

West Ranch Town Council
Minutes for the Meeting Dated: February 7, 2007

- A. Call to Order at 6:30pm
 - a. Present: Dave Bossert, Randal Winter, Betty Griffin, Ron Meschner, Don Fleming, James Zimmerman, Brian Toqe
 - b. Absent: Betty Griffin

- B. Approval of November Minutes
 - a. Approved 6-0

- C. Treasurers Report and Banking Update
 - a. Bank account balance - \$3,417.92

- D. Los Angeles County Updates
 - a. Los Angeles County Update – Bob Haueter / Rosalind Wayman
 - i. LAFCO/CALCO Conference at the end of February 2007 in Sacramento, CA – Supervisor’s office agreed to sponsor 1 member of the West Ranch Town Council and one member of the Castaic to attend. West Ranch Town Council agreed to sponsor one of its members to attend conference as well.
 - ii. Thank you to Bob for his service over the years. Introduction of Rosalind Wayman as our new Representative from Supervisor Antonovich.
 - iii. Homeless shelter meeting – Frank Ferry has asked if the Town Council has taken a formal position on the location of the homeless shelter.
 - b. Parks and Recreation – Al Edwards
 - i. Community Forum on Wednesday February 28, 2007 – meeting is to be an evaluation of the park program.
 - ii. Stevenson Ranch Civic Assoc Softball League – runs during Spring time and ends June 12th, 2007. Contact Ron Meada with questions.
 - c. Sheriff’s Liaison – Lt. Brenda Cambra
 - i. January was a busy month with two drunk driving arrests, significant vandalism, large party arrests and wrist-rocket launching at moving vehicles, 9 window smash car burglaries.
 - d. CHP Liaison
 - i. Collisions comparing 2005 and 2006 – 135 in 2005
 - ii. Speed cites – 373 in 2005 and 372 in 2006.
 - iii. DUI arrests 25 in 2005 and 15 in 2006
 - iv. Right of Way Violations - 18 in 2005 and 11 in 2006
 - v. Injury crashes – 7 in 2005 and 9 in 2006.
 - vi. No fatal crashes in January in our area.

- E. Smizer Ranch Update – Jeffrey Lambert
 - a. Jay & Joyce Rodgers of Monteverde Development bought the Smizer Ranch. Also under contact to own the
 - b. Total of 37 acres
 - c. Timeline – File with the City in March, April, May, 2007.
 - d. Includes office space, 300-room hotel, retail with pedestrian street, and residential
 - e. 750 – 100 residential mixed use. ¼ will be senior product,
 - f. 600,000 sq ft of retail
 - g. Athletic club will not be removed.

- h. Calgrove is the retail side of the property. Center section will include hotel and office space. Residential will be on the North end of the site.
 - i. Wiley Canyon needs to be a four-lane road with bike paths
 - j. 11,000 acres of open space all drains to the site at this time – flood control will be a complicated problem.
 - k. City Council will not likely vote until 2009.
 - l. Presentation has been made to the Newhall School District and there will be the usual fee paid related to schools.
- F. Formation of Citizen Advisory Committee
- a. Idea is to form an advisory group to help in process of evaluating information to be collected related to Annexation Committee.
 - b. Motion to form by Don, Second by Ron. Voted 6-0 to form committee.
- G. LAFCO Seminar in Sacramento on February 22-23, 2007.
- a. Supervisor's office offered to cover tuition – one from West Ranch and one from Castaic Town Council to attend.
 - b. Motion to reimburse Ron M. for seminar fee of \$250 approved unanimously.
- H. Presentation by Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – Bruce Hamamoto.
- a. Teams with all agencies who deal with water issues.
 - b. Randy Winter – was appointed by a 6-0 vote to attend the meetings related to this Committee. Motion by Ron and second by James.
- I. Air Quality Management Advisory Group
- a. FYI – Dave was asked to be a member of the AQM Advisory Group.
- J. Deposit for \$250 is now required by the Southern Oaks HOA.
- a. James is available to provide a fully-refundable. Motion by Ron, Second by James. Approved 6-0.
- K. Public Officials Night - February 21, 2007
- a. Council Members encouraged to attend as public officials
- L. G. Committee Reports
- a. Election 2008
 - i. None at this time.
 - b. Security/Public Safety
 - i. No further at this time.
 - c. Governmental Relations
 - i. Homeless Shelter Task Force.
 - A. Draft report submitted with three properties:
 - a. Rivendale property owned by the City at the front of Towsley
 - b. Pitchess Detention center is also potential site.
 - c. Dreyton site is third alternative.
 - B. Presentation to the Supervisor by the end of February 2007.
 - C. Town Council asked if we have any issues to discuss.
 - D. Average holding was about 25 people, maximum during cold people was 42 in one night.

E. Motion to offer support by Randy, Second by Ron. Approved 6-0.

ii. Westridge HOA and TPC issues Update

A. Council chose to leave on the minutes, but no update at this time.

M. Westridge Liason

a. None at this time.

N. Southern Oaks Liaison

a. None at this time.

O. Sunset Point Liaison

a. Citizens attended annexation meeting with no new information.

P. Governmental Status Feasibility Committee Update

a. More to report at March Town Council Meeting.

b. Meeting with City of Santa Clarita is scheduled for February 27th, 2007 – report to follow in March TC meeting

Q. H. Old Business

a. None at this time.

R. I. Public Comment

a. Letter to Supervisors office requesting replaced trees was acted on very quickly.

b. Street lights and sidewalk on south side of Pico Canyon between Southern Oaks and homes being built by Lennar.

c. Constellation / Pico Canyon – advertisement for apartment buildings is a bit of an eyesore.

d. Oak tree that had been dying – Lennar is contracting arborist and status is that it is not getting worse.

e. On/Off-ramps at Lyons Ave need to be improved. Conversations are taking place, but it is a slow process to gather public and private money.

S. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm