\*This meeting is a combined Verdemont Neighborhood Association/Kendall Hills Association Meeting.

Call to Order: Amanda Davis @ 19:10

Welcome to all: Amanda Davis

Introduction of Guests: Amanda

Mike Morrell, State Assembly Member

Robert Chevez of SANBAG

Mike Baxter of-City Attorney’s office

??? of Code Enforcement –whew ,she got that name past me!

Chas Kelley, 5th Ward Council member

Pledge of Allegiance: Andrew ???? of the Boy Scouts

Business: Amanda

Thanks for the cookies to “The Branch Church” and to the Neighborhood Associations for the sodas and waters.

Amanda invited Chas Kelley to introduce Assembly Member Mike Morrell.

It’s a delight to be here.I have sent a flyer and there is an opportunity at the bottom of the flyer. With the flyer two trips to get rid of refuse will be paid for by Republic. Chas said that due to budget constraints there will be no Community Clean Up day funds this year.

Chas Kelley introduces Mike Morrell.

State Assembly Member Mike Morrell: (FYI – he speaks in a very disjointed way, jumping from topic to topic without giving the listener any idea how he’s tying them together. I did my best.))

Just drove in from Sacramento and it’s a pleasure to back in our area.

Volunteering is what “men do” who love their country. Concern for the city, the state, as well as the country. We’re governed by consent according to the founding documents.

You can check on your representatives by using Google to see how they vote, who they hang out with, etc. The most important part of government is the engaged citizen at the local level.

I was born and raised in Pomona and went to Damien High School. Citrus College, and missed it…

Married and had three kids and lived in Rancho Cucamonga.

We must be dutiful in how we vote.

I’d like to take questions from here:

MM: First day on the job the Wall Street Journal had an article where all the other states said they were coming to California to take their jobs and people since they’re over regulated and over taxed. Then the governor comes in the next day and proposes several new taxes and regulations.

Member: What about the “Rick Perry” and his cell phone trick. What is California doing to attract Magpul, Beretta, and Remington?

 Didn’t answer the question –damn, left my boots at home.

MM: Cited all the benefits of the state, $32B in agriculture, beaches, skiing, great weather… Dr’s, Attorney’s etc. come and learn here, then leave for Texas. We need to keep them here.

San Bernardino Co and city of SB are the toughest to do business in in the entire state. We need good people to help get our city, county, and state back, including electing good people to office.

We do still have a lot of land available. We need to encourage builders to build and lower the regulation for building.

Member comment: Comparing his costs and regulations with contractor buddies in Florida, his costs are significantly higher than contractors in other states.

MM: Met with CEO of Carl’s Jr and they’re expanding by adding 350 locations in Texas since their regulations are significantly less than in California.

If we lower the tax rates we can encourage the cycle of revenue and cause businesses to flourish. (hmmm, where have I heard this before? – oh, me, telling Chas and council every other month. But what do I know?)

Member: Why aren’t city governments hiring people to ensure the books are audited and proper?

MM: I need to pass that to Chas Kelley.

Here’s my personal e-mail: prhl@aol.com. I come back in town late Thursdays and leave for Sacramento Monday morning.

Amanda introduces Robert Chevez.

Robert Chevez: Westbound Communications for SANBAG)

Widening Project and Devore Intersection Project

There will be a communications meeting on May 1st –Kimbark Elementary with the presentation at - 17:30. There will be plenty of people to answer all questions and hear your feedback for as long as needed.

Tonight’s info is approved as of three hours ago. There is one final effort on the widening and that is the final lane configuration and we’re projecting completion in August 2013. The Widening Project started in 2007.

Starting at 2nd St: The underpass is wider and taller than before. Tonight is the last night of 2nd St closure. Completion in about June/July 2013.

Frontage Road will be in place near Fairview Ford that allows people to go onto the freeway. Completion should be accomplished by June/July 2013.

Update on 3rd St. It has a new wider, aesthetically pleasing underpass. The theme on the wall is the Santa Fe Super Chief engine to tie into the nearby Santa Fe Depot. Nightly closures will continue from April 23rd to May 3rd. Completion in June/July 2013.

Update at 5th St… New northbound Off Ramp – contractor wanted this completed some time ago, but it’s taken longer than anticipated with Ways and Means. This is the first time all four ramps will combine at 5th St. Completion in May/June 2013.

City street Upgrades: Cul-De-Sacs and Loops. Sound walls are installed to provide sound relief for residents. Sidewalks will also to benefit the residents. The wall will also protect the residents from cars/accidents on the freeway.

Baseline St Update: Changes to ramps, direct on and off ramps. The wood structure has been removed. Completion in July/August 2013.

16th St: taking longer than thought, challenges with railroad and weather delays… New bridge structure. Completion May 2013.

Southbound 259 – new freeway connector – splits northbound from southbound traffic… Completion in July/August 2013.

Remember: peed Limit through Construction Zones are 55 m p h.

Keep informed on the Widening Project using:

215news.com

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Or 877 215 News by phone

Devore Project Update April 2013

“Where the I-15 and I-215 meet”

Current annual cost of delays is $3.75 million; by 2040 it will be $80 million. 140k - 160 k vehicles per day; 379k by 2040. Most significant choke point.

The project will include:

Truck By Pass lanes will be added.

Additional lanes to handle more capacity.

Bring the Interchange up to Operational Standards.

Arterial Highways Network Deficiencies – Reconnecting to Route 66. Adding another freeway path to Route 66.

One of only 15 Design Build Projects in the state.

Alternative Technical Concepts were taken into consideration to reduce impact to residents. Reducing the cost and the project’s footprint. Can share detail after May 1st.

Time frames include:

Right of Way Acquisitions: Mid 2013 – mid 2014.

Contract awarded last November

Design phase through 2013.

Construction phase begins summer 2013, construction completion in 2016

24/7 project helpline: 855.I15-I215 or 855 415 4215 direct to Robert Chevez.

Community meeting 5/1/13 1630 – 1900 w/ presentation from 1730 – 17:45 at Kimbark Elementary School – there the entire evening for questions/concerns. Seeking resident input as to construction work evenings, night, etc.

During construction phase: periodic update forums will be established.

Information will be sent to those in the database. Project website launched May 1st [www.devoreinterchangeproject.com](http://www.devoreinterchangeproject.com) – can select whichever section of the projects you’re interested in for updates on that part.

Project Twitter and Facebook sites to launch in May 2013.

Member question: anything from Univ Pkwy to Devore?

RC: Nothing definite yet. There is talk, but nothing definite.

Palm Grade separation, Glen Helen Grade separation is coming in the future. 210 widening from Waterman east.

Member Question: Who’s overseeing the work for quality? RC: CalTrans and other inspectors.

Couldn’t hear member (southern accent) question. I was wishing this guy would shut up, I mean SHUT UP!

Member question: Will there be a carpool lane to San Bernardino in the Widening Project? RC: No, that is not in the plans.

Amanda wrapped up asking people to use Chas’ Free Dump Day flyer.

Adjourned at 20:32

Attendees: 55 people