

Juniper Hills Town Council
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General Meeting
September 2, 2009

MINUTES

The General Meeting of the Juniper Hills Town Council was called to order at the Juniper Hills Community Building 31403 106th Street East, Juniper Hills CA 93543 at 7:30 pm by the President, Mr. Pomeroy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Billie Dickey.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENENDANCE

	PRESENT	EXCUSED	ABESENT
Vance Pomeroy	P		
Billie Dickey	P		
Douglas DiJulio		E	
Don Pierce	P		
Suzanne Richter	P		
Dave Reichel	P		
Walt Grabe	P		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes for the August meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Treasurer's Report stated there were no expenses or withdrawals and was approved as submitted.
- A purchase of \$28.00 was made for candy for the supervisor's Lancaster office and was submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS

- General reporting about the Station fire from community members was given, with more detailed information in the Reports section.
- Generally, community members are having great difficulty getting current accurate information about the fire and sheriff evacuations.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **JHCA / JHTC** See the JHTC agenda for September 2009;
- **Devils Punchbowl County Park** - Full moon hike cancelled due to Station fire.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Mr. Norm Hickling, Supervisor's Office was not in attendance. He was attending a Town Hall meeting in Wrightwood regarding the Station Fire.**

LA CO Sheriff's –

- **Dep. Ferrell:** The suspect in the cockfighting ring was convicted. There is a search and seizure on property so they confiscated all of the chickens and can do searches at any time.
- **Forest Rave Parties:** There have been parties reported in Lancaster, Sorenson Park in Lake Los Angeles, and in the forest area around Lake Hughes area.

REPORTS

STATION FIRE UPDATE:

- 1. UP-TO-DATE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE STATION FIRE HAS NOT BEEN OCCURRING, AND IS CRUCIAL FOR JUNIPER HILLS RESIDENTS.**
2. The Town Council needs to request a Public Information Officer for our area.
3. Trap line Information Officer has a board in a central location in other communities.
4. Trouble with dissemination from the LA County Sheriff's office regarding evacuation Procedures. There has been much confusion as to whether the evacuations have been voluntary or mandatory.
5. The reverse 911 calls did not work according to the supervisor's office and community members and it needs to be fixed.
6. The stoppage of Bulldozers in the Juniper Hills area because of the Pleasant View Wilderness area and the Arroyo Toad needs to be remedied immediately for adequate Fire breaks.
7. The LA County Sheriff's department needs to be consistent as for determining voluntary evacuation versus mandatory and be vigilant in protection of homes and property once the mandatory evacuation notice has been given. So far, the notice has changed quickly with times that no police presence is noted with high chance of looting occurring.

Additional reporting:

- Deputy Ferrell discussed assignment of deputies on watch during fire incident.
- Vance Pomeroy gave a report from the Acton meeting about the Station Fire on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, and had discussion with Chief Bryant about wilderness and fire protection using whatever means are necessary.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

- Candidate Forum for Keppel School Board and the Palmdale Water District.

YO-YO COMMITTEE

- No report

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Meet the Town Council is coming up on May 1, 2010. At this meeting the public will be invited to meet the JHTC members as well as Representative from Los Angeles County and local State representatives. There will also be a free breakfast provided.
- Winetasting event is ready to be.

JHCA LIAISON REPORT

- No Report

JHWG LIAISON REPORT

- Billie stated that the Judge in charge of the water adjudication is retiring October 31, 2009

ARTC REPORT

- No News

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Committee members for the election were discussed. Laurie Weatherbie is the Election Committee chair. There are three seats open for the election.

SIGNAGE

- Mark Caddick e-mail was sent. 60 inch width. Is this same price for county and/or the vendor? Don Pierce will call to get details of sign creation.
- Billie motioned to allow expenditure of deposit of \$500.00 to sign company Murrani to build four signs for the town council on streets under welcome to Juniper Hills. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

LIGHTING

- A letter was received by e-mail from Mr. David Stringer that stated that Street Lights removal of a shield on 96th St. East and Cima Mesa was recommended by Mr. Stringer. It also asked if the JHTC wanted removal of an existing shield on 106th St. East and Fort Tejon. The JHTC had a discussion about the light at Cima and Fort Tejon. A recommendation by Mr. Pomeroy to have Mr. Stringer and a Road Engineer go to the site and have a field trip/meeting with town council. The town council will recommend leaving the light alone in the meantime. David Reichel is to write a letter to Mr. Stringer to state the wishes of the JHTC.

NEW BUSINESS

- Suzanne provided information on the new Juniper Hills sweatshirts that are being planned. Motion by Suzanne to ay for a sweatshirt sample. The motion was seconded and passed. The town council must decide if a new image will be placed on the sweatshirts. Motion by Suzanne to pay a deposit of \$500.00 to a T-shirt company. The motion was seconded by David. The motion was withdrawn by Suzanne.
- The Juniper Hills Town Council mission statement: Communication with the community, meet the public, issues that are pertinent to our community.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by

David Reichel