

dollars on attorney fees trying to accomplish what the City refused to do, and lived through two years of hell - and they get nothing.

The City attorney and councilmembers knew the neighborhood was in litigation with Big Shots, but left the residents high and dry. The residents should sue the city for mistreating

ROSEVILLE IN REVIEW TV PROGRAM

Channel 18 FORE's November Roseville in Review TV Program featured Mr Gary Mortenson, former editor of The Press-Tribune, Roseville's local newspaper. The program is educational and appears on Channel 18. Mr Mortenson related his experiences as a newspaper editor, not only of The Press-Tribune but also in comparison with other newspapers with which he had been associated.

Staff/council compared Mr Mortenson is thanked for his appearance on the program and the sharing of his experiences. One significant remark is about Roseville's management staff and city council. He believed, and he said nothing has occurred for him to think differently that based on his years of newspaper experience and living in various communities that the Roseville staff is one of the best and that the city council is the least informed and equipped to lead the city.

If you did not see the program, a tape is available for viewing. Call 783-9891.

WEST ROSEVILLE SPECIFIC PLAN HAS BAGGAGE

WRSP big The West Roseville Specific Plan (WRSP), aka Signatures Properties, is a 3,162 acre proposed annexation to Roseville. Planned are 8,430 homes, six schools, a regional sports complex and industrial buildings. It is located west of Fiddymont Road and circles the new wastewater treatment plant on Pleasant Grove Creek and the land proposed for Roseville's 160 megawatt electric power plant.

Hearings clouded During hearings before the planning commission, traffic, air pollution, schools, and water were seen as searing issues. Other issues include habitat loss, vernal pool destruction, and traffic crossing Sun City. A disturbing part of the hearing process has been watching city staff, who have worked overtime, acting as an advocate or proponent for the project rather than as a disinterested third party and allowing the process to proceed without a final environmental impact report. A draft Environmental Impact Report exceeds the CEQA 350 page limit, was without Technical Appendices, is difficult to read and understand and the public review time was restricted to a minimum time of 45 days.

Negative impacts Especially disturbing was the City "Focus" program with Mayor Rocky Rockholm, the planning director, and a city planner. At the close of their "informational" program, Mayor Rockholm made statements about what a wonderful project this was for Roseville. It is obvious from his comments that regardless of the severe and cumulative negative impacts that cannot be avoided, he supports it.

Intersections proselyted Roseville has already designated 42 roadway intersections to operate at Level of Service (LOS) D. The city's standard is LOS C or better, but the intersections LOS were reduced to allow projected current city developments to proceed without mitigating their traffic impacts. The WRSP will impact the current road system with 110,341 daily traffic trips. The new residents, employees, and business customers will shop at the Galleria and other businesses, eat at the many restaurants, and utilize the hospitals and government facilities in Roseville.

Pollution increase Pollution will increase in Roseville as WRSP vehicles travel city streets. The proposed Placer Parkway to connect Highways 65 to 70/99 is in a stumble. If the annexation is approved, two likely routes will automatically be dropped as they traverse the project, but are not in the plan as possible routes. If the two are dropped, federal money will not be made available for a parkway. The federal government requires more than one proposed route and that the best route be chosen. There is no other funding available either for the Parkway or to improve I-80. The