

**West Ranch Town Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting Dated:**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015**

**Stevenson Ranch Library Community Room**

**25950 The Old Road**

**Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381**

- A. 6:30 PM call to order, welcome, introductions – Dave Bossert
  - a. Present: Dave Bossert, Rick Ryan, James Zimmerman, Chuck O’Connell
  - b. Absent: Don Fleming
  
- B. Approval of Prior Month’s Minutes – Chuck O’Connell
  - a. Approved unanimously
  
- C. Treasurer’s Report and Banking Update-James Zimmerman-
  - a. Bank Account Balance- \$25
  
- D. LA County Updates
  - a. LA County Parks and Recreation Department Report-Doug Newell  
Easter Egg Hunt of March 28 -very popular – over 600 turned out; Flag Football is scheduled; T-Ball registration last month; co-ed Softball started 3/8, Spring Day Camp 3/30 to 4/10; Youth Co-ed Basketball registration Mar-May
  
  - b. LA County Sheriff’s Report- Deputy Yesenia Holwager  
Relatively quiet. Crime down; One vehicle burglary; Grand theft- Wallet; A road rage incident at Poe Parkway and Stevenson Rnh Pkwy; Cowboy Festival in Newhall April 18-19.
  
  - c. California Highway Patrol Report-Officer Christopher Proper  
20 Traffic Collisions vs 14 precious month “Street Smart Teens” to minimize distractions; Tip A Cop will have a fund raiser at Claim Jumper on April 9 from 6-9 PM, to benefit the Special Olympics [Coliseum] this summer; Keep copies of vehicle registration and license plate tabs in case they get stolen
  
  - d. Newhall Land Report- Alex Durell  
Nothing to report this month.
  
  - e. LA County Supervisor Antonovich’s Office Report – Rosalind Wayman  
Library Manager Matt Gill welcomed everyone to the Library; Foot traffic is heavy; 100 library cards issued the first day.  
Rosalind Wayman-reporting:
    - 1. Board of Supervisors will be addressing future tax measures including new or extended Measure R

2. SCV Sanitation District is back to drawing boards and have stated that any Deep Well Injection solution will be away from communities. All other options are on the table for solutions to meet 2019 deadline with LARWQCB.
3. Metrolink-Studies continue on GPS based safety devices for crossings.
4. More cities are moving to cumulative voting in 2016; details yet to be worked out.
5. Board approved undertaking a study of impact on businesses, poor, public Assistance, etc., of raising minimum wage. Supvr Antonovich is opposed to minimum wage increase at this time
6. Toxic Waste roundup scheduled for COC on April 18, 2015
7. Supvr Antonovich is termed out and his Board seat will be open in 2016.

E. Guest Speakers-

Assemblyman Wilk's representative –Andres Hollings- to discuss - SCV-Sanitation District-Deep Well Injection-Chloride issue.

The Assemblyman is calling for more transparency by the SCV Sanitation District Board regarding this issue and requests that they hold their Board meetings in Santa Clarita rather than Whittier. Also Wilk will be pursuing possible options at the State level. The Assemblyman will appear at the next WRTC meeting [May 6] via Satellite or Skype.

F. New Business –

a. Updating of WRTC Bylaws.

The WRTC discussed the necessity of up-dating the Council By-Laws & Procedures, including forming a 501(c)(4) corporation, as well as updating the Election By-Laws & Procedures, including conducting new elections (regarding b. below). Dave Bossert moved and Chuck O'Connell seconded a motion, as follows: To appoint Rick Ryan to chair a By-Laws Committee to suggest changes and revisions to the WRTC By-Laws & Procedures and the Election By-Laws & Procedures. Further, Jim Lynn and Ed Spurling are appointed committee members. The motion carried 4-0.

b. Elections and Updating Election Guidelines. See a. above

c. Increasing Community Participating-

Rick Ryan suggested some methods to increase public participation and to more widely disseminate information about the WRTC. Rick suggested that the Council might be able to work with the County in putting up a banner in front of the library each month for a few days before our meeting to announce our meeting. Rick volunteered to pay for the banner as long as the County or others can help with the feasibility of creating such a banner and logistics of putting the banner up and removing it timely each month. Rick suggested that we include an agenda item to consider appointing a Communication Committee to work on communication issues and other methods to “get out the word”, like press releases, PTAs and schools, HOAs, local newspapers and blogs, updating the WRTC website, etc

d. The Board of Supervisors is considering a motion to permit parolees and probationers to be eligible for public housing run by the LA County Housing Authority [currently Seniors and Disabled] which would impact Orchard Arms Senior Housing, and potentially the Santa Clarita Valley. Supervisors Antonovich and Knabe are opposed. On a motion the WRTC voted unanimously to oppose and communicate this to the Board.

G. Public Comment

Alan Ferdman from Canyon Country Advisory Committee opposed the 100mg per L, the LARWQCB mandate for treated SCV San Dist. Water in the Santa Clara River. He expressed concern that 1/3 of water in the SCV goes down the River rather than be recycled.

Gary Morgan, Westridge did not like a recent article posted in the West Ranch Beacon by Dave Bossert and requested that Dave resign.

Another unidentified resident made a similar request.

Rob Nakamura from Westridge requested that Dave Bossert resign.

Steve Lee from Val Verde requested Dave Bossert resign.

Treavor Pooley stated that it was the “school mom’s who started the Westridge/Stevenson Ranch action” to oppose the SCV San Dist Deep Well Injection proposal in Westridge.

John Yoon, an MIT graduate, proposed that the best solution to the SCV San Dist treatment problem is a Thermal Evaporation with Mechanical Vapor Recompression plant. Over 90% of the water could be recycled and the remainder could be trucked to a plant in Carson or Palmdale. Additional cost per household would be about \$2 to \$4 per month.

H. Adjournment-

The next meeting of the Town Council will be at the Stevenson Ranch Library - Community Room on May 6, 2015, 25920 The Old Road, in Stevenson Ranch at 6:30 PM. The WRTC Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.