



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

General Meeting
November 5, 2003
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, at 7:35 p.m. on **November 5, 2003**, by President, Vance Pomeroy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Richter.

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| PRESENT | ABSENT |
| Vance Pomeroy | Tom Bolema – excused |
| Suzanne Richter | David Woodard - excused |
| Michael Weatherbie | |
| Dave Reichel | |

Mr. Reichel made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 1, 2003 General Meeting as published. Motion was second by Mr. Weatherbie and passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report was not available due to the absence of the Treasurer.

Mr. Pomeroy briefly reviewed the procedures for speaking before the council and the need to submit a form to the council prior to speaking.

None

None

None

Juniper Hills Community Association Events:
November 15 - Chili Cookoff
December 6 - General Meeting/ Dinner – a good dinner and possible election of JHCA Board Members

Mr. Sal Cardile, 9600 Cima Mesa Rd, spoke of his concern for the dead and dying pine trees as a result of the Bark Beetle. He feels that the Fire Department will certainly require removal of the trees. Mrs. Connie Cardile questioned if the county had offered any assistance in disposing of the trees due to the large quantity. Mrs. Cardile suggested that those Junipers that had been killed as a result of the Road Department spraying, might be the responsibility of the Road Department for disposal action.

Mr. Hickling suggested that a letter be sent to the Supervisor’s Office regarding the Junipers and suggest that the Road Department complete their abatement activity by removing the dead Junipers.

Mr. Pomeroy suggested it would be appropriate to have representatives from both the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the U.S. Forest Service attend a meeting and speak to the subject.

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD MEMBER’S ATTENDANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TREASURER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENTATIONS OR RECOGNITION

COMMUNICATION

ITEMS OF INTEREST

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – NON AGENDA ITEMS

DEAD PINE TREES AND JUNIPERS

Mr. Pomeroy asked Mr. Weatherbie to write the letter to Mr. Antonovich and to secure the speakers for a future General Meeting. Mr. Pomeroy asked that Mr. Weatherbie be allowed to sign the letter. Mr. Reichel asked that the letter be approved by members via e-mail, prior to mailing. Mr. Weatherbie agreed and the council approved Mr. Weatherbie signing the letter.

DEAD PINE TREES AND JUNIPERS (continued)

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Pomeroy stated he is ready to begin meetings. He said he has sent email to the members stating the committee responsibilities. He has also sent a summary of the County Code descriptor. Mr. Pomeroy recognized Ms. Valerie Zera, a member of the Standard's Committee. She asked if the committee can establish Standards without the County's approval. Mr. Pomeroy explained the Committee makes a recommended list of Standards, which is submitted to Regional Planning, followed by the Board of Supervisors for approval. If there is any objection to any part of the Standards, the Standards are sent back to committee for rewrite.

Standards – Committee Formation

Mr. Pomeroy requested that further discussion regarding Standards be reserved for Standards Committee meetings.

Mr. Pomeroy asked if any members of the Standards Committee would have a problem meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 6:30 p.m., either preceding an Executive Meeting or in lieu of the Executive Meeting. Ms. Zera indicated it was a conflict for her but stated she understood the need to proceed.

Provision of Domain Registrant – Not discussed
Server Location – Not discussed
Server Contact – Not discussed

Web Site

Temporary Re-design of Web Site – Mr. Weatherbie Indicated that he had checked with Earthlink and their costs are prohibitive. He had also checked with Qnet and they have a one time \$30.00 charge for setup, with a charge of \$120.00 per year. Since Qnet owns the domain name AV.ORG, they can provide us with a Web Site address, juniperhills.av.org, thus saving the council the cost of a domain name. Mr. Pomeroy asked Mr. Weatherbie to check on the Web Site used by ARTC which is reported to be free.

Mr. Reichel indicated that he had not yet found someone to make a banner, but is still checking.

Signage

Mr. Pomeroy questioned Mr. Hickling about Summerhaven, the group that wishes to occupy the home off Fort Tejon that housed a winery. Mr. Hickling stated that their present business will not fit into the current zoning and there have been no applications for exceptions.

Summerhaven

Deputy Jennings indicated that the third quarter statistics on major crime in the South Antelope Valley area showed an increase of 11% over last year. However, when Mr. Jennings removed the "Mountain High area" they show a decrease of 7%. He stated there is a very, very high incident of theft of snow recreation equipment.

Neighborhood Watch and Crime

Deputy Jennings encouraged the council to find someone from Juniper Hills to join their Advisory Group.

Sheriff's Advisory Committee Member

Deputy Jennings also stated his current position is in jeopardy due to budget cuts. The Board questioned whether a letter of support would assist in the position being maintained. Deputy Jennings stated it certainly would not hurt. Mrs. Richter made a motion that the Council send a letter to the appropriate person in support of the position. Motion was second by Mr. Weatherbie and passed unanimously. Mr. Reichel offered to draft the letter and to research to appropriate recipient.

Sheriff's Liaison Position

The general feeling of the Council, and Mr. Hickling concurred, was that the meeting did not go the direction of the Supervisor Antonovich's motion. The meeting was essentially a presentation by the County Staff regarding Water Availability Policies. Their apparent intent was to make the presentation and adjourn. However, an estimated 400 people tried to get the group to rationalize the decision that was made, to no avail. The Group was apparently not present to listen, merely to inform.

Potable Water and Hauling

Mr. Hickling stated he knows that the Council is aware of the new regulations regarding Septic System. He further stated that if anyone is planning to install a new or modify their current system they should contact Mr. Antonovich's Office.

Septic Systems

Lists of owners, tenants, voters – Update - Mr. Weatherbie provided the council with a printed list and explained that the current list is a combined list of Registered Voters and Property Owners in the Juniper Hills area, with duplicates removed. Further editing of the list will occur with removal of duplicate last names at same addresses.

Communication With Community

Further discussion JHTC Logo and color design for future use in Publications, Flyers, graphic designs, letterhead, etc. - None

JHTC Logo, Color and Design

NEW BUSINESS

Contractual obligations and rights for council assets – provision of assignments for bank account and web site/ web domain. Mrs. Richter prepared two documents.

Contractual obligations

The first is "Assignment of Funds on Deposit at Financial Institution." No action was taken due to the absence of Treasurer, Tom Bolema.

The second is "Assignment of WebSite and Agreement to Transfer WebSite." No action was taken due to the absence of Mr. Woodard

Both documents need to be notarized. While Mrs. Richter is a registered Notary Public, she stated it would be better if someone else notarized the documents.

Mr. Weatherbie stated that because of Mr. Woodard's absences, he had approached the Pearblossom Post Office regarding the mail for the "Juniper Hills Town Council." Postmaster Richard Fish stated that the Juniper Hills Town Council did not have a box and that PO Box 666 in Pearblossom is in the name of David Woodard. He is the only person who can retrieve mail from that box. Mr. Fish stated that Mr. Woodard also receives personal mail in that box.

Post Office Box

That being said, Mr. Reichel made a motion that the Council rent a Post Office Box in the name of Juniper Hills Town Council. Motion was second by Mrs. Richter. Mr. Weatherbie stated that Mr. Fish suggested that if the Council rents a new box that the Council would be better served to rent one in Littlerock so that the Council's mail would not be mistakenly placed in Mr. Woodard's box. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Weatherbie volunteered to rent a box in Littlerock in the name of the Council and to obtain multiple keys.

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JHTC Logo, Color and Design

There being no further Business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Michael Weatherbie
Recording Secretary