



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL
General Meeting
September 1, 2004
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 **September 1, 2004 7:15 p.m.**, by President, Vance Pomeroy.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pierce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FLAG SALUTE

PRESENT	ABSENT
Vance Pomeroy	Michael Weatherbie (excused)
Suzanne Richter	Elizabeth Bridwell
Dave Reichel	
Don Pierce	

**BOARD MEMBER'S
ATTENDANCE**

The Minutes of Meeting on August 4, 2004 were corrected to add the following as the second item under the heading "Communication":

Discussion was had of the fact that graffiti on the street signs has not yet been removed. The Council decided that the "Graffiti Hotline Number" -- 1-800-675-4357 -- should be added to our website by Webmaster Weatherbie so that all residents would be able to contact that agency when graffiti was sighted.

Approval of minutes as corrected was moved by Don Pierce, seconded by Suzanne Richter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Treasurer Dave Reichel reported that Town Council had received donations of \$30 in cash and a check for \$100. The donations have been deposited, bringing the current balance in the account to \$541.83. (See Report) Mr. Reichel stated that the Bank still has an incorrect address for the Town Council; he has tried twice to get it corrected and will try again.

TREASURER

Penny Lane Skills Center sent the Town Council an invitation to attend an Open House on September 8, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. honoring Supervisor Antonovich. (See flyer.)

COMMUNICATION

Mr. Pomeroy announced several community events of interest as noted on the agenda for September 1, 2004

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Guest speaker Ron Tropicich, Area Manager External Affairs for SBC Communications spoke about the unreliable phone service presently provided to large parts of the juniper Hills area. His purpose was to show what was being done to improve the service and the interim things that are being done to ease the transition.

**GUESTS, SPEAKERS,
REQUESTS TO ADDRESS
THE COUNCIL – NON
AGENDA ITEMS**

He stated that the phone system here is quite old, that it only has 24 paths, that the equipment works slowly with occasional crashes, and that replacement parts for our system are not being made any more. To improve the situation, SBC has to engineer and custom-build both the system here and in the central office in Palmdale with a modern system which will include more paths and expandability. He stated that the central office items have arrived from the supplier and are being installed; the Juniper Hills items are expected to arrive within the next few weeks.

The new system should be operational by the end of September. However, the cables here are old as well, and they may need replacement also.

In the interim, SBC has set up a single repair system for Juniper Hills, with personnel being prepared with the knowledge of what's here now, so that they coordinate all complaints and will come with the necessary items needed to repair the problem in one (hopefully) service call.

Community resident Sal Cardille commented to the speaker that the phone company box at 106th St. & Cima Mesa Rod is in serious need of repair/renovation. Mr. Tropicich stated that he would check into the matter.

Mr. Tropicich was asked to return to the TC meeting on October 6th and to bring some technical personnel with him. He stated that he would do so.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Pomeroy stated that there was no report from the Community Standards Committee at this time, but that he has meetings planned for next week with Norm Hickling and Paul Novak, Planning Deputy for Supervisor Antonovich.

Community Standards Committee

Chairperson Lori Zink stated that the Committee was holding a meeting open to the community on September 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the JHCA clubhouse. and that there was a committee meeting scheduled for October 7th at her home. The meeting is mainly for livestock owners to arrange a large animal emergency evacuation plan ASAP. She also stated that she has an offer from one person who owns property in Lake LA, who could house 130 horses in an emergency.

Fire Safe Council

She informed those present that the County Fire Dept. is planning to put ALL of the Juniper Hills area under the auspices of the Pearblossom Fire Station. She also asked if the TC would arrange for FIRE SAFETY INFO to be an agenda item at a TC meeting, or put the info on the JH website, or produce a handout for the residents.

Concern was expressed about firebreaks in the wilderness area adjacent to Juniper Hills, and a request was made that Cyd Morgan of the Forestry Service Pleasant Ridge Wilderness Area be invited to speak at a TC meeting. Ms. Zink stated that she would contact Ms. Morgan and schedule her as a speaker at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Hickling also stated that he was working on this matter, and that he would contact the person who had the survey of the Wilderness area.

TC member Don Pierce stated that he had gone to the Littlerock Dam recreation area meeting that had recently been held to solicit community input re use of that area by the public.

Resource Development Committee : See below under New Business

Resource Development Committee

Supervisor Antonovich's Field Representative Norm Hickling stated that nothing much had happened in the past month. The issue of the use of hauled water appears to be at an impasse; the AV water shortage hasn't helped this matter. However, Mr. Hickling, stated, there is good news re the aquifer matter; a mediator is trying to establish a reasonable plan for the use of the AV ground water.

Potable Water and Hauling

The Wells issue is moving, but there is nothing definitive yet. Mr. Hickling stated that he recently spent time visiting with Archie Floyd, owner of Roadrunner Well Service in Pearblossom, and learned a great deal about farming in the Valley from him.

TC member Suzanne Richter distributed copies to TC members and to Mr. Hickling of City of Barstow, et al. v. Mojave Water Agency, et. al., a recent California Supreme Court case which dealt with water rights in California, as well as a copy of a LA Times article about the successful efforts of Mary Wiesbrock and others to stop development of the Ahmanson Ranch area in Ventura County and to make it

part of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

No Report

Election Committee

OLD BUSINESS

Graffiti – Mr. Pierce noted that the graffiti near Ft. Tejon Rd. and Mt. Emma Rd. has been removed

Graffiti Removal

Signage ---No Report

Signage

Web Page Status – No Report

Web Page

Who should get mailings? -- Not enough information is available yet to make a decision.

Mail Lists

NEW BUSINESS

JH resident Marie Unini volunteered to organize and chair a “Resource Development (fundraising) Committee” for the TC, as well as to teach others what she knows on the subject. She stated that she has been a professional fund-raiser and a development officer for 20 years, that she has reviewed the TC’s work since its inception in Feb 2003; that she would like to interview each member of the TC and develop a plan. Then, she said, she would like to present the plan at the next TC meeting. A motion was made by Don Pierce, and seconded by Dave Reichel, to establish a TC Resource Development Committee and to appoint Marie Unini as chair of that committee. The motion was approved by the Council.

Fundraising

There was some discussion of whether the TC ought to look into incorporation as a non-profit corporation at this time. The topic was tabled until a later time.

Mr. Pomeroy reported that a speaker from the Public Health Department had spoken at the last ARTC meeting about the West Nile virus in the AV and its effect particularly on the horses here. The suggestion was made that perhaps this speaker could be scheduled for a JHTC meeting in the near future.

ARTC Meeting

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Suzanne Richter
Secretary, Pro-Tem