

JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting
November 7, 2007
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 **November 7, 2007, 7:07 P.M.** by the President, Mr. Pomeroy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Pierce

BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the October 3, 2007, meeting were approved as modified (two minor spelling corrections),

TREASURER

The Treasurer was not present., but he provided, via his wife, a copy of the Treasurer's Report. It was accepted as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Pierce mentioned two items he had received in the mail at his home; These items had apparently been received by all members of the Council. He also mentioned a phone received from the field representative of State Senator Margett: he responded to the message on his cell phone, but did not receive a reply. Mr. Pomeroy mentioned receiving correspondence about Code Enforcement and about Nuisance Abatement - relating to the property on the south end of Piani Road - work that is already being done, without permit. Considerable discussion then ensued.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

November 17 Pancake Breakfast & Holiday Botique

December 1 General Meeting and Dinner

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

November 17 Leonids Meteor Shower

Note: all trails are closed until further notice, due to Forest Service fire hazard closure

- no full moon hikes

GUESTS AND SPEAKERS

No speakers were originally planned for this meeting, but Mr. Corey Calacay, field representative for State Senator Margett was present and gave a brief history of Senator Margett, passed out information about the State Senate, and answered questions about the water situation presently affecting this area. He said he would present the water issue to Senator Margett. He felt that having two State Senators represent this area would be a "plus" in the negotiation process for water rights. Mr. Calacay said there are about 100 people who live in Juniper Hills who are a part of Senate District 29.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norm Hickling - Los Angeles County Supervisor's office - not present

Deputy Engels - Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - not present

REPORTS

Future Speakers

After discussion, it was decided that the speaker for the December meeting will be Dennis LaMoreau, from the Palmdale Water District. Mrs. Weatherbie spoke on PMD water divisions, later in the meeting. For the February meeting we will invite persons from the AV Conservancy, and, perhaps, other land conservation groups.

Election Committee

Mr. Pomeroy, chair of the Election Committee, reported that only three persons (Mr. DiJulio, Mr. Pierce, and Mr. Reichel) applied for the three seats that open for election. Ms. Richter moved that the three persons who filed be elected by acclamation. Motion seconded by Mr Weatherbie. The motion passed unanimously.

Yo-Yo Committee

Mrs. Weatherbie reported that the Committee met on October 18. She read off a list of the ideas presented and talked about necessary vaccinations. She mentioned that several grants might be available and we will be applying for them.

Resource Development Committee

The wine tasting event was held on November 3rd. Mrs. Weatherbie gave an excellent and thorough report. She mentioned that all tickets were sold, talked about the various prizes, and the various wines offered. She again advised the Council that she will not be available to head the event in 2008.

Community Standards Information Committee

Mr. Pomeroy reported that he still had not prepared a draft of a brochure containing the CSD information - but that it will be available by year-end.

Multi-Use Trail Committee

no report; This item will not be included in future agendas.

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Pierce was out of town for the last JHCA Board meeting, and asked Mrs. Weatherbie report on JHCA-related items. She said that the sand-blasting has been completed and that there will be a 2008 calendar planning meeting at the Pierce's on November 15. She mentioned that the window replacement has been put on hold because of a revised estimate given by the contractor chosen to do the work.

ARTC Report

Mr. Pomeroy talked about a meeting of the AVIRWMP (AV Integrated Regional Water Management Plan). He gave a long talk about water rights and adjudication. A suggested speaker might be Gene Nebeker, who is an attorney for the water issue, and a third-generation farmer in the Valley.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Non-Profit Status

Mr. Weatherbie reported that the attorney is pressed for time, on tax-related issues. In an attempt to speed up the process, Mr. Weatherbie will advise the attorney that the work for the Town Council is NOT pro bono.

Litter Collection

Mr. Pierce advised the Town Council that the key is now present, is in a visible container, and will be kept in the Community Center. Mr. Pomeroy commented briefly that a cabinet needs to be put in place in the Community Center, in which all of the Town Council materials can be stored.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Mr. DiJulio, seconded by Ms. Richter, that the Town Council send a letter to Supervisor Antonovich, cc: Norm Hickling, thanking Norm for the assistance he has provided, along with a Certificate of Appreciation given to Norm - at a cost not to exceed \$100. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. DiJulio will prepare a draft of the letter and Mrs. Weatherbie agreed to prepare a "non-fancy" certificate, which will be mounted and framed. The Certificate will be presented at the December meeting.

In reference to the PMD water districting, Mr. Pomeroy suggested we organize and attend a PWD Board meeting and ask for answers to questions about the "checker-boarding".

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Don Pierce - Secretary