



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting
August 1, 2007
MINUTES

<p>The General Meeting of the Juniper Hills Town Council was called to order at the Juniper Hills Community Building, 31401 106th Street East, Juniper Hills, CA 93543, on August 1, 2007 at 7:15 p.m., by President, Mr. Pomeroy.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>																					
<p>Webelos Troop 243 presented the Colors and led the Flag Salute. Kari Toth and Randy Hutchinson, Troop Leaders accompanied members Robert Hutchinson, Ethan Bridwell, Danny Toth, and Tyler Hughbanks.</p>	<p>FLAG SALUTE</p>																					
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<p>Minutes of June 6, 2007, were approved with the following corrections: Treasurer stated the note "in the hole" should not be included; non-profit should be Mr. Weatherbie, and instead of I was agreed, should be "it" was agreed.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p>																					
<p>Mr. Reichel Reported a balance of \$2637.59, with no changes since June. Bills submitted for approval included costs for 144 glasses for the Winetasting in the amount of \$329.26 by Mr. Pomeroy. Motion was made by Mr. DiJulio, second by Ms. Richter to provide a \$50.00 reimbursement to Mr. Negron for his presentation to the council, to include a "thank you" note. Report was approved as presented.</p>	<p>TREASURER</p>																					
<p>Mr. Weatherbie indicated he had received notification of a CERT Class for three consecutive Saturdays, starting August 18. He also received information on "Dare to Prepare" presented by the California Association of Governments on August 8 in Ontario. A flyer for "Emergency Preparedness Fairs throughout the County" was also discussed.</p>	<p>COMMUNICATION</p>																					
<p>Mr. Pomeroy announced the following events which will take place in the Community: Juniper Hills Community Association (http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhca/index.htm) – August 25 Burgers N Brew N Band September 8 Work Day October 6 Oktoberfest Devil's Punchbowl County Park (http://www.devils-punchbowl.com) – August 12 Perseids Meteor Shower Viewing August 25 Full Moon Hike September 22 Full Moon Hike Mr. Grabe added the Lunar Eclipse on August 28.</p>	<p>ITEMS OF INTEREST</p>																					
<p>Guests and Speakers – J. Lopez, Deputy Forester, LACo Fire Dept Forestry Division was introduced. He discussed the concept of a "Fireplan," in which everyone works together. He encouraged the formation of a Fire Safe Committee. He stated the committee could be all encompassing, including fire, earthquake preparedness and flood control both before and after a fire. He stated that brush clearance is our first line of defense. In the case of a fire, especially since the Esperanza Fire, no longer will a firefighter's life be put on the line to save a home that does not have proper clearance. The local station does the inspection for Fire Clearance. The Council asked Mr. Lopez to see that all homes receive written notification that their home has been reviewed by the Fire Department for clearance. Mr. Lopez distributed material from various groups that will help homeowners prepare for emergencies, including a Safe Landscapes Calendar..</p>	<p>GUESTS and SPEAKERS</p>																					

<p>He stated that his job will be to help the Council get organized and form a Fire Council, bringing all players together. He discussed grant money that is available, once a council is formed, and what several communities have done. February is the deadline for Grant processing of Concept Papers.</p> <p>He noted that in the case of a large fire, we would likely have members from many other departments in our area.</p> <p>Many attempts were made to contact John Capell, District Ranger, ANF Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District, but he did not return any of the calls.</p>	
<p>Los Angeles County Supervisor's office – Norm Hickling indicated he has new brochures about the County Services that he will bring to the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Hickling indicated that the property up the Alimony Truck Trail, where extensive grading had taken place, the owner has been found guilty in court on all charges, and has been told to "fix it or go to jail."</p> <p>Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department – Deputy Engels stated more deputies have been added to the Palmdale Station. Deputy Ferrell indicated that he had spoken to Marie at the Zoning Department regarding the "Gypsy Camp" and she said the situation will be going to the DA for prosecution. Ms. Richter indicated the owner had had a big fire going. The Deputy indicated there has been a great deal more graffiti along Pearblossom Hwy. One 13 year old suspect has been arrested. Mrs. Kempenaar indicated the cabin below the bowl, just off Griffin Rd., had been badly damaged by vandals and had lots of graffiti.</p> <p>Mr. DiJulio mentioned the mail he had received regarding commercial zoning. Mr. Hickling indicated he has pressured the office to send everything to all Town Council members.</p>	<p>GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>
<p>REPORTS</p>	
<p>Future Speakers – October will be the AV Conservancy. Mr. Pomeroy indicated it would be a good time to try to get the U.S. Forest Service to participate in this meeting as well. It was suggested that the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District provide a speaker for the December meeting. Ms. Richter stated she would prefer that the AV Conservation District people be invited to speak at the JHCA General Meeting to try to stir interest in Disaster Preparedness.</p>	<p>FUTURE SPEAKERS</p>
<p>Mr. Pomeroy stated the election date has been changed to November. He stated that Mr. Reichel, Mr. DiJulio and Mr. Pierce are up for election.</p> <p>Mr. Pomeroy is still looking for a Chairman, or perhaps he will have to perform the task himself, with assistance from others. Mrs. Weatherbie reminded him that the Association Newsletter will go out mid September.</p>	<p>Election Committee</p>
<p>Winetasting event: Saturday, November 3rd at 4pm. Mrs. Weatherbie stated that everything is in readiness, and wines are still being selected.</p>	<p>Resource Development Committee</p>
<p>Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the Juniper Hills Community Standards District Ordinance on June 26th.</p> <p>Mr. Pomeroy indicated he had a discussion with Mitch Glaser regarding the CSD and the Valley Wide Plan. Mitch would like to speak to the JHTC regarding these plans. Mr. Pomeroy requested permission of the Town Council to extend the committee's purpose to the development of a public info brochure and other outreach for the JH CSD to the Real Estate Community and others. Motion was made by Mrs. Richter to dissolve the committee, with thanks, and to form a new Community Standards Information Committee to draft a brochure which will contain the CSD info and perform outreach tasks.</p>	<p>Community Standards Committee</p>
<p>No Report</p>	<p>Multi-Use Trail Committee</p>
<p>Mrs. Weatherbie reported the Association had no meeting but there had been four break-ins since June 19, with the TV and VCR being taken, and most recently, the cupboard doors were broken.</p>	<p>JHCA Liaison Report</p>

Discussion had been held regarding proposed use of Wind Generators.	ARTC Report
<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>	
Ms. Richter asked that we consider hiring a professional to handle Non Profit for the Council. In order to do this, the Council needs to know the purpose of having Non-profit status. At this point, the purpose would allow individuals to take tax deductions for donations, for the council to deduct expenses, and for the purpose of the Fire Safe Council for receipt of a Grant. Mr. Pomeroy will contact Wayne Argo to see if other councils have non profit status. The JHCA has offered to allow the Council to piggyback when the need arises, such as in the case of a Grant.	Non-Profit Status
Mr. Weatherbie stated that he and his wife would like to co-chair the Disaster Preparedness Committee. Mr. Pomeroy stated that he felt the council should be the oversight group. No conclusion was reached as to who would be in charge. Mrs. Weatherbie stated a beginning would be to attend a CERT class. CERT training – Aug 18, 25 & Sept 1, Additional class Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 6.	Emergency Preparedness Committee
Mr. Pomeroy stated that he and Mr. Grabe had a marvelous walk together.	Litter Collection
Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm Mike Weatherbie Secretary, Pro-Tem	