

West Ranch Town Council
Minutes for the Meeting Dated: March 4, 2008

- A. 6:34pm call to order
 - a. Present: Dave Bossert, Ron Meschner, Randal Winter, James Zimmerman, Chuck O'Connell, Don Fleming, Brian Toqe
 - b. Absent: None

- B. Approval of January Minutes
 - a. Approved 7 to 0

- C. Treasurer's Report and Banking Update
 - a. Bank account balance – \$1,500.74

- D. Los Angeles County Updates:
 - a. Parks & Recreation - Doug Newell
 - i. Community forum coming up at Stevenson Ranch on March 19th. Invitation to community to discuss safety and planning for the community.
 - ii. T-ball registration starts this coming week. This is the kids' first exposure to baseball.
 - iii. Co-ed adult softball league has been postponed. They are in need of a coordinator, and
 - iv. Smart gardening workshop to be held by Public Works. Intended to help lawn care, composting, etc.

 - b. Sheriffs' Update – Lt Cambra
 - i. Willowbrook location in Westridge had a burglary. Resident obtained description of car, which was a 2009 Chevy Impala with a license number 6ETM890.
 - ii. Burglaries usually happen during the day.
 - iii. Grand theft occurred when cleaning company stole computer, and police were able to find suspect.
 - iv. Mountain Terrace had no burglaries.
 - v. Sunset Point had theft from unlocked vehicles.
 - vi. COPS Team arrested nine suspects on east side of the Valley.
 - vii. Website showed that COPS team targeted the swap meet and arrested 7 people for selling counterfeit brand named items.
 - viii. Trail Challenge sponsored by Search and Rescue Team. See the Sheriffs' website for details.
 - ix. The Sheriffs' office recommends keeping track of all serial numbers of any items in your home, so that you can identify those items later in the event of a burglary / theft.

 - c. CHP Update
 - i. Feb 20th DIU checkpoint at the Old Road and Constitution.
 - ii. 137 citations issued in January

- iii. This area has been relatively quiet as far as street racing and motorcycle gangs.
- d. Los Angeles County Update – Rosalind Wayman
 - i. County of LA is having Household Waste Disposal is happening on April 4, 2009.
 - ii. Press release went out today to announce \$5M was transferred from the County to the City to continue the Magic Mountain Parkway interchange.
 - iii. Jersey Mikes event to commemorate the Fallen Officer fund on March 25th, 2009.
- E. Newhall Land Update – Alex.
 - a. Nothing new to report at this time.
- F. Guest Speaker – Victor Lindenheim (Golden State Gateway Coalition or “GSGC”)
 - a. The GSGC is a non-profit organization with about 40 dues-paying members and 20 “leadership” members from local organizations. The goal of the organization is to improve road quality in North LA County.
 - b. Debbie Helbig works with City of Santa Clarita in obtaining funds.
 - c. I-5 improvements are to add carpool lanes and truck lanes. Truck lanes will go from Weldon Canyon over the Newhall Pass. Total is about 11 linear miles. At a later date, an HOV lane would go north to Parker Road.
 - d. Caltrans and the GSGC have a formal partnership in place. The private sector has paid for certain engineering and studies. The cost was about \$7M which included \$1.6M allotment from the Federal Government.
 - e. Press release for truck lane project. The design phase will be \$7.5M and the entire truck lanes will be about \$120M.
 - f. Total project cost is estimated to be \$500M for truck and HOV lanes.
 - g. GSGC is working on getting an allotment. Source of money is from the Appropriations Committee – this is where they are trying to get the design costs. The amount of money needed requires other sources. One is the stimulus package, but the challenge is there are not many shovel-ready projects.
 - h. They want to hear good project that creates jobs and cleans air.
 - i. The Newhall Pass truck lane project timeline is estimated to start in 2012 and end in 2015.
 - j. Value analysis is required for project with funding to try to find cost savings.
 - k. \$27.5B for all US road projects, and CA will get about \$2B with Caltrans getting about \$1.6B, so they control
 - l. Will Kempton’s office run’s Caltrans.
 - m. Chuck O’Connell asked about any emergency plans for access outside the Santa Clarita Valley, and the answer at this time was that it would be great, but that the funds are not allocated for that use at this time
- G. I-5 / Lyons Beautification Project
 - a. Chuck O’Connell to update us as this project progresses.

H. Community Updates:

- a. Westridge update:
 - i. None at this time.
- b. Southern Oaks:
 - i. None at this time.
- c. Sunset Point:
 - i. Traffic signals are operational now. Tree-trimming project does not seem to be on track for the end of March, but that is partially because the weather has not been very cooperative (rain).
- d. Stevenson Ranch Update
 - i. Stevenson Ranch HOA continues their aggressive painting project in the community.

I. Governmental Exploratory Committee Update

- a. Update on Initial Feasibility Analysis. Comparative Study report was due to be released Thursday, March 5th. Meeting with full committee is planned.
- b. Thursday May 7th is first public meeting to discuss results of the IFA. Meeting will be at Stevenson Ranch Elementary School. IFA Consultant and City representatives will be there and the goal is to get the information to the people.
- c. Oak tree on Pico Canyon road is moving toward removal of the fence around it at this time, but it is planned to happen in at least 2 phases with the first phase being removal of guide wires to see how the tree “responds” prior to removing the fencing around the tree.

J. New Business

- a. None.

K. Public Comment

- a. None

L. Meeting Adjourned at 7:42pm