

RRNA President's EMail Report - March 19, 2010

Attended MCRC meeting on Wednesday. Asked question if F16's stationed at DM for Homeland security patrol belong to National Guard out of TIA. Was told yes. So there is a chance if TIA was chosen for F35s that 2 F35s could be at DM for homeland security patrol. Don't know if you are interested or not but thought it was small tidbit that you should be provided and maybe put out to our email lists. Do not know at this time if the environmental study will include the Rita Ranch area or it is designed just for TIA. If you want to make comments - positive or negative - regarding the F35 the web site is www.F-35ATrainingEIS.com . Comments need to be submitted by 31 March but I am also hearing they will be accepted to 5 April. For info Jon Young is our primary representative to the MCRC.

Still no resolution regarding the insurance problem with the city. Andy Squire is working on this issue and hopefully we will get more data in the near future.

Talked to Alan Tanner yesterday. Seems Home Depot expects to open now in Spring 2012. But of course that is subject to change. I asked him about the smaller stores and Alan said that it was a good chance that we would see stores on the north side of Old Vail Road before he gets stores in his section. Cost for infrastructure is one big hitch. That is why he is holding off until Home Depot wants to come in.

I am sure you are all reading about city's financial structure. It may be very dire. Attended city manager's meeting for neighborhood associations. On city's website there is a link to BOBs (Budget Option Balancing System). This is where the ideas provided by the community are listed and now the city is beginning to put comments on there as to whether it is a good idea or why it can't be done. We were told there are about 152 pages to this site but it is grouped by categories for easy reading. So if you have a suggestion you can send it in and they find out why the city may have liked the idea or not.

Mike can you put something on our web page regarding BOBs and also put out a short note to the email listing. Some may have ideas. I asked about the 2% tax on new cars in the city that had been approved several years ago by the council. The city representatives said they hadn't even thought about that but needed to do some research. For those of you very involved in your homeowner's association I would appreciate if you could put the info regarding BOBs out to your association.

The new little league field will be dedicated tomorrow (March 20th). The field looked so perfect that Margie thought it was artificial grass the other day. It sure did look nice. By the way additional lit walking path areas now go around both LL fields. Was told by Jim Conroy of Parks and Rec that the LL group has over 500 participates in the leagues.

Cell tower is progressing. The city will get \$150,000 for AT&T being allowed to put it in the park. Sometime this year we will need to have a meeting about the park. Jim Conroy would like to meet with the parks committee (which is most of you and several others) about the master plan of the rest of the park. AT&T's representative gave me the indication during our discussions that in the near future cell towers may need to be placed closer together. Reason is the push to data in addition to telephone calls. As more people use the service more cell towers are needed to keep processing the calls etc for good service. Something to think about.

That's about it for now.

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