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Minutes
Rita Ranch Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting
October 23, 2008

Meeting Opened at 7:00 PM – Al Wiruth, President chairing

- Mr. Wiruth provided an update to the membership on:
 - RRNA website
 - Preview of next months meeting – Police Chief invited

- Mr. Wiruth explained the purpose of this months meeting and introduced representatives from the City:
- Review ATT&T proposal for cell tower in Purple Heart Park and decide whether to explore the issues or to pass on the proposal.
- Mr. Andrew Squire, aide to Councilwoman Shirley Scott - Ward IV, represented Ward IV.
- Mr. Jim Conroy, District Administrator, represented the City Parks and Recreation Department.
- Glenna Emslie, Superintendent of the City's east side parks joined him.
- Mr. Conroy presented the proposal and pointed out that a new ball field can now be built in the park, because the Department has \$365,000 in accrued impact fees over the past 5 years. He pointed out that the cell tower could be placed on an outfield field light pole at 70 feet. Payment to the City Parks for use of a field light pole would be in the vicinity of \$150,000 by AT&T. AT&T has placed this project on hold until the first quarter of 2009, due to the economic slowdown. Mr. Conroy pointed out that the \$150,000 could be used for a Dog Park, Extension of walking paths, bigger playground, more ball field light installation, and a large Ramada. He also invited comment for other uses of the money.

- Comments from the membership included two news articles presented by Mary Ann Cleveland. The articles alerted those involved in establishing cell towers that the towers may cause a host of severe and less severe illnesses. Suggestions were made to redeploy the towers to other areas of the park, to the Vail School District fields nearby, or to an existing tower location further west at the storage park on Rita Road.

- Both Mr. Conroy and Mr. Squire told the membership that any study and subsequent negotiations with AT&T going forward would have to include, price, location, and health issues.

- Mr. Wiruth called for a vote on whether to explore the installation of a tower in the park - 27 votes for and 5 votes against. Further exploration carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.