

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Location: Santa Margarita Water District Board Room

Attendees: Jett McCormick, Jeff Hamilton, Todd Stearns, Scott Weisgerber, Gary Kephart, Andrew Berezky

Absent: None

Additional Copies: Supervisor Bartlett-5th District

7:00 Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

LRCC Announcements

- Welcome Andrew Berezky as a new Board Member

Orange County Sheriff's Department Report – Lt. Mitch Wang- Brief update, no major new issues. Noted the upcoming meeting for Neighborhood Watch.

Presentations

Rancho Mission Viejo-*Dan Kelly, Senior Vice President with RMVC* provided an update on the release of Planning Area 2, Esencia. The grand opening was 9/20/15 and was well attended. Esencia has approximately 2,800 units and include amenities including a farming area, Esencia Pavilion, sport fields and some commercial/retail. The new retail area is under way with Gelsons as the anchor tenant. Infrastructure work continues. PA 3 is expected to be 4-5 years out before starting.

LAFCO- *Carolyn Emery, Executive Director of LAFCO* presented the findings of the South county Stakeholder's Groups concerning governance in South Orange County. The report summarized that no incorporation option is viable in the short or mid-term. Other options were outlined. Comments were taken from the Board as well as attendees. LAFCO did note that starting an incorporated City would be very difficult with the State's elimination of the Vehicle License Fees (VLFs) for new Cities or Annexation. It was also noted that Revenue Neutrality with the County may favor the County first to delivery regional services and not to provide municipal services by a City. Until these issue are resolved incorporate is not viable in South County. LAFCO posed various question that they would like the LRCC to answer.

Open Forum: No Speakers

Action Items:

- None

Discussion items:

- Christmas Light Ordinance-Effect on Ladera Ranch-The LRCC continues to work with the County, LARCS and LARMAC. Information pertaining to the permitting process is on the Council's website. The Department of Public Work is seeking to propose acceptable methods for homeowners to be able to get electrical cords across the sidewalk. Greg Sink

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and Chris Coble whose neighborhood heavily decorate, addressed the Council looking for assistance. Both decorate the parkway requiring the crossing of the sidewalk. It was noted that LARCS hoists the event and should take the lead to resolve. Discussions on going.

- Stoneybrook School Site Development- County Staff has contact the LRCC about this project. The Board decided to extend an invitation to the Developer to present the project at the November meeting.
- County Street Maintenance-Issues/Update-Stearns reported that County's finding that Ladera has \$12-15M in street maintenance required. The County has approximately a \$5M budget for all unincorporated areas. This is a great area of concern and the Council will address this with the Supervisor. The County will be out to bid some of the work on main streets in Oak Knoll in November.

Director Reports

- Gary Kephart:
 - CUSD School Board-Gary to schedule meeting for the Ad-Hoc Committee
 - Public Works/Land Use-No further Update
- Scott Weisgerber:
 - Communications/Public Relations-The website is being rebuilt.
- Todd Stearns:
 - Chamber of Commerce-No update. Moby Young was introduced as the new President of the Chamber.
 - Traffic/Public Safety-No further update
- Jeff Hamilton:
 - LARMAC, a number of residents include LRCC Board members attended the last meeting. The proposed Community Center was discussed. Most opposed the project.
- Jett McCormick:
 - Budget/Sponsors-O'Connell Landscaping and Ranch Mission Viejo have been sponsors. New sponsor letters to go out.
 - Governance/LAFCO -No further Update

Meeting adjourn at 9:00 to November 16, 2015