

West Ranch Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting Dated:

Wednesday, September 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 – Dave Bossert
- 6:30 p.m. Call to order. Welcome/Introduction of Council – Dave Bossert
- Present: Dave Bossert, Don Fleming, Chuck O’Connell & Rick Ryan.
- Absent: James Zimmerman.
- B. - Approval of prior month’s minutes – Motion by Don Zimmerman. Second by Dave Bossert.
- Abstention by Rick Ryan. Approved (x3).
- C. Treasurer’s report and banking update – Dave Bossert
-“We are not totally depleted.”
- D. L.A. County Updates.
- a. L.A. Parks and Recreation Dept. report – Doug Newell
- Doug Newell gave a report concerning upcoming events including Patriot Day, Concerts in the Park, Movie Family Fun Nights, etc.
- b. L.A. County Sheriff’s Liaison Report – Deputy Kevin Duxbury
-Deputy Duxbury gave a crime report regarding car burglaries at Pico/Old Road, recent crimes including soaping of the fountain and mail thefts, and upcoming events (Holiday jail tours).
- c. California Highway Patrol Liaison Report – Officer Christopher Proper
-Officer Proper gave a report regarding mail crimes, DUIs, intersectional and right-of-way violations, social media upgrades for CHP, and classes available for fiscal year 2016.
- d. Newhall Land Status Report. See “E” below.
- e. L.A. County Supervisor Antonovich’s Office Report – Rosalind Wayman
-Ms. Wayman gave a report concerning partnering with Cal Arts for a free silent filming workshop, letter from Chief Daryl Osby regarding the fire season, the Women’s Jail/Detention Center plan approval, ballot consolidation policy and elections, cities & school districts, board approval for the Historic Preservation Ordinance for unincorporated areas, EL Nino procedures report due by September and the October 16, 2015 Pitches Honor Rancho Annual Chili Cook-Off.

- E. Guest Speakers: L.A. County and Newhall Land Presentation on roadway changes in the West Ranch area -Richard J. Bruckner, Director, Department of Regional Planning, COLA, and Miles Healfrich, Director, Community Development, Newhall Land.

-Mr. Bruckner gave an overview about Pico Canyon Road and the concern regarding widening with trees, affecting waterways and how to maintain the character of Pico Canyon Road. The issue was how it could be saved in its current character.

-Mr. Healfrich gave a detailed presentation with Power Point concerning an overview of the "Pico Area Plan," including deletion of the Pico Canyon connector and downgrading of Poe Parkway. Newhall Land was asked to revise the current/old plan to see if there was a way to remove the Pico Canyon connector so as to comply with the 2012 OVOV which expanded the SEA within the Newhall Canyon area. The current/old plan included a gated community development and a six-lane major highway. The revised plan will include undisturbed natural space and deletion of the six-lane major highway and gated community. This would preserve over 450 acres of natural area and 300 mature oak trees. However, he explained that this would affect traffic circulation particularly as to Poe Parkway. Therefore, the plan is being redesigned to downgrade Poe Parkway to a connector from four lanes to two lanes north of Hemingway, with center medians with intersectional checkers to cut down through traffic. Poe Parkway would be one lane each direction north of Hemingway. A traffic signal is proposed for Poe and Hemingway. Others might be considered. Increased traffic was the concern. Newhall Land's proposed redesign of Pico Canyon Road and Poe Parkway was met favorably by those in attendance.

MOTION: Dave Bossert made a motion seconded by Don Fleming to support the redevelopment of Pico Canyon Road with a letter to the County, as well as to continue to work with Newhall Land and the County for an improved plan for the benefit of the community. Motion carried (x4).

- F. Old Business: The West Ranch Town Council Bylaws Committee recommended the following motions:

1. The committee recommends approval of the attached draft WRTC Charter – Rick Ryan.

-Rick gave a brief report.

