

West Ranch Town Council
Minutes for the Meeting Dated: February 6, 2008

- A. Call to Order at 6:32pm
 - a. Present: Dave Bossert, Ron Meschner, Randal Winter, Brian Toqe, Don Fleming, James Zimmerman, Chuck O.Connell
 - b. Absent: None

- B. Approval of January Minutes
 - a. Tabled until next month when minutes will be available.

- C. Treasurer's Report and Banking Update
 - a. Bank account balance – \$1,650.74

- D. Los Angeles County Updates:
 - a. Parks & Recreation – Doug Newell
 - i. Update on Bathrooms at Jakc Karijian Park – these will go out to bid in 30 days. Current timeline shows bathrooms in the park by mid-2008.

 - b. Sheriff's Update – Lt. Brenda Cambra
 - i. Sheriff was not able to locate the semi-truck parked illegally in Stevenson Ranch.
 - ii. Statistics – vehicle burglaries, vehicle thefts, and egging occurrences, open-garage burglaries.
 - iii. 32 open garage doors were noted on one recent night. As a safety tip, the Sheriff Dept always recommends closing garage doors when not being watched.

 - c. CHP – Sgt. Lund
 - i. DUI accident occurred at 8am one day this month.
 - ii. Caltrans to make presentation on the I-5 truck route. Funding is an issue at this time.

 - d. Stevenson Ranch HOA update
 - i. Santa Clarita Public Safety has been hired by the HOA to patrol.

 - e. Rosalind Wayman – LA County update
 - i. Curb ramps on Poe are completed.
 - ii. Work on pressure bumps on Stevenson Ranch Parkway has begun, and should be completed next week.
 - iii. Newhall Library is going to be expanded over the next few years. Needs assessment is currently being conducted.

- E. Guest Speaker
 - a. Bob Spear – running for City Council. Bob has been coming to the Town Council's meeting for the last year, although we are not able to vote one way or another.
 - b. He first came to the Santa Clarita Valley in 1985 as a LA County Sheriff Lieutenant and Captain. He was the first Chief of Police for the City of Santa Clarita.

- c. Since retiring in 2001, he has maintained involvement in the community through various boards and committees.
- d. Question was asked about annexation. Bob feels that as safe as we are under Supervisor Antonovich that we could be better as an incorporated city. The main reasons for this are because one city does not compete for resources, one city has more influence than two smaller cities.
- e. If elected, Bob did not know enough at this time to know what changes he would like to see in City staff. City staff takes its directions with City Council.
- f. Regarding One Valley, One Vision as set out by the City, it appears that it is a “City-centric” movement only.
- g. Question about number of City Council members and the topic of districting. Bob does not feel the number of people on the Council is as much of an issue. If people think we need more people on the City Council, then he is open to that issue.

F. Committee Reports

- a. Election to happen in November 2008. We are looking for people to help with that process. See the website for contact information.
- b. Sunset Pointe Update – Chuck O’Connell
 - i. February 21, 2008 meeting scheduled at the REMax building near Sagecrest. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss increasing the assessment, which has been the same for 20 years.
 - ii. Regarding the Sunset Pointe maintenance issue, the Town Council reiterated that it is important that the money ear-marked for landscaping is not leaked into fees for the County since the problem was originally created by the County dropping the ball.
- c. Citizen’s Advisory Group Update
 - i. Although it is still in a holding pattern, discussions are currently taking place to merge the current group with more citizens. No decisions have been made yet at this time.

G. Old Business

- a. Patriot’s Day – Ron is looking for more people to be involved in this event.

H. New Business

- a. None at this time.

I. Public Comment

- a. None.

J. Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm