

West Ranch Town Council

25876 The Old Road #213 Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381

West Ranch Town Council Meeting Wednesday, January 2, 2008

Tournament Players Club – Valencia, 26550 Heritage View Lane, Valencia, CA 91381

- A. Call to order – 6:30pm
 - a. Present: Dave Bossert, Ron Mechsner, James Zimmerman, Don Fleming, Randal Winter, Chuck O’Connell
 - b. Absent: Brian Toqe
- B. Approval of December Minutes
 - a. Approved 5-0.
 - i. James Zimmerman did not vote, arrived after this portion of meeting.
- C. Treasurers Report and Banking Update
 - a. \$871.53 Expenditures in December. \$1650.74 working budget.
- D. County Updates
 - a. Parks & Recreation
 - i. Flag Football Program starting
 - ii. Contract for Bathrooms at Jake Kuredjian Park Approved
 - 1. Ground Break w/in 60 days
 - 2. June / July estimated completion date
 - iii. Skateboard Park – meetings underway to gather information
 - iv. Tennis Courts at Richard Rioux Park – out to bid
 - b. LA County Sheriff – Lt. Cambra
 - i. Light Report for Area
 - 1. 2 burglarries reports, 11 vehicle theft reports, 4 vandalism reports
 - 2. COPS Team – New deputy added for 2008
 - c. California Highway Patrol – Sgt. Lund
 - i. Maximum deployment conducted during holidays
 - ii. 2 Fatal collisions reported in the area
 - iii. Castaic Drug Bust
 - d. LA County Supervisor Antonovich’s Office – Rosalind Wayman
 - i. Pressure ridges in Stevenson Ranch Parkway to be addressed by County at the end of the month. Schedule is contingent on the weather.
 - ii. Poe Parkway missing curb ramps will be installed mid-month
 - iii. Researched Illegal Parking of commercial vehicles in Stevenson Ranch – no record of resident calls. Provided 661.294.5540 (Newhall CHP Office number for during business hours) or 323.982.4945 for after hours to report this. An officer will be dispatched and a check made.
- E. Other Updates
 - a. Stevenson Ranch Community Association (HOA) – Greg Waugh
 - i. Recapped brief survey results from HOA newsletter – based on 24 responses.
 - ii. Skateboard Park
 - 1. Rioux Park not the right area.
 - 2. Homeowner concerns
 - 3. Liability concerns
 - 4. Crime / Vandalism / Drug concerns

- 5. HOA wants the WRTC to revisit the location
 - a. Shares goals to get boarders off streets and out of shopping centers
- b. Stevenson Ranch Film Commission
 - i. Being formed
- F. Guest Speaker – Bob Spierer, Candidate for Santa Clarita City Council
- G. Committee Reports
 - a. Election 2008 Committee
 - i. Need volunteers to staff committee and help work polling locations and count ballots
 - ii. Info needed from LA Cty Registrar on options – how best to conduct on Nov 2008 election day.
 - b. Security / Public Safety
 - i. Covered in Sheriff and CHP report
 - c. Southern Oaks Liaison
 - i. Nothing to report
 - d. Westridge Liaison
 - i. Brian absent. Don does not have anything to report.
 - e. Sunset Pointe Liaison
 - i. Meetings continued in December with County on organizing communication effort regarding LMD issues.
 - ii. Need several public meetings to communicate with residents – tentative first date in mid-February at Re/Max building.
 - iii. Assessment change dependent on successful vote.
 - f. Governmental Status Exploratory Committee
 - i. Committee not pleased with the revised timeframes provided by the County
 - ii. Requests to the County were queued behind similar requests from 2 other areas exploring incorporation.
 - iii. Committee not pleased with the City’s proposal to move forward with the Hasley Hills annexation effort while the report process is ongoing and before the reports can be adequately vetted by the community.
 - iv. Additional meetings planned to see what can be done to accelerate the process, however the group is pessimistic of the ability to speed things up.
 - v. Looking tentatively at 1Q 2009 for completed reports ready for community
- H. Old Business
 - a. Patriot’s Day 2008
 - i. Need volunteer groups to help organize and expand attendance and activities
- I. New Business
 - a. Owner of Abbey Lane, Coffee Shop / Restaurant at the Stevenson Ranch Parkway – Hemingway Ave shops raising issue of poor business environment at the complex. Shops going out of business or nearly out of business. Combination of slow economy and very high rents. Doesn’t seem much thought or control on who tenants would be. Would like the Council to try to help communicate the need to support the local businesses – most have employees / owners as residents in town.
 - b. Council will work to help recommend using local businesses as much as possible.