

JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting

May 7, 2008

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 **May 7, 2008, 7:10 P.M.** by the President, Mr. Pomeroy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Grabe

BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

PRESENT	ABSENT
Vance Pomeroy	
Don Pierce	Suzanne Richter (excused)
Dave Reichel (late arrival)	
Douglas DiJulio	Michael Weatherbie (excused)
Walter Grabe	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the March 5, 2008, and April 2, 2008, meetings were approved as presented at the meeting.

TREASURER

The treasurer's report, which was presented by Mr. Pierce on behalf of the Treasurer, was accepted as presented. No new bills were presented. It was noted that a letter of acknowledgement had not been sent to the Dickies, thanking them for their donation. It was moved by Mr. Reichel, seconded by Mr. Pierce to send the letter. Mr. Pierce will send the letter, signed by Mr. Pierce on behalf of Mr. Pomeroy.

COMMUNICATIONS

Three letters were received by Mr. Pomeroy, including one from Supervisor Antonovich, acknowledging our letter to him and noting that he will report back when he has received answers to the issues we raised.

Several other topics on the agenda were addressed - including the High-risk Jail, which was covered in the newspaper; the Palmdale Airport Bus, which is now in place and operation; the beauty pageant request, which was denied; the shooting incidents, which were looked into by the sheriff's department; and Mr. Pierce explained the purpose behind the legislative redistricting petition.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

June 7 General Membership Meeting and Dinner

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

May 17 Full Moon Hike - 8 pm

June 7 Telescope Program - 9 pm

Cub Scout Pack 243

May 10 Pinewood Derby 12 noon

In recognition of the last item, two scouts (the Turk brothers) were in attendance, and Mr Pomeroy asked them to stand and introduce themselves.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norm Hickling - Los Angeles County Supervisor's office - mentioned the "round-about" that will be constructed at the intersection of Palmdale Blvd and 47th Street E. He said the hauled water issue has not yet been settled, so there is nothing new to report. Mr. Pomeroy commented about the lack of County services being available on the weekend, and therefore there is no one available when an issue arises, Norm's response was that, in any instance, call Deputy Ferrell.

The grading issue, as mentioned in the email from Ms. Zera, was brought up by Mr. Reichel and discussed at length. Norm said he had overlooked the issue because it was mentioned in a small paragraph at the very end of the email, which dealt primarily with shooting situations. He will follow up on the issues.

Representative of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - no one present

REPORTS

Future Speakers

Mr. Pomeroy reported that he had no response from Congressman Buck McKeon's office. A representative of the office remains as our first choice as a speaker for the June meeting. For second choice, Mr. Pomeroy will contact the AV Conservancy.

Election Committee

The Town Council is still looking for people to be on the committee; no names have been brought forward. Mr. Pomeroy said he will send out an email asking for volunteers.

Yo-Yo Committee

Mr. Pierce reported on behalf of Mrs. Weatherbie, noting that the next meeting of the committee will be on May 15 at 7pm. She mentioned that she had attended the Emergency Expo meeting at the Verdugo Hills Hospital and Mr. Pierce mentioned that he had attended the Emergency Expo in Santa Clarita, at the College of the Canyons. He reported, on her behalf, that at the most recent meeting of the committee there was a lengthy discussion about forming a Fire Safe Council, but no consensus could be reached. Discussion of the topic was continued to the next meeting.

Resource Development Committee

no report. Mr. Pomeroy commented that it was "moving along smoothly". He said that the next meeting will be on May 16 at the Benz residence.

Community Standards Information Committee

Mrs. Love presented (to the Town Council) the printed version of the "announcement" that will be given to all realtors who are selling houses and raw property in the Juniper Hills area. She will distribute the tri-folded "announcement" to these realtors. She presented a bill for \$659.85, for the printing and cropping. It was moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. DiJulio, to pay the bill. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Pierce will present the bill to Mr. Weatherbie for payment to Mrs. Love.

Water Issues Committee

no report.

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Pierce reported that the no specific requests were presented by the Community Association. He mentioned the road striping issue and Norm Hickling asked that an email be sent to him, which he can then forward on to the appropriate parties. Discussion then centered on the topic of the cabinet we had unofficially approved to obtain, and the JHCA had approved placing in the Community Center, but no cabinet had been purchased. Since more information is needed, the topic was referred back to the Community Association, and more information will be obtained prior to the next meeting.

ARTC

Mr. DiJulio attended the most-recent meeting of the ARTC. One of the major issues discussed was about the powerline right-of-way that is being sought. It was felt that easements should remain in existing corridors because negotiated easements don't necessarily match what actually happens. It was moved by Mr. DiJulio, seconded by Mr. Reichel, that we draft a letter in support of the Lakes Town Council in reference to the powerline issue. The motion carried unanimously.

Another major topic was the discussion about how to measure the level of arsenic in the drinking water. Per present measuring standards, the water in Acton, Agua Dulce and in the Antelope Valley may have too much arsenic. Mr. DiJulio provided an explanation of how the measurement standards are decided and set. He commented that no one knows what to do, and therefore there was no action.

Mr. Pomeroy said he will send an email to Wayne Argo (president of the ARTC), with a cc to Norm Hickling, asking about what happens next, inquiring about a new set of community meetings about the draft policy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Non-Profit Status

Mr. Pomeroy questioned as to whether we should continue to have this item on the agenda - if this is still in the interest of the Town Council. Mr. Pierce said he has not yet contacted the preparer of the Form, waiting a few weeks after April 15th, since the person is a CPA. It was agreed that Mr. Pierce should contact the CPA, get the needed information and bring it back to the next meeting. The item will remain on the agenda until at least that time.

NEW BUSINESS

none

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Pierce - Secretary