



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL
General Meeting
November 3, 2004
MINUTES

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 **November 3, 2004, at 7:15 p.m.**, by President, Vance Pomeroy.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Pomeroy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FLAG SALUTE

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

**BOARD MEMBER'S
ATTENDANCE**

Several typographical errors were made to the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on October 6, 2004, presented by secretary pro-tem Richter. The minutes were approved as so corrected.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Treasurer Dave Reichel reported that the TC had received donations during the month in the amount of \$295.00 and that the bank account now has a balance of \$836.83. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Pomeroy announced several JHCA events of interest:

November 17	Junibee Luncheon/Meeting
November 20	Chili Cook-off
December 4	General Membership Meeting
December 18	Santa's Visit

ITEMS OF INTEREST

None

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Pomeroy stated that the Committee was planning to meet the next evening (November 4) to prepare for the Community Input Meeting scheduled for December 11th. He announced that copies of the final draft of the proposed Community Standards were available to all at the meeting to take and to review prior to the December meeting.

**Community Standards
Committee**

Chairperson Lori Zink reported that The Fire Safe Council's main concern during the past few months has been to create an emergency evacuation plan to help our residents evacuate their livestock in a safe and safe manner. At the present time, the committee is still working to perfect that plan. They will be distributing questionnaires and brush clearance sheets at the JHCA meeting on December 4th and at the Community Standards meeting on December 11th. The committee is planning to review different materials to see what is important for this community. Brush clearance will be their next major topic to be stressed and to encourage the community to be concerned about. The Committee is in the process of compiling a list of people who would be interested in clearing brush if others do not have the time or ability, and are working towards applying for grants with the assistance of Marie Unini.

Fire Safe Council

She asked for a clarification of the Town Council's role in the committee's efforts to raise funds for its projects. After discussion, it was decided the committee should submit a request to the Town Council, which review the request and, if approved, pass it on to the Resource Development Committee. Ms. Zink was also informed that the committee could request funds from the Town Council, as well.

Ms. Zink also asked if the Boy Scouts would be interested in helping out with the committee's projects. Mr. Pomeroy stated that if Ms. Zink would send her request to him, he would forward it to the Scout Master of the local Boy Scout troop.

In regard to firebreaks in the wilderness area adjacent to Juniper Hills, Mr. Hickling stated that the Fire Department wants the Town Council to request that a permanent fire break be established or re-established and maintained. The Fire Department will then act upon the Town Council's request.

No report

Resource Development Committee

At the Meeting on October 28, 2004, discussion was had of the carrot growers' lawsuit, the LA County countersuit submitted to the Court, and the issues of adjudication, Water Masters and homeowners' private wells. There was a presentation by Bob Fleck of Santa Clarita Well Owners Association on the topic of the registering of homeowners' wells. It was stated that the disadvantage of registering one's well is that it may open the door to meters and/or fees being required for the well, but that the advantage is that it gives official recognition to the existence of the well and the fact that water is being pumped by it, thus offering protection to the well-users' rights to continued use of the water. Information is available on this issue at www.waterrights.ca.gov.

Association of Rural Town Councils

It was announced that Littlerock will have a bulk trash pick-up on November 20, 2004, at the Alpine Grange.

Supervisor Antonovich's Field Representative Norm Hickling stated that there was nothing further had happened in this matter.

Potable Water and Hauling

Larry Levin has agreed to chair this committee, with Wayne Argo's assistance. There are 4 open seats for this election; the deadline to apply and the Candidates' Forum will be on 2-12-05, the election on 2-26-05 and the installation on 3-2-05.

Election Committee

OLD BUSINESS

Signage --- No Report

Signage

Web Page Status --- Mr. Pomeroy stated that the Council needs to add a privacy policy and information regarding the various committees to its webpage, as well as to create specific Resource Development subsection.

Web Page

Mr. Pomeroy stated that he had not yet purchased the new voter CD, and stated that the TC should expand and update the County Assessor information list.

Mail Lists

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Pomeroy stated that the TC's 2nd annual Newsletter will be sent out soon and that it will consist of 6 pages: a cover page, 4 pages of the Community Standards and a back sheet for the addresses.

JHTC Newsletter

Mr. Pierce stated the Littlerock CC and the AV Press will put in notifications re the TC's CSC meeting in December and the TC elections in February '05.

CSC Community Meeting

No report

Sheriff's Department

In order to properly safeguard the legitimate work, trade and reputation of the JHTC and the JH community, the following actions will be taken:

JHTC Asset Preservation

1. It was moved by Ms. Richter and seconded by Mr. Pierce that the TC shall explore the matter of registering and filing an application for a Trademark for "Juniper Hills" and "Juniper Hills Town Council," in order to formalize each's status as a common law trademark. Ms. Richter will research this matter.
2. It was moved by Mr. Reichel and seconded by Mr. Pierce that the Town Council shall prepare and deliver communications to registrants of existing web assets not under the direct control of the JHTC directing such registrants to cease and desist from the possession and use of such web assets and to return all such assets to the control of the JHTC.

Ms. Leah Franklin agreed to try to locate the internet provider being used by such registrants.

There was discussion of the desirability of establishing a Trails Committee to develop provisions for future inclusion in the Community Standards District document, as well as of the scope of any other issues that such a committee should handle.

Establishment of a Trails Committee

The matter was tabled until the December meeting for further discussion and consideration.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Suzanne Richter
Secretary, Pro-Tem