

West Ranch Town Council
Minutes for the Meeting Dated: November 1, 2006

- A. Call to Order / Roll Call:
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Dave Bossert
 - b. Present: Dave Bossert, Randal Winter, Betty Griffin, Brian Toqe, James Zimmerman
 - c. Absent: Ron Meschner

- B. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approved by a vote of 5-0.

- C. Treasurers Report
 - a. New balance of \$2189.75.

- D. County Updates
 - a. Fire Department
 - i. None at this meeting
 - b. Parks and Recreation Update – Doug Newell
 - i. Fall Festival - 800 people attended.
 - ii. November 22 Turkey Toss - 3:30pm - 5:30pm
 - iii. Introduction of Jim McCarthy - Update on tennis courts. Staff looked at location, and is proposing the location stay the same as originally planned.
 - c. Sheriff Liason
 - i. Brenda Camera. October had 5 cases of unlocked vehicles and items taken. Thefts are likely connected because many of them happened on the same night.
 - ii. Bob Haueter to provide criteria for "safest cities" in America. Santa Clarita ranked #34 this year.
 - d. CHP
 - i. Trucks on I-5 are now focus for the CHP
 - ii. Speeders during school hours - Valencia and Pico are being monitored.
 - iii. Complaint regarding three-way stop Sycamore Meadow in Westridge community resulted in 11 cites in one operation.
 - e. Cal Trans Update
 - i. None at this time
 - f. General County Update – Bob Haueter
 - i. County 211 line - new line for countywide services. Use for zoning enforcement, real estate fraud, employment, barking dogs, etc. The purpose is to free up the 911 line.
 - ii. New graffiti hotline is available for any non-emergency issue. 800-675-4357. This service should allow removal of graffiti in 48 hours.

- iii. Patrol deficit - all vacant position will be equalized between City of Santa Clarita and the unincorporated areas. Vacancies on day to day basis will be balanced between county and city. Also, \$18MM has been allocated to hiring new officers.
 - iv. End of Pico canyon - complaints have been significantly reduced.
 - g. Regional Planning Update
 - i. Jausch Janowitz with Daily Owens Group presented 235 acre site called Lyon Canyon. 93 single family and 93 age-restricted units. Fire station located at the NE corner. County is to build a fire station at this site as provided by the developer. Fire station should take 1 to 2 years to design and build. Site has significant environmental issues and Jausch has provided the TC with the EIR for review.
 - ii. Trails - Gavin Canyon trail connects west side of Old Road to Stevenson Ranch. Trail staging will be provided as part of the Lyon Cyn project.
 - iii. Prior project was originally for 835 units and included 100 acres more. The developer changed the plans
 - iv. As a result of this project, the old Road will be widened to four lanes from Sage Crest Circle to 3/4 mile south. Calgrove on and off ramp will be improved by this project. Senior units have 60% less traffic impact. With the amount of traffic to be added, the Calgrove/Old Road intersection functions at an acceptable level
 - v. Lot sizes at this project range from 8000 to 20000 sqft. Homes may range from 2500 to 5000 sq ft. Some homes might be semi-custom.
 - h. School Board Update
 - i. None at this time

E. Committee Reports

- a. Castaic Vision Committee.
 - i. Randy volunteered to be part of Castaic Vision Committee
 - ii. Brian Toqe has volunteered for an alternate position
- b. Election Committee
 - i. None at this time.

F. Guest speaker - Dr. Diane Van Hook, College of the Canyons.

- a. Programs the school has recently added: Auto tech school. Northern Sheriff Academy. Fire and LAPD, Nursing program tripled in size. Online AA degree program transferable to the UC system.
- b. The districts fifth high school is on the COC campus.
- c. Visual simulation center proposed.
- d. College budget was \$8 million in 1988; now is \$169 million per year. 75% of students live in SCV
- e. 150 per 1000 people go to community college across the state. In Stevenson Ranch over 300 per 1000 attend a community college.

- f. Measure M on ballot provides \$160 million to COC - matched for \$70MM from state budget.
- g. Mr. BJ Adkins - with over 18000 students, we are bursting at the seams. Measure M will allow us the growth we need. Endorsements come from LA Fire, Sheriff, Auto dealers, PTA, every school district in the Valley, Valencia Industrial Association.
- h. Cost on Measure M is about 1 tank of gas per year.

G. Security

- a. October 7th had the arrest of the month in Stevenson Ranch when two large bags were seized and a high school student was arrested for selling 2000 a week worth of "mushrooms".
- b. Neighborhood watch to be presented in December meeting.
- c. Homeless Shelter meeting Nov 8th. Don Fleming is member of the task force. Committee is almost ready to make decision.

H. Westridge HOA and TPC issue.

- a. HOA has turned down the offer. Course has gone private as of December 1.

I. Appointment to vacant seat

- a. TC voted Don Fleming onto Council (vote count 5 "yes" to 0 "no")

J. Government Relations

- a. Garbage collection surcharge in the County. Chris Hall was not able to comment. County is going to franchise and no surcharge will be allowed.
- b. TC voted to write letter communicating agreement with the fight against Cemex Mine located outside Santa Clarita city limits near Highway 14.

K. Community Liasons

- a. Westridge – No update this month.
- b. Southern Oaks - Application for making streets private and gates can be installed if developer cooperates. .
- c. Sunset Point – Big-rig parking between Old Road and Constitution continues to be a problem. No parking signs to be installed in 2 to 3 weeks.

L. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Scott Campbell to make presentation on Brown Act in January 2007
- b. Suggest invitation from Cal Trans for guest speaker.
- c. Golden State Coalition suggested as possible guest speaker. Victor Lenheim is head of Golden State Coalition.

M. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm