.).
  - They are bracing for fire season.
  - Q (AD): When will notices be coming out? A: Inspections first, then notices; takes some time.
- E. EMWD Updates; Alma Ramirez & Phil Paule:
  - Remember to change your irrigation control time clocks.
  - Rebates: The Turf Replacement program continues on; take advantage of this!
  - Kudos to the Sheriff's Department for their assistance with a water line break.
  - Q: Patterson Station Booster? A: The new facility will boost capacity over the old setup, reaching capacity.
- F. Code Enforcement; Angie Solis, Senior Code Enforcement Officer.
  - 22 new cases opened; 11 closed. Piper did 23 inspections
  - Matt Piper took a new position with the City of Temecula. All expressed gratitude for his service.
  - Q: How long can a non-running car remain parked? A: If on County property, may be cited after 72 hrs. If not, other processes may be in play, depending on location: ROW in County, in City, or on private property.
  - Q: Some issues were pending with Matt Piper; continuity? A: Solis gave her business card for contact.
  - Q: Illegal dumping? A: Report it. Portal or other means.
- G. Emergency Management Department. Not present; no report.
- H. 36th District Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia's office: No representative present; no report.
- I. 60th District Assemblymember Dr. Corey Jackson's office: No representative present; no report.
- J. Senator Kelly Seyarto's Office; Amanda Fisher:
  - Fisher brought us up to date on various bills and the status of each.
- K. Valley Wide Park & Recreation District; represented by Craig Shultz:

- Our Community Center building will be going through a major upgrade for disabled access compliance at the Men's Restroom. This may affect our May meeting.
  - Many events are coming up. Grand openings of two parks, including Veteran's Park slated for May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Pool will open May 25<sup>th</sup>. Opening day for BB & SB drew ~1,300 kids; ~5,000 people!
- L. Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians: No representative present; no report.
- M. Winchester Land Use Committee update; Cindy Domenigoni:
- See the Land Use Committee Meeting Report, dated April 11, 2024, on file.
  - Since last month, four LUC meetings. Much discussion over the Business Park designation & uses. A Working Draft has been published (attached to report referenced above).
  - Project TTM 38131, a portion of Menifee North Specific Plan. T&B Planning, Lance Retuya.
  - After hearing a summary on the above, Horecka moved that: "The WH-MAC pass through a letter from the Winchester Town Association & Land Use Committee indicating a 'neutral' position on the project, with a couple of concerns (low water pressure & that the proponent open a dialogue with Valley Wide Parks & Recreation District regarding the proposed park and streetscape maintenance, under our WH-MAC cover letter." Seconded by Sheldrake. Vote called: Unanimous; motion carried.
  - The LUC also recommended that a request be made of our Supervisor that the Third District unincorporated areas of the Winchester-Homeland MAC have a Development Page similar to what the Second District has on their website, which includes proposed and recently approved development projects within the unincorporated areas of the district. This would help keep local citizens informed. Examples of the pages were shared.
- N. City of Menifee update; Doug Darnell, Principal Planner:
- At the City Council meeting in March, they discussed amending their sphere of influence (SOI). If they were to do this, there would be costs involved; for environmental review, etc. The Council plans to issue an RFP to consultants to get an idea of what the costs might be. Then they would review that current data and weigh in again. Timeline for RFP: ~2.5 months.
  - Q (Little): She heard that an ad hoc committee from Menifee met with the county. A: The mayor and councilman Dynn met with the County and garnered support of the county. Q: SOI only? A: SOI & annex, also.
  - Robyn Brock chimed in: At this point, there is nothing to process. The County is 'neutral.' County has no issue with Menifee analyzing the expansion of their sphere of influence. The County will continue to process the Winchester Community Plan.
  - Q (Sheldrake): Does Menifee desire to expand their SOI? A: Yes; 3-2 via a vote in the City Council.
  - C (Sheldrake): We do not want this to happen. Response by Brock: The County will carry on. The SOI would be a process handled by LAFCO.
  - The County approved the Menifee Valley Specific Plan. Following approval, Menifee received applications for about 1.1 million SF of industrial projects.
- O. City of Hemet: No representative present; no report.
- P. Department of Animal Services: No representative present; no report.
- Q. Other Departments and Public Agencies: None.

**New Business:**

- A. Guest Presentation: CalTrans – Carolina Rojas, Manager of Project and Infrastructure Relations Fanny Perez Rico, Governmental & Legislative Affairs Liaison, and Emily Leinen. Also Mo Bhuyian (Traffic).
- The presenters shared a PowerPoint presentation covering basic history, statistics, etc., then fielded questions:
  - Q: What is the status of the beacon? A: In progress.
  - Q: Turn lane at SH 79 & Haddock? A: Looking into this. Per Mo Bhuyian (of CalTrans): This could be pitched as a 'safety' project; better chance of acquiring funding.
  - Q: Signal on SH 79 at Stowe? A: There are complications there. The road offsets, for instance.
  - Q: Pavement on SH 74? A: There are no current projects. One in the future; some years.
  - Q: Concern regarding traffic backed-up on SH 79 turning west to Olive. A: Noted.
  - Q: Has anyone approached CalTrans regarding an interim realignment for SH-79? A: Not known.
  - Q (Paule): EMWD is experiencing terrible road conditions. What is the plan? A: There are several projects, in phases, to tend to potholes and other challenges.
  - C (a resident since 1989): We're facing the same issues as always. We need action! R: Projects take time.
  - Q: Some local roads remain unimproved. A: Not CalTrans. Talk to Robyn regarding specific road(s).
  - C: The beacon project is out to bid. CalTrans: Please send the plans to Robyn, to inform all.

- C (CalTrans): CalTrans does not extend roads. They maintain and improve roads. Their goal is not just moving *cars*, it's moving *people*.
- Re the Hwy 79 Realignment Project: That is now an RCTC project. CalTrans will provide oversight.
- Q: What is the required offset of a right-in/right-out only drive approach from an intersection? A: Varies.
- Q: Who is responsible for widening the bridges in our area? A: In general, developers. Pay into a fund.
- Q: Repaving SH 74 from 215 to Hemet; who will pay? A: Project will be funded by the state.
- Q: If half a street is improved, who pays for the other half? A: In general, the next developer on other side.
- Q: Why is Leon closed? A: Not CalTrans.
- Q: Update on the Hwy 79 Realignment Project? A: RCTC now has the lead. CalTrans has oversight. EIR was approved in 2016. Funding is an issue. Some funding may be available to start portions.
- Q: Who is responsible for maintenance with CalTrans? A: Best bet is to submit a customer service request, on-line. Google for info. Once started, they will keep you informed. We are in District 8; use that on-line.
- Mo Bhuyian (CalTrans) reminded us that safety is everyone's responsibility!
- Citizens thanked the presenters for their presentation and lively discussion.

**Public Comments:**

- Gregg Cowdery advised that Leon Road is closed from Domenigoni Pkwy to Grand Ave.

**Councilmember Reports and Comments:**

- Andy Domenigoni & others expressed concerns regarding the City of Menifee's expansion.

**Agenda Items for next meeting:**

- Suggestions for future topics: RCTC (tentative).

**Adjourn Meeting:**

- The next WHMAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2024, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.
- The WHMAC adjourned at 8:27 PM. M:JS / S:TL / Unan.