

LEONA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2017

1. Call to Order- Rich Thomas

a) Call to order at 7:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag- Rich Thomas

3. Roll Call- Cassandra Parks

a) Present- Rich Thomas, Bill Penn, Perri Bach, Cassandra Parks. Alice Wollman absent.

4. Approval of minutes

a) Approval of minutes for October meeting was postponed by Rich Thomas until the December meeting, because Cassandra Parks did not print out the copy with the corrections made.

5. Treasurer's Report- Perri Bach

For the month of November, on our Money Market account we earned \$1.68 interest, on each of our three CD's we earned \$10.03 interest. This gives us a total on all the accounts of \$103, 539.10

6. Sheriff's Report- Deputy Schneider absent.

7. LA County Department of Public Works- Allan Abramson

District & Chair for Road Maintenance in Antelope Valley)

The Supervisors Office and the Department of Public Works Director wanted to touch base with the community about road closures for storm season, storm season started October 15. Reminded the community that

the county will continue last years program that involves closing Bouquet Canyon during significant rain events. The road closure will start 2 miles North of Vasquez Canyon Road, going approximately 5.5 miles North of Vasquez road. There will be locked gates on the south side at mile marker 1597 going to the Southern Boundary of Angeles National Forest near mile marker 1255 south of Big Oaks Lodge. The reason for the road closure is due to this 3 1/2 mile stretch of land being prone to flooding due to the creek. Past fires over the years and water shed have caused sediment to build up in the creek bed of Bouquet Canyon. Public Works has been unable to obtain the necessary regulatory permits needed to be able to clean the sediment out of the creek. Over years this sediment and vegetation growth has lessened the creeks ability to maintain flow, especially during storms. Storm flow migrates out of the creek and onto the road way, causing significant flooding in some locations. This condition will continue until normal flow in the creek is restored. Public Works is working on a project to restore the habitat in Bouquet Canyon Creek. Restoration will re-establish flow pattern and capacity, increase fish habitat and replenish ground water wells down stream. Re-establishment would prevent flow impact to the road during storm season. The project is in a concept phase, Public Works has obtained a consultant to create a restoration plan, the project is years away. More information can be found through the Water Resources Division. Plan for road closure in advance, if there is prediction of significant rain fall. The road will reopen as soon as rain ceases, the road can be inspected, and determined as safe for the traveling public. Closures will be posted on Public Works Road Closure site, subscribers to the departments notified system will be automatically notified by email. All other public agencies are notified of road closures at the same time, and all public agencies will have access to the closure area. Emergency Response will not be affected. Notice will be provided based on weather forecast, and message boards will be placed outside of Bouquet, and lit to inform travelers of the closures.

8. Committee Reports:

a) Association of Rural Town Councils- Peggy Fuller- Discussed accessory dwelling unit and the Cannabis law. Discussed the air quality issue and connected to to the power plant. The county official came to the meeting to discuss the plan for CSD's they made a plan to have a kick-off meeting to discuss ideas for solutions in early 2018, there is no new plan, but they want to meet with representatives from different Town

Council's to discuss new ideas of procedures. A representative from the Supervisors office is working with Regional Planning to come up with a plan for improvement, Little Rock is next in line for the county to take action to improve their CSD's. It was asked for Mitch to come out from Regional Planning to discuss priorities and where our communities CSD's fall on the list.

b) Land Use Committee- Peggy Fuller

Ordinance amendment to the Significant Ecological Area was discussed, they are working on an alternate approach to what triggers a discretionary review. Instead of regulating land use, they want to regulate by type and amount of vegetation removed. The Supervisors meeting in Los Angeles gave authority to the Department of Public works to put out a plan to obtain bids to pave Elizabeth Lake Road. The road is supposed to be paved next summer, starting in June and ending in November the cost of the project is estimated at 7 million dollars. The project will start at Munz Ranch Road and end somewhere east of Bouquet Canyon.

c) Water Committee- Peggy Fuller

Integrated Regional Water Group went over the project and proposed funding. They discussed the concerns for Cannabis growers and how high the water consumption levels are for Cannabis farms. On the subject of Cal Water, it was discussed that the Lancaster city residents opposed to their town council a need for support in an effort to get the CPCU to keep their rates down they plan on increasing the rates from 8.2% to 10%. Lancaster city residents believe that the private water companies are making too much money on water rates.

d) Public Safety Committee- John Grimm

Nothing to report.

e) Election Committee- Cassandra Parks

Results of the 2017 Leona Valley Town Council were reported new members include: Michael Publicker, Jessica Reaves, Peggy Fuller, and

alternate Ed Simms.

9. Installation and new LVTC members and slate officers

a) Field Deputy from the Supervisors office swore in new Town Council members and slate officers- Perri Bach, Cassandra Parks, Michael Publicker, Jessica Reaves, Peggy Fuller, alternate Ed Simms, second alternate Bill Elliot. They

decided to wait to recognize the outgoing members until the next meeting

due to Alice Wollman being absent.

b) Jessica Reaves presented the new slate to the public- President- Perri Bach, Vice President- Michael Publicker, Secretary- Jessica Reaves, Treasurer- Peggy Fuller, Member at Large- Cassandra Parks, Alternate- Ed Simms. Presentation of new slate passed unanimously, slate as presented, stands.

10. Public Comments- Perri Bach

a) LVIA Announcements- Steven Reaves.

Approval for driveway has been obtained without the retaining walls and aprons, they have sent out for bids on the project and are continuing to look for more bids. Terry Kenny gave information on the fall horse ride starting at Remy Ranch, contact him for more information. Halloween and Open House events went very well, they were a success and another opened house is being planned for next year. The community building is changing propane companies to Americas for a better deal and fixed rate. There will be a Tree Lighting Event December 18th that many committees are a part of, it will take place on the corner of Elizabeth Lake Road and 90th Street. Holiday Home TOUR will be happening on December 10th, LVIA is still accepting sign ups for houses.

b) SERTOMA

December 3rd will be the Senior Christmas dinner at the community center from 1pm-3pm.

c) Neighborhood Watch- Michael Publicker

Looking into taking over CERT- Community Emergency Response Team for Leona Valley. The old representative stepped down over a year ago and there is no current representative for the area. They have met with CERT leadership, as well as the sheriffs department to obtain the blessing to rejuvenate the program. Also met with locals John Grimm and Chris Hults who have been involved with helping to gain information to rebuild the program. They are planning to locate missing equipment and meet with Antelope Valley CERT leadership to continue the process of rebuilding the program.

d) General Public

Cassandra Parks addressed Bill Elliot's concern on whom he would like to ask from Regional Planning to attend the next LVTC meeting in order to discuss the current priorities for the office and where the CSD's fall on the list. A discussion is needed for next meeting to prove the importance of finding a solution to the CSD's. Perri Bach asking for people to decide if they want to volunteer to any committees and that at the December meeting they will be naming new people to committees in order to get new volunteers covered under the insurance.

11. Old Business- Perri Bach

a) Nothing to report.

12. New Business- Perri Bach

a) A motion was made by Peggy Fuller that our Secretary be able to

purchase a new chip, and cord for the recorder, with an amount not exceed \$75, seconded by Cassandra Parks. The vote was all in favor and the motion was approved.

b) A motion was made by Peggy Fuller to change the signers on the bank account at California Republic Bank and Trust, to Perri Bach, President, Peggy Fuller, Treasurer, and Michael Publicker, Vice President this motion was seconded by Cassandra Parks and passed unanimously.

- o Adjournment- Perri Bach

- o Motion was made to adjourn by Cassandra Parks, and seconded by Michael Publicker; results all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Prepared by Jessica Reaves