



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting

November 2, 2005

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 2, 2005, at 7:02 p.m.**, by President, Mr. Pomeroy

CALL TO ORDER

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Weatherbie.

FLAG SALUTE

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

BOARD MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE

Minutes of October 5, were approved with the following correction:
At the top of page 3 correct to read: "Ms. Richter stated she thought the Town Council ought to apply for incorporation and she will prepare a draft for the next meeting."
Correct spelling of Mr. Reichel's name on page 2.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Treasurer's Report was approved as presented, with a balance of \$1099.50.

TREASURER

A notice of the Water Supply summit was received by all. Letter from the PUC was received acknowledging receipt of the complaint filed by the Council against (Pacific Bell) SBC. Also received the "Stop Illegal Dumping" brochures. The Littlerock Town Council again invited the Communities to take large trash items to their collection on November 5.

COMMUNICATION

Juniper Hills Community Association -	
December 3	General Meeting
December 17	Santa's Visit

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Speaker: Mr. Dennis Negrón, Attorney, was introduced. He passed the Bar in 1979 and practices in the Lake Arrowhead area. Mr. Negrón gave a very comprehensive and extensive hour and 25 minute presentation on Land Laws. A copy of the presentation material is attached to the official minutes and is available on request.

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

Speaker: Tim Grover, Office Manager for the Antelope Valley office of the Los Angeles County Building and Safety Department, discussed Code Enforcement and Property Rehab, providing a handout on each, which are attached to the official minutes. He stated that Property Rehab deals with unsightly conditions. Code Enforcement deals with violations of grading, construction, unsafe structures.

With a complaint, an inspector is sent out. If there is a violation the property owner is sent a notice and given 15 days or so to comply. If no compliance, a 45 day notice is sent, followed by notice against the title. If it is bad enough, then the District Attorney becomes involved. Sometimes it takes months or years to complete the process.

REPORTS

Mrs. Weatherbie reported that T-Shirts had not yet been ordered.

Resource Development Committee

Representatives of the Community Standards Committee met with Mitch Glaser of the Department of Regional Planning and will be meeting again on the 10th, and again on the 17th. Things are progressing well. The representative has been very cooperative.

Standards – Committee Report

No recent meeting has been held and chairperson is ill.

Fire Safe Committee

New flyer is available for approval. Would like to get it in the Newsletter. The committee is looking for input from the community. Many of the residents have supported trails, but some, including committee members are concerned as there is much destruction that occurs to private property and they don't want riders from outside the community..

Multi-Use Trail Investigation Ad Hoc Committee

Larry Levin is the chair of the committee, and may be contacted at 944-2629. A copy of the Candidates application is available from him and from the web site. There are three seats open for the election.

Election Committee Report

In the absence of Mr. Pierce, Mr. Weatherbie read the following:
The following occurred at the October meeting of the Board of Directors of the Community Association which apply to the Town Council:

JHCA Liaison Report

The Association had delayed the publishing of their end-of-October newsletter so as to join in with the Town Council in a joint newsletter. (This was mentioned in an email that Mr. Pierce sent to all members of the Town Council.)

ARTC Report

Mr. Pomeroy attended the monthly meeting where there was a status report by Julie Lowry on the update of the General Plan. There has been a delay due to the study of the significant ecological area, which will be subject to further comment, and does include Juniper Hills.

The Association of Realtors for greater Antelope Valley is working on an avenue of access to Supervisor Yaroslovsky to convince him to be more supportive of Mr. Antonovich in the hauled water issue.

Potable Water and Hauling

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing further

Web Site

Mr. Weatherbie stated he tries to keep it up to date.

Code Violation Issues and Disclosure

Continued from previous meeting
“The Juniper Hills Town Council does not evaluate any reports on possible code violations of federal, state, county or special district regulations and only passes on those concerns to the appropriate agency or entity. The Juniper Hills Town Council does not enforce any regulations and does not make any determinations regarding the validity of the reports passed on to any agency. Individuals who have a concern are not required to contact the Juniper Hills Town Council to seek enforcement or resolution. Contact for emergencies should be made directly with the appropriate agency or by dialing 911.”

Mr. Pomeroy stated that some issues are forward to the County. Mr. Reichel stated he felt that there should be a form that can be used by the public. The form can be available at meetings and on the web site. Ms. Zera made the following motion: To institute the use of a complaint form that can be used by the Town Council on behalf of residents or by the residents themselves, that can be made available on the web site and at the meetings so that we can more clearly and concisely pass on to the appropriate county entities. Motion was second by Mrs. Bridwell. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickling said he had nothing to report.

A draft of the Newsletter was reviewed by the Council. Ms. Richter suggested that the organization, Waste Management, that Chris Falls will represent be mentioned in the article concerning future speakers. Mrs. Bridwell made a motion to publish the Newsletter in conjunction with the Juniper Hills Community Association. Motion was second by Ms. Richter and passed unanimously.

A letter has been sent to Representative Buck McKeon. We are just waiting for a response.

Ms. Richter stated she has not had adequate time to prepare the report.

NEW BUSINESS

The form will be available next month, which will include the paragraph.

Mr. Pomeroy stated he would provide the email list to the secretary so that notices can be sent to the residents on the list.

With regard to a recent incident reported by Sal Cardile, concern was expressed regarding Sheriff response time to Juniper Hills and the lack of knowledge about the area by deputies. Deputy Jennings stated there are two cars available in the evenings for all the unincorporated areas of the Antelope Valley and that we need more coverage in the Valley. He stated that the department is short 1200 deputies right now, and the contracts with the cities require the city's calls take precedence over the unincorporated areas.

Juniper Hills is patrolled, daily, by our resident deputy Rick Engels, from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm. Mr. Engels will probably begin attending the council meetings, since Deputy Jennings will no longer be attending. Between 2:00 pm and 10:00 pm there are two patrol cars that cover the east end of the valley. After midnight there is one patrol car.

Mr. Pomeroy suggested that we need to become partners with the Sheriff's Department and make it so they can have better coverage in our area. Motion was made by Ms. Richter that we draft a letter to Supervisor Antonovich, Sheriff Baca as well as Captain John Witt and request a greater number of deputies for this area to help with law enforcement matters. Second by Mr. Reichel and passed unanimously.

Because of Deputy Jennings change of status, the representative to the Sheriff's Advisory Council will become an interview process.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bridwell, second by Ms. Richter to ask the County to do a study regarding the speed limit on Mt. Emma Rd. with the idea of increasing the speed to 60 MPH.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Michael Weatherbie
Secretary

Double Yellow Lines

Newsletter

**Request for Juniper Hills
Zip Code**

Non-Profit Status

Possible Code Violations

Email List

Sheriff's Department

Representative

**Mt. Emma Road –
Request for Change of
Speed Limit**

ADJOURNMENT

