



## **WOOD COLONY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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Lina Ruggirello-Danzig, Board Member

Todd Heinrich, Board Member

### Minutes

**Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7:00 PM**

Hart Ransom Elementary School, 3930 Shoemake Ave., Modesto, CA 95358

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:02 pm
2. Invocation
3. Welcome and Roll Call: David Jones, Lisa Braden, Lori Wolf, and Todd Heinrich present, Lina Ruggirello-Danzig absent.
4. Approval of Minutes for MAC Meetings
  - 4.1. March 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
5. Public Comments/Community Concerns –
6. Monthly Community Reports
  - 6.1. California Highway Patrol – Officer Dan Balos reported on one pickup left running, which was later reported stolen. Short staffing is still a problem; however they do have Officer Seth-Renniker as a returnee from Oakdale. Lots of reports of people stopping in various locations and asking for gas.
  - 6.2. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office – Deputy Navarro with the Community Response Unit introduced himself. This is the first week for this unit. The big news is that they have full time staff in Salida's new substation. Don't hesitate to call for service. Last month there wasn't anything serious to report. They have received many reports of knocking on people's doors to see if anyone is at home. Please call about that.
  - 6.3. Salida Fire Protection District – Mark Riggins invited us all out to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony this coming Saturday morning, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Broadway Ave Station. The funding was available from current taxes.
  - 6.4. Woodland Ave Fire Department – no report.
  - 6.5. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors – Terry Withrow announced the fire station opening as well. In the Vizcaya Neighborhood he reported that the Board had voted down the possibility of building a 24-hour gas station out off of Hammett Rd. He also commented about the current animal services event.
  - 6.6. Modesto Irrigation District – Stu Gilman reported that Ed Franciosa had been chosen to the new General Manager at MID. The farmer-to-farmer water program has been instituted again for this water year. The lobby has been re-opened to the

public and they have also begun collecting on arrears. If you see strange color in the water the MID has been using dye in some of the canals as a water tracer. The emperor (aka Gavin Newsom) is still in the news about water management. Stu feels that the State of California intends to go in and try to usurp water rights from senior water users.

- 6.7. Hart Ransom Union School District – Matthew Shipley was happy to report the students were looking forward to the long Holiday weekend. At this time he announced that the current Principal, Mrs. Holt, is retiring and they were commencing on finding a new Principal. Also Mr. Brian Martins wants to return to teaching so they will be looking for a replacement for his position as School Counselor. They expect 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school promotions to be held out in the amphitheater for all to attend.

7. Information Items or Announcement:

- 7.1 Bill Martens with Stanislaus County Public Works showed up to answer any questions regarding current public works projects. He said the grinding yet to be completed on Dakota Ave. will be done as soon as the equipment is back from being repaired. He looked through past minutes but couldn't find the narrow road that was in question from a few months back. David confirmed it is Dunn Rd. He also wanted to remind everyone that any tree planted too near the road and/or right of way will be pruned by Public works to maintain unobstructed views of stop signs. A member of the public Jacob Gray brought to our attention the issues faced by the schools on Finney Rd. – Sierra Vista and Kurt Bacher School. The driving publics complete lack of regard for the safety of the children and other vehicles is getting worse and worse. Some of the children at the school have actually eloped off campus and so far no one has been hit. Also, a bus came in with an engine fire and cars did not yield for it. David Bowman – another public member and also with the same two schools illustrated the issues with Finney Road and the slight jog that require safe driving tactics. Safety for the children is an issue. Bill Martens responded that they would look into the matter of the need for a three way stop again. He will follow up on this at a future meeting. Trena Jones, a public member reiterated her concerns as well since she lives across the street from the schools.

8. Action Items – none.

9. Council Concerns/Comments/Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

- 9.1 Lori Wolf gave a brief report about the four members of Wood Colony who spoke in public comment at the City of Modesto Council meeting last Tuesday. They updated the new Council on our past and present concerns and actually asked that the City of Modesto remove the Beckwith Triangle from their map as they go about updating their General Plan 2050.

10. Next Meeting: May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm

11. Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.

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