MOTION: Rick moved that the WRTC approves the draft WRTC Charter (attached hereto), seconded by Dave Bossert. The motion carried unanimously (x4).

2. The committee recommends approval of the Area of Representation (attached to the Charter as Page 6) – Rick Ryan.

-Rick Ryan gave a brief report.

MOTION: Rick Ryan moved that the West Ranch Town Council approves the Area of Representation (attached to the charter as Page 6), seconded by Dave Bossert. The motion carried unanimously (x4).

3. The committee recommends that the WRTC not incorporate as a non-profit -- Rick Ryan.

Rick Ryan gave a brief report including the fact that there was no support for incorporating as a non-profit given the requirements of law, monetary considerations, complexity, etc. There was no motion or vote as none was considered to be required.

4. The committee recommends that we continue to appoint qualified volunteers for membership until such time as there is sufficient community volunteers and support for elections – Rick Ryan.

-Rick Ryan gave a brief report.

MOTION: Rick Ryan moved that the West Ranch Town Council continues to appoint qualified volunteers for membership until such time as there is sufficient community volunteers and support for elections, seconded by Dave Bossert. The motion carried unanimously (x4).

5. The committee recommends a membership fee can be charged to each new member in a reasonable amount and a yearly membership fee be charged each January – Rick Ryan.

-Rick Ryan gave a brief report.

MOTION: Dave Bossert moved that the West Ranch Town Council (WRTC) charge each new member a membership fee in the amount of \$100 and a yearly reasonable membership fee to be charged each January also in the amount of \$100, with the proviso that the WRTC can waive any such fees as to any such member given good cause, seconded by Don Fleming. The motion carried unanimously (x4).

6. The committee recommends that we establish a communications committee to be appointed in January – Rick Ryan.

-Rick Ryan gave a brief report.

MOTION: Dave Bossert moved that the West Ranch Town Council establishes a communications committee to be appointed in January, seconded by Chuck O'Connell. The motion carried unanimously (x4).

7. The committee recommends that the WRTC Bylaws and Procedures be updated by the committee to reflect the changes and in general – Rick Ryan.

-Rick Ryan gave a brief report.

It was agreed that the WRTC Bylaws and Procedures committee is already charged with this task. The committee will move forward and hopefully provide draft Bylaws and Procedures early next year.

8. Discussed Mentryville Coalition – next steps – Dave Bossert.

-Dave Bossert gave a brief report.

We are putting together a meeting to work on the vision for Mentryville as well as the MRCA. The hope is that Johnson Park will also be rehabilitated to make it accessible for community residents.

9. Minimum wage increase/annexation ramifications – Dave Bossert.

-No report was given. There was no discussion. This was tabled for later discussion.

10. Michael Antonovich – Confirmed that the Supervisor will be present for our December 2015 meeting – Dave Bossert.

-Dave Bossert gave a brief report.

Mr. Antonovich will attend our December 2, 2015 meeting at the Stevenson Ranch Library at 6:30 p.m. We discussed whether catering was possible. We are also trying to schedule Mr. Antonovich for approximately September or October 2016, so that we can bid him a fond farewell.

11. Communications Committee – Dave Bossert.

-A committee will be appointed in January.

G. New business:

a. Supervisor Candidate invites – Dave Bossert.

-Dave Bossert gave a brief report. Kathryn Barger accepted our invitation to greet our residents at a West Ranch Town Council meeting. The date is to be set.

b. County wide parks and Needs Assessment – Dave Bossert.

-Dave Bossert gave report.

Dave Perry, from the County, has requested a Needs Assessment from our community. The West Ranch Town Council is to conduct a community discussion within the West Ranch area by the end of January 2016 to make recommendations to the County. The West Ranch Town Council is committed to this process.

H. Public comment:

-There was no significant public comment this meeting.

I. Adjournment:

-The next meeting is Wednesday, October 7, 2015 to be held at the Stevenson Ranch Library to begin at 6:30 p.m.