

PVP Watch Newsletter - December 13, 2008

To Our Friends & Supporters:

Rolling Hills Estates

The Rolling Hills Estates (RHE) Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Monday December 15th. At 5:30 PM the topic will be the Promenade on the Peninsula Mall's request for a conditional use permit to build 66 condominiums and 16,620 square feet of commercial space in the 500 block of Deep Valley Drive. The latest count is that some 400 additional "condo" units are being proposed / contemplated for the rural community along Sliver Spur and Deep Valley Drive. At 7:30 PM the topic is the proposed Medical Office Condominiums at 828 Silver Spur Road. This property is the former Arco station across from Long's & Bristol Farms. Those interested in these proposed projects may wish to attend the meeting.

Rancho Palos Verdes

At it's December 2nd meeting, the RPV Council decided to go out to bid for trash services. RPV residents should remember how the Council screwed up several years ago by initiating the same process. Some may recall that only one firm responded, the existing hauler Waste Management with a monthly fee approximating \$35 in comparison to today's \$20 or so. The esteemed Council then had to regroup and exercised extension clauses in the existing contract. Now they are going to repeat the same absurdity

The Council committee working the trash project is this year's mayor Larry Clark and Doug Stern. The Council again displayed their lack of aptitude when they rejected one of their \$135,000 consultant's recommendations to first negotiate with Waste Management and going to bid if negotiations were not successful. Oh, by the way, at Stern's & Clark's recommendation the Council DECIDED that only automated pickup and once a week pickup would be considered. Stern made reference to some debatable analyses he had conducted wherein almost all of those in his analysis group were decidedly in favor of automated pickup. Too bad there has not been any valid solicitation of RPV resident's wishes in regards to trash hauling.

RPV is not required by law to go to bid. The past preponderance of those we hear from is that RPV residents are satisfied with Waste Management's service. The RPV Council is naïve in believing they control the process. This is not a situation where the Council can reject bids and do NOTHING, there MUST be trash pickup. We urge all to make their concerns about how the Council is mismanaging trash hauling contracting known to City Hall. Write to cc@rpv.com with a cc to info@pvpwatch.com. We will tally and offer resident opinions.

Interestingly, both Doug Stern and Tom Long sent e-mails the past several days announcing that the Planning Commission approved the Trader Joe's project at Golden Cove. Following quote is from Stern's message:

"The project was the subject of a very high level of mis-information and confusion by the public when the landlord initially decided to not pursue the Trader Joes' project in early summer. The landlord's decision was based on the landlord's evaluation of the economic merits of the then proposed project. Nevertheless, many in the community quickly and erroneously seized on the conclusion that the city had prevented the project. Although the matter had never been addressed by the City Council, some in the community incorrectly accused the City Council of killing the store. (Those who angrily wrote to the Council that they would remember the City Council's action at election time will be disappointed as no sitting council member will stand for re-election.)"

We have posted Stern's remarks as they again demonstrate disrespect for those who question the Council's actions. November 2009 RPV residents will elect two new Council members as Larry Clark and Peter Gardiner, according to Stern that no Councilmen will be standing for reelection, will vacate their positions. PVP Watch encourages those that believe in fiscally responsible, limited government to step forward and run for the RPV Council. If there is any governmental agency that needs CHANGE it's RPV. Are you satisfied with how this Council manages RPV and it's resources? Go to info@pvpwatch.com to express your thoughts.

Monks Case

We need to add to our comments in the November 23rd Newsletter concerning the Monk's case. What is now occurring is that having lost in the Appellate Court; the RPV Council has decided to appeal to the California Supreme Court. It is unlikely that RPV residents will ever know how much \$\$\$ the Council has spent on this frivolous adventure. For those interested in a better understanding, the Appellate Courts ruling is posted at www.pvpwatch.com / Current Issues.

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