



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL
General Meeting
October 6, 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 **October 6, 2004 7:12 p.m.**, by President, Vance Pomeroy.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Reichel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FLAG SALUTE

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

BOARD MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE

Several typographical errors were made to the Minutes of the TC Meeting on September 1, 2004, presented by secretary pro tem Richter. Approval of minutes as corrected was moved by Elizabeth Bridwell, seconded by Don Pierce.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Treasurer Dave Reichel reported that there had been no changes since the September report. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. President Pomeroy made a request for donations.

TREASURER

None, except for the bank statements

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Pomeroy announced several JHCA events of interest:

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| October 22/23 | Craft Boutique |
| October 23 | Pancake Breakfast |
| October 30 | Halloween Party |
| November 13 | Chili Cook-off |
| December 4 | General Membership Meeting |

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Guest speakers Ron Tropicich, Area Manager -- External Affairs, and John Norris, Area Manager L.A.C & E, an engineer, from SBC Communications gave an overview of the information presented last month by Mr. Tropicich and an update on what was being done to improve phone service to the Juniper Hills area. A 1500-foot section of underground cable close to the Cima Mesa box has been identified as decomposing. A new engineer, Brian Montgomery (661-266-9209), has been hired to do the groundwork, to get the permits and to lay the new cable. There may be other sections of cable to be found in the future that will need replacement, as well. The guest speakers stated that the work for the new system ought to be completed within two weeks and the new cable ought to be installed within two months. When it is finished, the system will be tested thoroughly prior to the transfer of phone service to it. Once completed, there should be a noticeable improvement in our phone service.

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

The new system will be able to provide all phone services except DSL to this area. It will, however, support ISDL if anyone desires higher speed internet service. Other questions and problems presented by residents were addressed by the speakers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Pomeroy stated that the Committee was working on creating a draft of Community Standards to be presented to the community. The draft will be published and distributed with the second annual JHTC Newsletter and will need to be read in advance. The next public Community Meeting regarding the Standards will be held on December 11, 2004 ,at the JHCA Clubhouse, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Community Standards Committee

Chairperson Lori Zink stated that the Committee held a meeting open to the community on September 14, 2004. There was A good turnout of about 15 people. A map was distributed showing places where they could relocate their horses in an emergency. If anyone else would like this map, they should phone her at 944-0503.

Fire Safe Council

She stated that the committee has uncovered many things that need to be done, and that they may need to organize a subcommittee to raise money to organize and to arrange for any evacuations that may become necessary.

Mr. Pomeroy stated that he would scan the map and the committee's questionnaire, would email it to relevant persons and would put it on the Website.

In regard to firebreaks in the wilderness area adjacent to Juniper Hills, Mr. Hickling stated that he had not received any information yet on this matter.

Chairperson Marie Unini reported on her research during the past month and stated that she was ready to make some recommendations. She gave each of the Council members a copy of her report and recommendations, which included a sample letter asking for donations. (See attached) She offered to assist the Council in developing a set of specific priorities with a dollar amount required for each item, which she believes would make it easier for the TC to ask for/receive donations.

Resource Development Committee

Ms. Unini also gave Lori Zink and the Council copies of information regarding National Fire plan Grants and the Office of Management and Budget Requirements re matching grants.

In regard to the TC's non-profit status, Ms. Unini said she wanted to do some more research on this topic, including an interview of Wayne Argo from ARTC.

Supervisor Antonovich's Field Representative Norm Hickling stated that nothing much had happened in the past month. Regarding the lawsuit by the carrot farmers, a lot of heels have dug in, so last Friday, LA County presented a countersuit to the Judge. The Judge wants to hear arguments to determine whether the County can countersue – the hearing will be on 11-12.

Potable Water and Hauling

Wayne Argo stated that the ARTC wants to get involved in this matter mainly so we don't "get caught in the crossfire."

There are no volunteers yet. Wayne Argo offered to assist the committee, and Marie Unini stated that she would ask someone she knows to volunteer.

Election Committee

OLD BUSINESS

Signage ---No Report

Web Page Status – No Report

**Signage
Web Page**

Ms. Bridwell moved, seconded by Mr. Reichel, that the TC should purchase new voter CD's as needed. The motion was approved. Mr. Pomeroy stated that he would email Mr. Weatherbie to obtain information to purchase the item(s).

Mail Lists

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Pomeroy stated that the TC needs to create and distribute its 2nd annual Newsletter. It needs to be done soon so that the CSC draft can be sent out with it in November. Ms. Richter so moved, Mr. Pierce seconded, and the Council approved the motion. Mr. Pomeroy stated that he would email Mr. Weatherbie and ask him to draft the Newsletter ASAP so that it will be ready for consideration at the 11-3-04 TC Meeting.

JHTC Newsletter

Mr. Pierce stated the he would contact the Littlerock CC and the AV Press to request that they put in notifications re the TC's CSC meeting in December and the TC elections in February '05.

CSC Community Meeting

Deputy Jennings stated that there was nothing new re crimes in the area and that the new Sheriff's Station should be finished being built in July and that he Department should be moving in around October. The new station should permit more service to the unincorporated areas.

Sheriff's Department

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Suzanne Richter
Secretary, Pro-Tem