

West Ranch Town Council
Minutes for the Meeting Dated: December 5, 2007

- A. Call to Order at 6:34pm
 - a. Present: Dave Bossert, Ron Meschner, Randall Winter, Brian Toqe, Betty Griffin, Don Fleming, James Zimmerman
 - b. Absent: None

- B. Approval of October Minutes
 - a. Approved 7-0
 - b. Subsequent minutes to be approved at later meeting.

- C. Treasurer's Report and Banking Update
 - a. Bank account balance – \$2,522.27

- D. Government Status Exploratory Committee
 - a. Resolution should be in January 2008
 - b. City had asked County CEO's office to approve annexation of Hasley Hills. Request was turned down.

- E. Los Angeles County Updates:
 - a. Parks & Recreation – Doug Newell
 - i. Winter Break Camp at Richard Rio Park.
 - ii. Holiday Celebration on 12/15/07 – 10am – 1pm. Ages 2-12 are welcome.
 - iii. Flag Football signups for Dec 18 – Mid January.
 - iv. New restroom at JK Park coming soon in 2008.
 - v. Shade structures at Richard Rio Park – they are looking at vendors to install. Town Council will be asked about color schemes in the near future.
 - vi. Skateboard park is in preliminary discussions. Currently continuing to solicit information from the community. Additional discussion in the future.

 - b. Sheriff's Update – Lt. Brenda Cambra
 - i. 20-year old man from Canyon Country was murdered in Stevenson Ranch. Information is not readily available at this time, and the investigation is ongoing.
 - ii. Apparent "burglary" at a Stevenson Ranch home turned out to be a mold-detection company employee who opened the front door and walked in.

 - c. CHP – Sgt. Lund not present tonight
 - i. Update on Truck Route tunnel – 550-foot tunnel at I-5 south of Calgrove was closed until the week before Thanksgiving. Contractor worked around the clock and earned a significant monetary bonus for finishing early.
 - ii. Fatal accident in Stevenson Ranch – Canyon Country resident ran over a pedestrian who later succumbed to those injuries.

 - d. County Public Works
 - i. Pressure bumps on Stevenson Ranch Parkway will be gone in December.

- ii. Curb Ramps on Poe Parkway seemed to be missing, but the County office was not able to see why the bumps were not built originally as planned. They will be installed in 8 weeks from now.
- e. Los Angeles County Fire Department – Chief
 - i. Green belts around the communities have proven to work as shown by the Magic Fires and others that occurred recently.
 - ii. Assessment on rain/mud implications is currently underway. If there is a need for sandbags, the fire stations have supplies for this purpose.
- f. Board Appointment to fill Betty Griffin’s position
 - i. Chuck O’Connell is nominated for this appointment.
 - ii. Motion by Dave, Second by Ron.
 - iii. Approved 7-0
 - iv. Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich performed swearing in ceremony.
- g. Presentation to Betty Griffin for Her Service to the Community.
 - i. Award presented by Supervisor Antonovich.
 - ii. Response by Betty Griffin to the gift and flowers presented. Thanks to many
- h. Presentation to Parks and Recreation, Landscape Maintenance District Staff.
 - i. Supervisor Antonovich presented to the LMD in thanks for their work on the Sunset Pointe project to restore the LMD areas.
- i. Presentation by Supervisor Antonovich
 - i. Thanks to Russ Guiney for his service to the County.
 - ii. Supervisor referenced the fire resources to respond to the recent fires. Air and ground support were better than San Diego and Orange County. Our fire, sheriff, animal control and parks & rec employees were out fighting the fires, which assisted us in resolving a tragedy. Newer developments are protected by greenbelts. These new developments also use fire-resistant building materials.
 - iii. Two years ago, Prop 1A was voted to have tax dollars go into the cities where they are collected. These dollars are being used to add training facilities and for sheriff.
 - iv. Confiscation of weapons program should be expanded. In 1999 a man was released from prison in Washington. He came to the San Fernando Valley and murdered a person.
 - v. Parks & Rec has added \$78MM in amenities throughout the Count in recent years. Castaic lake bathrooms and shade structures. Various other tennis course, structures, etc have been added.
 - vi. Independent Study – County will compile data by March 2008. The data will then be forwarded to the CEO by June 2008 and then provided to the Town Council in late 2008.
 - vii. Las Lomas project – County supports 250 homes. LA City supports 5000 home project.

- viii. Arts – money to various organizations.
- ix. December 15th Metrolink Train will stop at Via Princessa station at 9pm.
- x. Air Quality Management District – money spent for CNG buses for City of Santa Clarita.

F. Public Comment

- a. None.

G. Meeting Adjourned at 7:33pm