

JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting

April 4, 2007

MINUTES

The **General Meeting** of the Juniper Hills Town Council was called to order at the Juniper Hills Community Building 31401 106th St East, Juniper Hills, CA 93543 on **April 4, 2007, 7:12 P.M.** by the President, Mr. Pomeroy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Zera.

BOARD MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE

PRESENT ABSENT

Vance Pomeroy
Suzanne Richter
Don Pierce
Dave Reichel
Douglas DiJulio
Michael Weatherbie (late arrival)
Valerie Zera

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the February 7, 2007, meeting were approved as corrected.

TREASURER

The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted without comment. No bills were presented at this time, but were presented later in the meeting by Mr. Weatherbie as Non-Agenda items.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

First, Mr. Hickling, representing Supervisor Antonovich, gave a Certificate of Recognition to Valerie Zera. He then swore in the entire council, including the newest member, Mr. Grabe.

ELECTION AND SEATING OF OFFICERS

Mr. Pierce, as the Town Council's Parliamentarian, conducted the election of officers for the following year. Elected were: President, Mr. Pomeroy; Vice President, Ms. Richter; Secretary, Mr. Pierce; Treasurer, Mr. Reichel. Mr. Pierce was elected by a motion of the Town Council to continue as the Parliamentarian.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Pomeroy mentioned the email discussion about the County CAO position, which had been initially mentioned to us by Mr. Hickling. It was pointed out that it is not too late to respond. No other communication was received since the last meeting.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Juniper Hills Community Association (<http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhca/index.htm>) -

April 7 Easter Egg Hunt
April 8 Easter Sunrise Service
April 21 Vegas Nite
April 28 Work Day (same day as JHTC large item trash bin day)
May 19 Pancake Breakfast & Yard Sale
June 2 General Membership Meeting

Devil's Punchbowl County Park (<http://www.devils-punchbowl.com>) -

April 28 Full Moon Hike
June 2 Full Moon Hike

Santa Clarita Velo - Devils's Punchbowl Road Race (<http://santaclaritavelo.com>)

April 28 8:00am - 3:00pm Contact Chris Stapleton

GUESTS AND SPEAKERS

Todd Schmitz, of Station 79 of the L. A. County Fire Department, gave a brief presentation, and opened the floor to questions from the audience and from the Town Council. He talked about preparations and procedures that are to be followed in the event of both fires and earthquakes. Deputy Ferrell, of the L. A. County Sheriff's Department, pointed out that the Sheriffs will not support people who ignore mandatory evacuations.

Mark Caddick, of the L. A. County Department of Public Works, North County Regional Engineer, spoke about road and street maintenance, streetlights, and other items that are in the proposed CSD. There was considerable discussion about the need for, and placement of, street lights at specific intersections. He also answered questions from persons in the audience and from members of the Town Council.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norm Hickling, representative for the 5th District Supervisor's office, reported that there will be a huge sheriffs' presence in the next few days - in Palmdale and Lancaster - so we need to be aware of that when we travel in those cities. The "police presence" is related to increased enforcement and gang sweeps.

From the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Ferrell reported that the "Juniper Mesa house" for wayward teenagers is no longer a problem. The Sheriffs have been dealing with the illegal vending of fruit and vegetables at various street and road intersections. He provided the phone numbers to call if anyone sights any illegal vending.

There was discussion of the "Gypsy camp" on Ft. Tejon Road, and comment was made that it has significantly fewer vehicles and a "for sale" sign is now posted. This improvement was due to enforcement of existing county ordinances.

REPORTS

Future Speakers

At the June meeting, Mr. Negron will speak about land use and mediation. It is anticipated that the speaker for the August meeting will be from the Angeles National Forest, so that questions about the proposed wilderness area can be presented; Mr. Weatherbie will make arrangements for a speaker. It is hoped that Conservancy people will be the speakers for the October meeting. Mrs. Weatherbie has the necessary information as to whom to call and will pass it on to Ms. Richter.

Election Committee

It was noted by President Pomeroy that the Election Committee should be set up, per the Bylaws, at the first meeting following the election. Discussion on the topic was table to the next meeting.

Resource Development Committee

Lori Weatherbie reported that 15 tickets for the Wine Tasting event on November have already been sold.

Community Standards Committee

Mr. Pomeroy reported that the date for the first reading of the Juniper Hills CSD, by the Board of Supervisors, will now be on June 26th, with the second reading, and probable acceptance at the following meeting. It was agreed that the CSD will be "synopsized" and put on the web site.

Multi-Use Trail Committee

no report

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Pierce presented the lease that was prepared by the Community Association. The three copies were signed by President Pomeroy, and they will now be returned to the Community Association.

ARTC Report

Meetings were held in which the hauled water issue was discussed. The topic centers on water districts and controlled growth of the area. In response to questions about the usage of the water hydrants along Ft. Tejon

Road by the water haulers, Mr. Hickling pointed out that the usage is legal if they are using a blue-colored section of pipe which has a water meter in it. If the truck is hooked up directly to the fire hydrant, without a meter, then the person noticing the event should get the vehicle's license plate number, and take a photo if possible. This information can then be presented to the Littlerock Creek Irrigation District.

Mr. Pomeroy spoke at length about a boundary issue with the Littlerock Town Council, and the fact that their current president lives within the boundaries of the Juniper Hills Town Council. Mr. Pomeroy mentioned that he planned to "monitor" the next meeting of the Littlerock Town Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Street Sign Program

Mr. DiJulio has sent yet another email and is awaiting response.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

No one has been found who is willing to be chair of the committee. The subject will be brought up at the next meeting of the Board of the Juniper Hills Community Association.

Adopt-A-Highway

Mr. Pierce will spearhead the litter pick-up program. The necessary "training" was completed months ago.

NEW BUSINESS

Large Item Trash Day

Arrangements have been made for the Trash Pick-up to be on the same date as the Association's work day. Volunteers for the two-hour time periods are as follows:

08:00 am - 10:00 am Mike Weatherbie and Douglas DiJulio
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Mike Weatherbie
12:00 pm - 02:00 pm Don Pierce
02:00 pm - 04:00 pm OPEN

JHTC Signage

When Mr. Weatherbie meets with Mr. Caddick, the County Engineer for the Antelope Valley, he (Mr. Weatherbie) will find out what else can be placed on the sign.

Non-Agenda Items

Comments were made about the length of our meetings and the items that need to be handled during the long time periods between the semi-monthly, so it was moved by Mr. DiJulio and seconded by Mr. Weatherbie that we revert back to having a meeting every month, with speakers only on the even numbered months, with brief business meetings. Meetings on odd-numbered months will not have speakers and will have a full-length business meeting; there will be no meeting in January. The motion was passed with one abstention.

Mr. Weatherbie presented two bills - one from Qnet for \$109 to support our annual usage of the website, and a second bill for 1/2 of the cost of printing and mailing the Association newsletter. Both bills were accepted for payment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Pierce - Recording Secretary