

Minutes 2/20/20

East Ventura Community Council

The meeting was called to order by our Vice-Chair, Deborah Meyer-Morris at 7:05. Approximately 70 people were present.

A collection for Connect Church was taken to offset their costs for hosting us at no charge.

1. Officer Darren Brunk provided a crime update for the East Ventura area. There were a total of 37 crimes: 12 theft/larceny, 8 vehicle burglary, 6 residential burglaries, 5 thefts from an unlocked car, 3 commercial, 2 stolen vehicles and 1 arson.
2. Mayor Matt LaVere presented information on the current water litigation. The situation goes back to a 2014 suit by an environmental group. Water agencies Casitas, Ventura, and Meiners Oaks are working together and are near a settlement. In 2014 there were new state water laws. The expectation is that the settlement should happen within the next 6 months. The notice that was sent out was court ordered. There is now a six-month extension. Matt did not know the notices had been sent to every customer in the water districts. The settlement should supply water stability for Ventura and Ojai. It will cover water flow, passage ways and environmental protection.

Councilmembers Erik Nasarenko and Jim Friedman were also present and backed the report.

This was followed by a time of Q&A.

We will be hooking up with the state water system and the water will be connected in Camarillo, across the 101 to Ventura and also pumped to Ojai. There is conversation about indirect potable reuse as is done in Orange County. There is no set plan or funding at this time.

Petro Chem property plan that raised environmental concern is now dead.

3. Jeff Hereford gave a presentation re: traffic plan, design, changes, projections for the city, particularly in East Ventura. A map was provided so that residents could mark areas of concern. The presentation slides will be made available. Since it was one map after another the slides will need to serve as the minutes.
4. Deborah introduced Dan Lyon. She shared the desire to apply for one of the Measure O beautification grant for the park. Signups were taken by Norene Charnofsky.

Submitted by

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