

West Ranch Town Council
Minutes for the Meeting Dated: May 7, 2008

- A. 6:31pm call to order
 - a. Present: Ron Meschner, Dave Bossert, Brian Toqe, Don Fleming, James Zimmerman, Chuck O'Connell, Randal Winter
 - b. Absent: None

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

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

- D. Los Angeles County Updates:
 - a. Parks & Recreation - Bill Marco
 - i. Community forum May 29th 6:30 to 8:30pm.
 - ii. May 24th concert in the park at 6:30pm – all ladies band.
 - iii. T-ball coming up soon. 100 kids signed up and practices begin May 19th; games begin June 7th.
 - iv. Bathrooms at JK Park are on schedule
 - v. Tennis courts are scheduled to break ground on July 7th.

 - b. Sheriff's Update – Lt. Brenda Cambra
 - i. Regarding Airsoft guns, they are not illegal to have. In the event of injury in a game, that is a civil issue. In the event otherwise, vandalism is the issue.
 - ii. Regarding scavenging trash from trash bins, it is not legal to do this.
 - iii. Two vehicle thefts this month. Two narcotics arrests. Various vehicle burglaries.
 - iv. Sheriff and Fire are having a couple Community Safety Programs. One on Monday May 12 at College of the Canyons and another on Thurs May 15 at Castaic Elementary.
 - v. The guys picked up in the “smash & grab” burglaries were not directly connected to other thefts.

 - c. CHP Update – Sgt Lund
 - i. Question: Were arrests in connection with vandalism related to other vandalisms? Answer: Not at this time.
 - ii. Pico and Valencia Blvds are still a focus for the speeding

 - d. Los Angeles County Update – Rosalind Wayman
 - i. Regarding the trash franchise, the Council had questions last month and a lot of the questions have been answered at this time. Virginia from the County gave an explanation of the comparison table provided to compare Burrtec Waste and Waste Management. Contract is currently slated for seven years. The question was asked about potentially excluding the gated communities

from the other 17,000 homes included in this contract. Apparently not possible at this time. With condo associations, they are on their own to contract their trash services.

- ii. Temporary Library is status quo at this time

E. Lennar / Newhall Land Update

- a. Landsource entity (Calpers, Lennar, LNR owned) is working through debt restructuring.
- b. Newhall Ranch specific plan was approved in 2003 by Board of Supervisors.
- c. Landmark Village is first phase – has been through Regional Planning Committee. Located south of SR-126, it is 1400 home sites with fire station and elementary school. TTM and Environmental docs are being updated. Late summer for Board of Supervisors. First homeowners expected to occupy in either 2010 or 2011.
- d. Mission Village is 5500 units and includes library and fire station.
- e. Homestead owners occupy 2013 or 2014.
- f. Entrada - Hearings anticipated in 2009 with first homeowners moving in 2013.
- g. Legacy Village (formerly Stevenson Ranch Phase V). Hearings anticipated in 2009 with first homeowners moving in 2013.
- h. Regarding connection of Poe Parkway to Legacy Village, estimated completion is 2013.
- i. Update on the Westridge HOA, there are ongoing discussions regarding the maintenance of the common areas (with the Westridge HOA).

F. Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce – Larry Mankin & Charlie (Urban Retail Properties built the Town Center)

- a. Economic slowdown is being felt in all aspects of business. Many business failures are occurring.
- b. Small Business Development Center is available for those businesses that qualify.
- c. The SCV Chamber of Commerce is working to make their website more user-friendly. www.scvchamber.com.
- d. The Chamber started putting together a book about how to start a business.
- e. Bill Kennedy is leading the task-force to market our Valley in economic development.
- f. When Newhall Land developed Valencia, they did a great job. The City of Santa Clarita has not spent enough money on marketing for the City.

G. Stevenson Ranch Community Association Update

- a. Thanks to the County for all the landscaping in the medians.

H. Community Updates:

- a. Westridge update:
 - i. None at this time
- b. Southern Oaks:
 - i. This community is waiting for approval of the gates for their community.
- c. Sunset Point:

- i. Meeting on April 16th was facilitated by Rosalind regarding improvement of the landscaping in this community. The volunteers who have coordinated the discussion with the County for repair, replacement and ongoing maintenance of the common areas. The County has agreed to contribute \$681,000 subject to passage of the Sunset Pointe Zone 21 ballot measure to increase the annual assessment for landscape maintenance.

I. Governmental Exploratory Committee Update

- a. Initial Feasibility Analysis will likely be released in late November 2008.

J. Los Angeles County Regional Water District

- a. Public meeting on May 1st took place. Website for the relevant documents will be posted on the Beacon

K. New Business

- a. Peace Officers Golf Tournament lamp post banners were unanimously approved for the golf tournament.
- b. Lyons Canyon Ranch project is under discussion. Questions about the oak tree replacement came back that the trees are not reasonably movable.

L. Public Comment

- a. Neighborhood watch meeting on Tuesday May 13th at 7pm. Location is Crown Villas. North Contact Betty Griffin at 661-254-6116.

M. Meeting Adjourned at 7:49pm