

# West Ranch Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting Dated:

Wednesday, December 2, 2015  
Stevenson Ranch Library Community Room  
25950 The Old Road, Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381

### MINUTES

- A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introduction of Council Members — Don Fleming -  
6:30 p.m. Call to order. Welcome/Introduction of Council — Don Fleming  
- Present: Don Fleming, Chuck O'Connell and Rick Ryan.  
- Absent: Dave Bossert.
- B. Approval of West Ranch Town Council Meeting minutes — Rick Ryan  
- Motion by Chuck O'Connell. Second by Rick Ryan.  
- Approved unanimously (x3).
- c. Treasurer's report and banking update — No report.
- D. L.A. County Updates.
- a. L.A. County Parks and Recreation Department Report — Doug Newell  
- Doug Newell gave a report concerning events and programs at Richard Rioux Park including a report on the very successful Turkey Toss on November 25, 2015 (which included over 95 participants), the Flag Football 2015-2016 Season update, the community holiday celebration of December 5, 2015 including Santa's Village, etc. Lastly, Mr. Newell reminded everyone that on Monday, December 7, a County Needs Assessment for the County Parks will be having its first meeting at the Stevenson Ranch Library conducted by Dave Bossert.
- b. Stevenson Ranch Library — Matt Gill  
- Matt Gill gave the following report. Mr. Gill reported on the Calendar of Events, the Adult 101 Program for Teens, the Book Club, the Balloons Work Shop, and the Friends of the Library meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2015.
- c. L.A. County Sheriffs Liaison Report — Capt. Roosevelt Johnson  
- Capt. Johnson gave a detailed report concerning the holiday season and the overall crime situation in the unincorporated area of the Valley. Crime in the unincorporated area is up 10% over last year, Capt. Johnson pointing out that Proposition 47 reduced prison time for drug related criminals from felonies to misdemeanors so crimes are up principally involving larceny and theft. There has been some significant shoplifting in the market place. The sheriff's

department is partnering with the "big box stores" loss prevention professionals to reduce crime. Capt. Roosevelt also addressed the active shooter situation in San Bernardino County and preparations in the Santa Clarita Valley to address active shooter situations in conjunction with Magic Mountain, Los Angeles County Fire Department and Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital. Lastly, he announced the annual toy drive in association with station KHTS at various locations in the Santa Clarita Valley. Capt. Roosevelt received a nice round of applause in appreciation.

d. California Highway Patrol Liaison Report — Officer Christopher Proper

- Officer Proper addressed the upcoming toy drive with booths at the mall, auto row (Keyes and Acura) as well as the CHP office, the fact that DUI collisions were down statewide over the Thanksgiving Holiday but there were still 17 statewide losses of life, 7 of which were related to seatbelt deaths. DUI arrests were up statewide but collisions were down.

e. Newhall Land Status Report — Alex Harrell

-There was no report.

f. L.A. County Supervisor Antonovich's Office Report — Kathryn Barger

-Kathryn Barger, Mr. Antonovich's Chief of Staff, gave a preliminary report concerning public safety, El Nino, chloride compliance plan for Santa Clarita Valley, the L.A. County Human Trafficking Task Force and commendations for various members of the community.

E. Guest Speaker Michael Antonovich

-Mr. Antonovich made wide ranging comments concerning the state of L.A. County and the Board of Supervisors ongoing agenda, including mental health issues, increasing sheriff patrols in the unincorporated area of the Santa Clarita Valley, Castaic First, the extended contract with the "super scoopers," preparations for El Nino, maximizing recharge ground water, the Stevenson Ranch and Castaic Libraries, the completion of the Castaic Olympic size pool, etc., fare reductions for Metrolink, the Trails and County-Wide Parks Needs Assessment Program, the sanitation district's alternative chloride program (including upcoming hearings at the Stevenson Ranch Elementary School Activity Center), public health issues including the Porter Ranch gas leak, human trafficking issues, and open space at Portal Ridge. Mr. Antonovich's remarks were well-received. Mr. Antonovich then addressed Commendations for various members of the community, including Rick Ryan, Chuck O'Connell, James Zimmerman, Ed Spurling and Jim Lynn.

F. Public Comment:

- None.

G. Adjournment:

-Next meeting is Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the Stevenson Ranch Library Community Room.

RJR/rjm