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MORE PROPERTIES GO INTO REDLANDS!

On Redlands City Council's agenda for Tuesday, July 17 is the following: Consideration of Resolution No. 7891 - Determination that Outside City Case No. 18-01 by Norman Sharlein for outside City utility connections for 2815 and 2829 Mill Creek Road is consistent with the City of Redlands General Plan and the public health, safety, welfare and best interests of the citizens of Redlands are served by the City's continued processing of the application and preparation of associated pre-annexation agreements; and determination that approval of the Resolution is exempt from review pursuant to Sections 15303 and 15319 of the state's guidelines implementing the California Environment Quality Act (Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Toor).

If you click on the agenda item, the following comes up: "Staff received a completed application from Norman Sharlein for two water connections for 2815 and 2829 Mill Creek Road (APNs 0302-152-09-0000 and 0302-152-15-0000). The subject parcels are vacant lots located approximately 0.25-miles south of Redlands City limits. The Redlands Municipal Code (RMC) requires the Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director and Development Services Director present completed applications for outside city water connections to City Council for its determination of whether the best interests of the citizens of Redlands are served by the continued processing of applications (Outside City Case (OSC) No. 18-01 Pre-Annexation Agreement Nos. 18-02 and 18-03), and to provide direction to staff in regard to the preparation of pre-annexation agreements.

"The following items were reviewed and deemed complete by the Municipal Utilities and Engineering and Development Services Department directors: 1. Application for availability for an OSC water connection; 2. Application for environmental review and a pre-annexation agreement; and 3. Payment of LAFCO environmental assessment deposit and processing fee. (Application to LAFCO is to be completed by City staff). OSC 18-01 is a minor project with two new lots for future single-family residential development (see Attachment A-1). Currently, there is an availability of water and sewer connections to 25 residential units for minor projects. State law recognizes extensions of utility services outside boundaries of the City is wholly within the discretion of the City. The RMC establishes the following criteria City Council may consider, among other factors, in making its determination on the submitted projects: 1. The relationship of the property and its proposed use to the City's General Plan and zoning ordinances; 2. The relationship of the property and its proposed use to the City's Water Master Plan, and the City's Water Capital Improvement Programs; 3. The proximity of the property to the City's boundaries and existing utility infrastructure; 4. The proposed potential for new revenue sources for the City to pay for City services provided to the project as a result of annexation and development of the property; and 5. The proposed standards for development of the property. If City Council determines a project is consistent with the General Plan, and determines development of a project is in the best interest of the City, in succeeding years the applicant need simply apply for calendar year availability.

"Consistency with the General Plan

"The subject properties have a General Plan land use designation Very Low Density Residential (0-2.7 units per gross acre). Both of the subject properties have lot areas of approximately 11,000 square feet in size. Therefore, each site is suited for the construction of a single residential unit. The applicant is proposing to construct one single family residence on each of the parcels proposed for outside service connections and therefore this density and use is consistent with the City of Redlands General Plan.

Environmental Review

"The "Project" before the City (for CEQA purposes) is the decision to continue to proceed forward with drafting Pre-Annexation Agreements for two properties that will enable future provision of domestic water to make it possible for the applicant to build two single-family residential units (one on each parcel). The approval of the continued processing of these applications is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Sections 15303 and 15319 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. Section 15303(a) exempts new construction of small structures. The construction of one single-family residence is specifically exempt by this section. Section 15319(b) exempts the annexation of lots for exempt facilities such as those included in Section 15303.

OP-ED

Note above that two more properties are being annexed to Redlands, which is only one-quarter of a mile away from these! How long will we allow this to go on without appearing and objecting? Not that it will do any good but it will let them know what we think and we can follow that up with more effective actions. More on that later.

Also, we were incorrect when we said another pawn shop was coming to town: Citrus Pawn is moving to the former Stafford's building. Apparently we have another empty building on the boulevard. We need some great businesses besides Mill Creek, that will make people stop and look and shop and stay awhile – not just fly through (at least at some times; the other times traffic is really bad).

We still need a website developer and manager (not necessarily the same person). It would be on a voluntary basis, of course, just as this newspaper is. Then the whole world can know what's going on here. Please ask around among your friends and relatives – preferably someone who really cares about Mentone's future. Thanks much.

And, as always, if you know someone who would be interested in receiving the newspaper in its present form, please tell them to e-mail their address to mentonematters@aol.com.

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"Thanks for all the issues, Joyce. You take a lot of time doing this service. . . ." Willma
Thank you so much for putting this together, a lot of work on your part! Patty

COMING EVENTS:

Casino Days is coming in August – the last Thursday, we believe. Stay tuned, as they used to say.

MACA:

Coming events: Weeklong celebration planned in 2019. Chili Cookoff, date TBA; Thanksgiving parade. Film festival in a tent: date TBA.

C.O.M.E.T./CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Meeting: last Tuesday of the month.

ORGANIZATIONS MEETING LOCALLY*:

(Religious organizations meet on Sundays unless otherwise noted)

Rocky Point Fellowship
2116 Mentone Blvd.,
Mentone, 92359

Avodah Fellowship (Friday nights)
Rocky Point Fellowship (in the fellowship hall)
2116 Mentone Blvd.,
Mentone, CA 92359

Congregational Church UCC
1205 Beryl Ave,
Mentone, CA · (909) 794-2893

Sandals Church East Valley
1325 Amethyst Ave.,
Mentone, CA

Faith Chapel
1259 Agate Ave.,
Mentone, CA 909-863-8145

Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Mentone (English and Spanish) (Saturdays 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.)
1230 Olivine Ave.,
Mentone, CA 909-794-1610

Mentone Indonesian-American Seventh-Day Adventist Church
1331 Turquoise Ave.,
Mentone, CA 909-799-3521

New Life Christian Women's Luncheon @ Mill Creek Cattle Co.,
1874 Mentone Blvd., First Wednesday each month, 10-2
Mentone, CA

Republican Committee Tea Party
Mill Creek Cattle Co., 1st Thursday of the month
1874 Mentone Boulevard,
Mentone, CA

COMET and Chamber of Commerce: Rocky Point Fellowship,
2116 Mentone Boulevard, at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month.
AA/NA Rocky Point Fellowship, Tuesdays

MACA: Mill Creek Cattle Co., in Diamond Jim's Saloon,

1874 Mentone Blvd., second Tuesday of the month,
Mentone, CA 909/389-0706

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According to their Facebook page, Judge Alvarez is expected to announce his decision sometime in July.

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DOWNTOWN MENTONE: