

West Ranch Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting Dated:

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

Stevenson Ranch Library Community Room

25950 The Old Road

Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381

- A. 6:30 PM Call to Order, Welcome/ Introduction Of Council – Dave Bossert
 - a. Present: Dave Bossert, Don Fleming, James Zimmerman, Chuck O’Connell
Absent: Rick Ryan

- B. Approval of Prior Month’s Minutes – Chuck O’Connell
 - a. Motion-Don Fleming, Seconded-Dave Bossert, Approved unanimously

- C. Treasurer’s Report and Banking Update-James Zimmerman-
No Balance
 - 1. Town Council Mailbox Renewal-Dave Bossert took care of that

- D. LA County Updates
 - a. LA County Parks and Recreation Department Report-Doug Newell
Fireworks on 4th of July – very successful-9500 in attendance
Summer Day Camp – Full enrollment; Youth Co-Ed Soccer-coaches
needed...season 8/24 to 9/12

 - b. LA County Sheriff’s Report- Deputy Kevin Duxbury
Shoplifting was down-people on vacation? Some vehicle burglaries continue;
Stevenson Ranch Fountain was “soaped”, however video detected possible
vandals...turned over to detectives. Drones can be a problem. This will be discussed on
KHTS on the 1st Thursday of the month.

 - c. California Highway Patrol Report-Officer Christopher Proper was not able to
attend.

 - d. Newhall Land Report- Alex Durell
Moving ahead with Homestead South project which includes 20,000 units-mostly
residential. Includes Elementary, Junior and Senior High Schools, 1000 acres of open
space; Currently in the EIR process. Motion to approve and support the proposed project
was unanimously approved.

 - e. LA County Supervisor Antonovich’s Office Report – Rosalind Wayman
A multi-use Trails Plan is being developed for the West Side-in the Castaic area. A
public outreach meeting is scheduled for Aug 20th at Castaic Library at 6:30 PM.
Firefighting “Super Scoopers”, leased by the County, are scheduled to arrive on August
15th. The increase in minimum wage in unincorporated areas, was passed 3-2 with

Supervisor Antonovich opposing. Impact on businesses could be significant. Property values in the SCV increased 6.13% so far in 2015.

E. Guest Speakers- Proposition 218 Presentation – Pico/Lyons sbd off and on ramp (west side of I-5) landscaping-LA County Department of Public Works-James Chong and Julian Garcia.

Drought friendly landscaping is proposed. Capital costs would be handled by the County. Maintenance (ongoing), estimated at \$267,000 annually, needs to be handled by residents/business property owners on the west side in the area generally south of Stevenson Rnh Pkwy/Valencia Blvd. Currently LMDs exist in Stevenson Ranch and Valencia Marketplace that pay for median landscaping on Stevenson Ranch Pkwy and Pico Cyn Rd. These SR assessments would be increased and a new LMD would be created for the Sunset Pointe, Enclave and Southern Oaks areas to pay for the Interchange maintenance. Existing Stevenson Rnh LMDs tax would increase from \$24 per Equivalent Benefit Unit (EBU) to \$48 for all EBUs. { Commercial would be \$192 per acre.} The County DPW would send / post notices, hold hearings, and then have a vote by EBUs. If a majority of voters protest, there would be no change from existing, and no project.

F. Old Business –

a. Elections and updating Election Guidelines-Committee Report-Rick Ryan

b. Updating WRTC Bylaws and Procedures-Committee Report-Rick Ryan

c. Communications Committee Update-Website Maintenance; Outreach to HOAs to leverage broader communication.

Rick Ryan was not present but provided his report by email to all WRTC Board Members and Committee Members, which Dave Bossert read Verbatim at the meeting. [See attached email.]

G. New Business:

a. West Ranch Town Council Charter-Rick Ryan to discuss

Since Rick was not present, this item was tabled as well as the proposed “Charter Map”. .

b. Discuss Mentryville coalition-next steps

The proposed “At Risk Youth” utilization for camping at Mentryville has been taken off the Board of Supervisors’ Agenda and is no longer scheduled to take place.

Because of the historic importance of Mentryville, Dave Bossert recommended working with the Mountains Recreation Conservancy Authority to develop a “Vision for Mentryville”. A motion was unanimously passed authorizing Dave Bossert to form a Committee to work to this end.

c. Minimum Wage Increase / Annexation Ramifications

The Council discussed this issue. There was general agreement that the possibility of consideration of annexation to the City of Santa Clarita in the future was “on the table”, because of the possibly negative effect of the increase of the minimum wage for unincorporated areas of LA County. The City of Santa Clarita has not approved, and is not considering any increase in the minimum wage.

d. Farewell thanks to Mike Antonovich-Add to Calendar

Since Supervisor Antonovich is “termed out” as of the end of 2016, it was requested that Mike be invited to the October 2016 WRTC Meeting to express our heartfelt appreciation for all that he has done. Rosalind Wayman will arrange for that.

H. Public Comment-(3 min max per resident)- Speaker Cards for Questions

There were no additional comments from the audience

- I. Adjournment- Next Meeting is Wednesday, September 2, 2015
to be held at Stevenson Ranch Library.
The Council adjourned at 8:00 PM