

West Ranch Town Council

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Stevenson Ranch Library Community Room
25950 The Old Road,
Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381

Minutes

6:30PM

- A. Call to Order/ Welcome/Introduction of Council Members – Don Fleming
 - a. 6:30 p.m. Call to order. Welcome/Introduction of Council – Don Fleming
 - b. - Present: Rick Ryan, Don Fleming, Trevor Pooley, and Jim Lynn
 - c. - Absent: Dave Bossert

- B. Approval of West Ranch Town Council Meeting Minutes – Trevor Pooley/ Rick Ryan
 - a. Motion by Don Fleming. Second by Trevor Pooley
 - b. - Approved unanimously (x4).

- C. Treasurer’s Report and Banking Update – No Report

- D. LA County Updates
 - a. Stevenson Ranch Library- Matt Gill
 - Library doing well. Jan ‘16 - 17,000 checkouts vs. 3,196 Jan ‘15
 - Teen etiquette 101, part 2 Feb. 4th
 - Feb 27th – Small business workshop
 - Feb 27th ACT prep workshop
 - b. LA County Parks and Recreation Department Report- Doug Newell
 - Flag Football starts Feb 27th – Most popular park activity
 - Mar 26th – Easter Egg hunt, games, jumpers, Easter Bunny, expect 8 – 900 people
 - Mar 28 – April 18th – Day Camp: Games, sports, crafts (10:00 – 3:00) ages 5 - 12
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 - c. LA County Sheriff’s Liaison Report- Deputy Kevin Duxbury
 - Crimes of opportunity along Pico/Lyons Shopping Center – primarily vehicle burglaries
 - Fire gate at Old Rd. and Steinbeck Ave. damaged. Temporary Gate needed. Timeline for repair?
 - Why Mall shut down? Robbery in Glendale. Possible assailants headed to SVC. Eye whiteness may have seen them in the mall
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 - d. California Highway Patrol Liaison Report- Officer Christopher Proper
 - Traffic report: 17 collisions reported. Most on Old Rd.
 - 284 in Reporting Area up 30 to 40
 - Fatality – Stevenson Ranch Pkwy/Pico. Solo vehicle lost control at high speed. Under investigation.
 - DUI’s down in Area

- e. Newhall Land Status Report- Alex Herrell
 - Postponed until March meeting
 - f. LA County Supervisor Antonovich’s Office Report- Rosalind Wayman
 - I-5/Pico - Proposed Landscape Project- James Chon; Julian Garcia; Lisa Woung; Richard Shieh
 - Construction start date of late 2018 (best case scenario)
 - Getting community feedback. Met with SRHOA
 - Proposed District 1, Zone 1 Assessment Changes/Methodology
 - Single Family Residential = 1 EBU
 - Multi-Family Residential = 9 EBU per acre
 - Developed Non-Residential (Commercial) = 15 EBU/ acre
 - Total of 6,980 EBU’s estimated in proposed Zone
 - Assessment examples:
 - Stevenson Ranch – current \$24.40 vs. proposed \$44.00 per EBU
 - Southern Oaks/Sunset Point – current \$0 vs. 18.00 per EBU
 - Developed non-residential (Commercial) \$660 per acre
 - Community and WRTC Concerns:
 - Installation cost
 - High maintenance cost
 - Too much cost burden on Residential
 - Too high administrative cost
 - Lack of credibility using current funds to maintain current landscaping
 - WRTC requested drought tolerant proposal. (Eliminate all shrubs, trees etc.)
 - Don Fleming read letter from Dave Bossert
 - Concerns over Proposition 218 – “The Right to Vote on Taxes Act” , requires agencies to give written notice to all affected property owners, conduct a public meeting, and hold a vote on the establishment of new assessments or and increase to an existing assessment
 - Requires 60% yes vote of ALL eligible voters to move forward
 - Securing a YES vote from 60% of ALL voters is NOT achievable.
 - Potential improvement project likely DOA
 - WRTC asked Rosalind Wayman to explore other options and report back.
 - Old Glory Tree – distinguished Tree, being hand watered
 - 717 Trees trimmed, 52 new trees planted
 - Percussion Ensemble Grant – 10K to 24 students for Dayton OH trip
 - Medical Marijuana study impact
 - Supervisor Antonovich voted on ordinance to prohibit
 - 2nd meeting for ‘Park Needs Assessment’ – Feb 25th from 7 – 8:30 at I-HOP
- E. Guest Speakers: Stephanie English/ LA County Fire Department El Nino update
 - a. No Report
 - F. Guest Speakers: John Musella/ Northlake Presentation
 - a. No Report

G. Old Business:

- a. Website- Rick Ryan
 - New website up and running.
 - Jim Lynn - Motion for WRTC to fund design of website. 2nd Don Fleming
 - Approved unanimously (x4)
 - Trevor - Motion for WRTC to fund annual maintenance of website. 2nd Don Fleming
 - Approved unanimously (x4)
- b. Mentryville Update- Dave Bossert
 - No report
- c. Parks Assessment
 - 2nd meeting on Feb 25th
- d. Supervisor 5th District Candidate Invites
 - Rick Ryan – Motion to invite 5th District Candidates to April 6th and May 4th meetings and to ask local HOAs to help support. Trevor to coordinate candidate invitations and help from HOAs. 2nd Don Fleming
 - Approved unanimously (x4)

H. New Business:

- a. Discuss treasurer position
 - Postponed

I. Public Comment- (3 min.max per resident) Speaker Cards for Questions if necessary

- a. N/a

J. Adjournment –Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 2, 2016 to be held at Stevenson Ranch Library.

- a. Don Fleming – Motion to adjourn
- b. Rick Ryan 2nd
- c. Approved unanimously (x4)