

West Ranch Town Council
Minutes for the Meeting Dated: June 7, 2006

- A. Call to Order / Roll Call:
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Paul Ash
 - b. Present: Paul Ash, Dave Bossert, Randal Winter, James Zimmerman, Ron Mechsner
 - c. Absent: Betty Griffin, Brian Toqe
- B. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approved by a vote of 5 – 0.
- C. Treasurers Report
 - a. James Zimmerman reported that the balance remains \$989.75 with no change from May balance.
- D. Presentations to the Council
 - i. Kathleen Ritner – LA County Parks and Rec presented a “State of the Parks”.
 - 1. Times of operation at Castaic Lake / Beaches
 - a. Junior Lifeguard program – 2 sessions 6/17 to Mid July and Mid-July to late August
 - 2. Val Verde – LA County Pool
 - 3. Rioux Park
 - a. Summer Camp
 - b. Golf Lessons
 - c. Dog Obedience Lessons
 - d. Smart Gardening Workshops
 - e. Summer Concert
 - f. 4th of July Fireworks Display
 - g. Skateboard Park – Reopens 6/15
 - h. Senior Club
 - 4. Always looking for new ideas for park programs.
 - 5. Jim McCarthy spoke regarding the new restrooms proposed for Jake Kuridjian Park:
 - a. Location near the access road to the detention basin.
 - b. Disabled access
 - c. Bob Hauter mentioned he reviewed this with Dr. Winger:
 - i. No objection as a legitimate need.
 - ii. Preferred location as far away from the school grounds as possible.
 - iii. A site walk-thru review will be planned to include the Pico Canyon PTA leadership.
 - d. In terms of design – now subject to work by Park & Rec Design group – and that input will be solicited with a limited ability to adapt the design within constraints of available funding.

- e. Public Comment / Question – Concern of the proximity to the school and the appearance that this is a ‘done deal’.
- f. Joan – Exec VP of PTA with Public Comment - is against a restroom, and expressed understanding that the Principle of school is also against the restroom because of security concerns.
- g. Public Comment – Why not maintain the green space – there are small parks (pocket parks) all over SR without restrooms. County Parks all have restrooms. County Park police and LA County Sheriff Dept will patrol regularly (as they do now at Pico Canyon Park) – and the facility will be only open when the Park is open. Also, the initial plan was for the Park to jointly use the School’s restrooms...but this was stopped by security concerns. There are no serious issues reported with criminals / homeless using park restrooms at other locations.
- h. Site walk to be conducted as soon as possible.
- i. No timeline – needs to be finalized and out to bid. Estimate at least 1 year.
- j. Council question – can this be done on accelerated process. Answer – No.

E. County Business

- a. Parks and Recreation Department
 - i. Covered under Special Presentation above.
- b. Supervisor Antonovich’s Office – Bob Hauter
 - i. Reported on Board of Supervisors meeting regarding Sunshine Canyon Landfill
 - 1. Closure date set – 30 years out, review in 25 years
 - 2. Restrictions set – double liner and combine City / County efforts with the more stringent of the regulations between City / County to apply.
 - ii. Stonecrest Annexation
 - 1. Protest petitions out to 6/28/06.
 - 2. Supervisor Antonovich has no set position – will abide by the voice of the residents.
 - 3. Discussed City options regarding other annexation avenues – locations. Alternatives not appeared to have been reviewed.
 - 4. City has no mining statutes / regulations in place. The City has to address this.
 - 5. Believes that the 15% vote threshold will be reached.

F. Committee Reports

- a. Community Liaisons:

- i. Randall Winters - Southern Oaks:
 - 1. Vote planned on the annexation into the HOA of 19 new homes. The only real issue is that of gates.
 - 2. Discussions needed as there is a possibility of 2 developers looking to develop land above Southern Oaks may fund additional school – but need access to the area via Southern Oaks. Needs to be addressed with the HOA.
- ii. Brian Toque – Westridge:
 - 1. HOA / TPC meeting conducted – additional meetings planned to fully address issues and concerns and reach an agreement.
- iii. Chuck O’Connell – Sunset Pointe / Enclave:
 - 1. Expressed a thank you to Council for assistance in addressing graffiti at Good Guys location.
- iv. Stevenson Ranch HOA: Only issues addressed related to Chase / Fountain covered in Public Safety section.
- b. Bylaws Committee:
 - i. Volunteers needed to staff the election booth on 4th of July.
 - ii. 1 Application received as of this date.
- c. Public Safety & Security:
 - i. LA County Sheriff Dept. –
 - 1. No current problems or major issues to report.
 - 2. Suspect apprehended for US Mail Theft problem reported in Stevenson Ranch. Suspect was SR resident.
 - 3. Curfew is being enforced – and an issue across the Valley. 20 curfew violation citations written in past 3 days in Canyon Country.
 - 4. Recent arrest in Canyon Country of 2 taggers.
 - 5. COPS team focusing on taggers.
 - 6. Increase in vehicle burglaries around Old Road and Pico Canyon – other crime stats practically zero.
 - 7. Suggest that the SR Fountain be turned off on weekends to prevent vandalism – HOA is resistant to this.
 - 8. Discussed issue regarding concerns of residents / complaints related to Stevenson Ranch Parkway and Chase intersection – privacy / trash issues with residents and people walking along road. Only a short wall present due to sight lines. This is not really a Council issue – the HOA has impact, and the homeowners need to address with HOA and County since county regs impact the wall dimensions.
 - ii. CHP -
 - 1. Possible vehicle drag race on Pico Canyon Road resulted in an accident / injury. Investigation ongoing.
- d. Parks – Covered in County Report.
- e. Government Relations
 - i. Homeless Shelter Update –

1. List of priorities defined for what any site needs to have
2. One site on Westside has possibilities – by the site of the temporary fire station next to Towsley Canyon.

G. Old Business

- a. No old business to address.

H. Meeting Adjourned 8:00 pm.