

West Ranch Town Council
Minutes for the Meeting Dated: September 6, 2006

- A. Call to Order / Roll Call:
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Dave Bossert
 - b. Present: Dave Bossert, Paul Ash, Randal Winter, James Zimmerman, Betty Griffin, Brian Toqe, Ron Mechsner
 - c. Absent: None

- B. Approval of August Minutes
 - a. Approved by a vote of 6-0 with change to time of adjournment.

- C. Treasurers Report
 - a. New balance of \$2189.75.

- D. County Updates
 - a. Fire Department - Chief Gil update on Los Padres/Angeles National Forest
 - i. Stephanie English introduction - Community Service Representative for fire department and community
 - ii. Fire is not threat to freeways at this time.
 - b. Parks and Recreation Update – Doug Newell
 - i. Katherine Ritner - Assistant Director of Northern Region
 - ii. Al Letner – Santa Clarita Manager of Parks
 - iii. Richard Rioux Park - Patriot day September 10th - 9am to 10am; Pastor Steve Staples presentation
 - iv. Soccer games starting Saturday – over 100 kids involved
 - v. Fall concert in park events – Saturday, September 16 – 6pm – 8pm
 - vi. October 31 - Fall Festival
 - vii. Turkey Toss - November 22, 3:30pm to 5:30pm
 - viii. Expression session – Saturday October 14 at 10am – 12pm
 - ix. Richard Rioux Park Tennis Court details - Katherine Ritner. Two courts at Richard Rioux park. Should take one year to complete. We have the money to put in light, but Bob Haueter asked if we should put them in – TBD at this time. Location of the courts was set back in the 1990's, but Bob Haueter was willing to look at what has been set in stone already. Conversation is to continue. Per Bob Haueter, they could find the funds if the community wanted it. Katherine will return at the next meeting with diagrams of the parks.
 - c. Sheriff Liason
 - i. Roger was not present. Cheryl provided update.
 - ii. Recent car burglaries in have occurred in the Hardy Neighborhood. Also burglaries in the Valencia Marketplace.
 - iii. Stevenson Ranch discussed traffic issues at their HOA meeting specifically where Pico Canyon median ends.
 - d. CHP

- i. DUI arrests recently as a result of sting operation.
- e. Cal Trans Update
 - i. Genie Bonafilio – regarding I-5, SR-14, & SR-126.
 - A. I5 repairs for two more months
 - B. City of Santa Clarita is working on Magic Mountain Phs 2.
 - C. Hasley Canyon & I-5 - Roundabout project at interchange. Fall 2006 start date
 - D. Commerce Center Drive /SR-126 - Grade separated intersection project continues
 - E. Lyons Ave on/off Ramp - funding is concern. Landscape Architect needs to be involved. 405 at Roscoe is possible model for this site.
- f. General County Update – Bob Haueter
 - i. Good Guys situation has improved
 - ii. Bob's responsibilities now include all the SCV.
 - iii. The high school district is talking to Northlake developer Suncal to request a high school be built. Concern is that golf course will not be built. Next Castaic TC meeting will include debate for school or golf course. This will affect west side high schools. It is in the interest of the West Ranch TC to be involved in this.
 - iv. Stephanie English is asked to attend all TC meetings.
 - v. Pico Canyon - Speed check just completed. 50 mph limit could be lowered. 48mph was average speed measured.
 - vi. No stopping signs will be installed at south side of Pico between Old Road and Stevenson Ranch Parkway. Temporary parking in front of the school will stay.
- g. Regional Planning Update
 - i. Suzie Tan with Regional Planning introduced pending projects south of Pico Canyon.
 - ii. Tract 53653. Warner Ranch or Lyons Canyon. 186 units. 96 SfA and 90 Senior. Private parks sit and trails along the old road. CUP requested for area. Proposeing removal of 167 oak trees. Total oaks was unknown at this tiem. Suzie will get back to us. Sept 18 comments will tell us whether all pending issues have been resolve.d. EIR wqaas required and is going through county internal review. Public hearing prior to the
 - iii. Tract 50242 - 7 single family lots.
 - iv. Tract 52905 - Aidlin and Baker is applicant. Filed in 2002 for 37 units on 93 acres. Included one oak tree removal. EIR required and applicant is to re-submit.
 - v. Tract 52796 - Also Aidlin & Baker. 202 units was prior submittal for 102 single-family detached units. Updated EIR wil be requested.
 - vi. TTM 61996 - Legacy - Stevenson Ranch Ph 5.
- h. School Board Update
 - i. Presented by Steve Tanning, Mike McGrath, Mike ?, and Mark Winger

- ii. Pico and Stevenson Ranch are full and frozen. Pocket development causes issues for schools
 - iii. Proposed school site west of TTM 50242. No infrastructure at this site at this time. No guarantees that this will work.
 - iv. Lyon Canyon Fee is worth 1.5MM at this time.
 - v. Next steps include CA Dept of Education is to look at the map.
 - vi. School costs 500K per year to operate - not including teachers. Cost of recent elementary school was 15MM.
- E. Thank you to Paul Ash for his service to the town council
- F. Committee Reports
 - a. Castaic Vision Committee position opening. Randy Winters was asked to consider sitting on this committee. Dave Bossert will email meeting information. Bob suggested an alternate be considered.
 - b. Election Committee - Appointment to vacant Town Council position. Application process was discussed. Interviews contemplated as well. Appointees would be required to live in the jurisdiction. Vote will take place at November meeting. Applications available at this meeting.
- G. Proposal for possible guest speakers – potential guests to be discussed.
 - a. Carl Boyer will be speaking in October
 - b. November ?
 - c. December ?
- H. Town Hall meeting for West Ranch area proposed by Dave Bossert to Bob Haueter.
 - a. The West Ranch Town Council would like to reach out to the other local town councils.
 - b. General forum and Q&A format will be appropriate.
 - c. Planning is still 5 to 6 months out – Spring-time potentially
- I. Security
- J. Government Relations
 - a. Homeless Shelter Task Force. 6 properties meet requirements now. Owner ship is issue. Towsley Canyon site is only site at this time possibly in the County. Sept 27 is next meeting.
 - b. Temporary site is needed at this time. City of Santa Clarita would like to share the burden with the whole valley. Six sites are in the City of Santa Clarita at this time. Towsley Canyon site is city land surrounded by County. Towsley site lends itself to temporary homeless shelter. Site for this year is set. Facility is closed during the days. Sheriff Dept only reported 6 related calls, and the community was not significantly impacted.
 - c. TPC Meeting with Lennar and Westridge HOA
 - i. Lennar made offer for maintenance responsibility. Westridge HOA to review at next meeting.

K. Community Liasons

- a. Westridge
 - i. HOA board still trying to reach quorum for election
- b. Southern Oaks
 - i. None
- c. Sunset Point
 - i. Good Guys update – County is still being resolved. County to consider legal action.

L. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm