

August 28, 2007

Residents of “The Ranch” and “Tamarisk” neighborhoods

Subject: Neighborhood Meeting on August 14, 2007

Dear Resident:

I want to thank those who attended the follow-up neighborhood meeting at the West San Jacinto Fire Station on August 14, 2007. Additionally, for those residents of the Ranch and Tamarisk neighborhoods that couldn't make it, I am sorry we missed you. The following represents the significant concerns and issues expressed by those in attendance and how those issues have or will be addressed by the City:

- 1. School site:** As was indicated at the meeting, an elementary school is proposed for the southeast corner of Cottonwood and Cawston. For details such as the size, site configuration and timing, please contact Scott Shira at San Jacinto Unified School District. He can be reached at 951-929-7700. Mr. Shira should also be able to answer any questions associated with the recent school construction bond approved by the voters.
- 2. Dairy compliance:** Staff contacted the Riverside County Health Department to inquire as to whether the area's dairies are monitored and in compliance with Health Department regulations. It was confirmed that both area dairies are in full compliance with Department regulations. In fact, the Health Department representative indicated that the dairy on the north side of Cottonwood sprays for flies not less than twice a month, which exceeds the Department's requirements. Staff also inquired about the use of fly-eating insects and the Health Department representative indicated that such insects are not particularly effective, due primarily to their mobility. It was noted that once they are released, they have a tendency to disperse.
- 3. Corner house-street side yard maintenance:** Except for those corner lots at the entrance to the development, all street side yard landscape maintenance is the responsibility of the homeowner.
- 4. Entry monuments:** Vandal resistant monumentation is being developed by DR Horton to replace the missing signs at the north and south tract entrances. The monumentation will likely be in the form of lettering recessed or etched into a slab mounted on the existing wall.

5. **Unsecured utility equipment:** All utility pedestals under the City's control have been equipped with locks and properly secured. Additionally, staff contacted other public utilities and suggested that they secure their equipment.

A number of other issues were discussed at the meeting, most notably related to promises made during sales negotiations between buyers and DR Horton sales agents. DR Horton representatives agreed to research such promises and report back. Once a response from DR Horton is received, we will schedule another meeting.

If you have any other concerns or questions please contact the City Manager's office at (951)487-7342.

Yours truly,

Jim Ayres
Mayor