

West Ranch Town Council
Minutes for the Meeting Dated: March 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: None

- B. Approval of February Minutes
 - a. Approved 7-0

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

- D. Los Angeles County Updates:
 - a. Parks & Recreation - Doug Newell
 - i. Spring break camp from 4-12 yr olds – registration starts March 12th
 - ii. Easter Egg Hunt – Sat, April 7th.
 - iii. Youth Sports start practice on March 31st.
 - iv. Commendation given to Stevenson Ranch Civic Committee for their sponsorship and to Dave for his involvement.
 - b. CHP – Brenda Cambra
 - i. Four vehicle burglaries in February. Mostly items that were stolen were from high-end vehicles – normally targeting high-end electronics such as GPS and headrest monitors.
 - ii. Roving Terrace in Stevenson Ranch has hired
 - iii. Collisions in the area are down to 20 from 28 this month.
 - iv. “Every 15 Minutes Program” to happen in Stevenson Ranch to show students the impact of the DUI deaths. 100% support from the parents at West Ranch High School.
 - v. School children have been crossing streets at their own will. Per Bob Haueter (formerly with Supervisor's Office), traffic Crossing Guards are provided by County for only elementary schools – not Jr or Sr. High School.
 - c. Ed Masterson Introduction – Cameron Smyth Field Rep (38th Assembly District)
 - i. Office relocated to Valencia Blvd (near corner of Magic Mtn Parkway).
 - d. LA County Fire Department - Stephanie English Introduction
 - i. Brush inspections coming in May
 - ii. City Preparedness Expo coming soon
 - e. Bob Spear Introduction
 - f. Newhall Land Update – Landmark Village
 - i. Specific Plan adopted in 2003. Permitted development of 12000 acre Newhall Ranch with 21000 home sites and 5M sqft of commercial in total.
 - ii. Landmark Village is first community in Specific Plan.
 - iii. Public hearing has recently concluded, and final EIR is being prepared for the later part of May 2007.

- iv. Castaic Town Council has been working closely with Newhall in development process.
 - v. 8000 acres to be preserved as open space. Currently includes 3 fire stations, 5 elementary schools, 1 Jr high and 1 Sr high.
 - vi. 1444 home sites in Landmark Village and 1M sqft of commercial. Also includes fire station.
 - vii. Located south of Highway 126 and west of Interstate 5.
 - viii. Letter of Recommendation requested from West Ranch TC. Randy voted and Don Fleming second motion to provide letter of recommendation. Approved 7-0.
 - g. Supervisor Antonovich – Rosalind Wayman
 - i. Sidewalk on north side of Pico Canyon Road adjacent to the Jake Keredjian County Park and Pico Canyon Elementary School is deemed to be sufficient at this time.
 - ii. Introduction of Michael Murphy - Intergovernmental Relations Committee at City of Santa Clarita. Mr. Murphy offered his regrets for the City moving forward with posting flags on light poles for Amgen Tour of California event.
 - iii. Letter to be submitted to City offices to request procedure be followed for similar issues.
 - h. Thanks and recognition to Bob Haueter for his service to the community.
 - i. Presentation of “plaque” as a gesture of our thanks.
 - ii. Bob has taken new position with Congressman McKeon.
- E. Guest Speaker Bob Haueter - Congressional Office Update
- a. Mr. Haueter’s new Region boundaries are 210 on the south, 15 on the west, CA/NV border on the east, and nearly Lake Tahoe on the north.
 - b. Buck McKeon is now ranking member of Education Committee rather than Chairman of the Committee.
 - c. Congressman McKeon has new program called Tela-Town Hall. This reaches 8 or 9 thousand people via conference call. #1 issue has been immigration.
 - d. Another hot issue at this time is related to conviction of two border patrol agents who shot drug smuggler in back as he was fleeing. Agents are now servicing 10 to 12 year sentence. As a result, Congressman issued HR563 – calls release and full pardon of two border patrol agents. Congressman’s office requests letter supporting HR563.
- F. Government Relations Update
- a. Homeless Shelter Task Force update. 36 total sites considered and narrowed down to 3. Vote was unanimous for Dreyton site for 3 years, Pitchess site for three years, and Golden Valley site for three years.
 - b. Westridge/TPC issue
 - i. Letter received from West Ranch attorney requesting meeting with Newhall to discuss concerns of HOA Board.
 - c. Westridge and Southern Oaks Liasons
 - i. No update at this time
 - d. Sunset Point Liason

- i. Landscaping provider not responsive in Sunset Point. Rosalind Wayman said this is due to the County going out to bid for the landscaping.
 - e. Governmental Status Exploratory Committee Update
 - i. Boundary study is being performed.
 - ii. Initial Feasibility Analysis is looking for proposals by April 2007 meeting.
 - iii. February 27th meeting with City regarding community issues went very well.
 - iv. LAFCO Seminar in Sacramento (Feb 22/23) – Update
 - 1. 1½ days spent learning about the process for feasibility to incorporate and be self-sustaining.
 - 2. Revenue discussion regarding DMV fees
 - 3. 10 copies requested of 250pg annexation document to be distributed to all Council Members.
 - f. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update – Randy Winter
 - i. First meeting attended by Randy laid ground rules for what the organization will be doing. More information to come as it becomes relevant.

G. New Business

- a. Business Cards
 - i. Dave to bring samples for review at next meeting.
- b. Website
 - i. Ron Meschner has suggested pricing for website as regular contact point.
 - ii. Motion to move forward with website. Ron presented motion and Don seconded motion.

H. Public Comment

- a. Tim Bend – Santa Clarita City Council Member.
 - i. Reason for visit was to offer apology for banner issue. Request was made to the Town Council to contact the City of Santa Clarita directly when issues come up so that the public does not see as much adversarial interaction between the County and the City.
- b. City of Santa Clarita representative
 - i. Clarified that they do not oppose mining by the size of the proposed mining by CEMEX. City clarified that they are not NIMBY's. The representative's public comment was acknowledged by the Town Council.