

JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting
December 5, 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 **December 5, 2007, 7:07 P.M.** by the President, Mr. Pomeroy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. DiJulio

BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the November 7, 2007, meeting were approved as published.

TREASURER

Reading and acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, along with bills that needed to be discussed, was deferred until later in the meeting - in order to get to the speaker more rapidly..

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Pierce mentioned emails received in reference to the "Korean property" on Piani Road.. Mr. Pierce passed out mail obtained from the Town Council's P. O. Box. in Littlerock.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Juniper Hills Community Association (<http://www.juniperhills-ca/org/jhca/index.htm>)
December 15 Santa's Visit
Devil's Punchbowl County Park (<http://www.devils-punchbowl.com>) -
December 13 Geminids Meteor Shower viewing - 9 pm
December 22 Full Moon Hike - 7 pm

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

Mr. Pomeroy introduced the newly elected members of the Council - David Reichel, Don Pierce, Douglas DiJulio. Norm Hickling administered the oath of office to the entire board.

ELECTION AND SEATING OF OFFICERS

Mr. Pierce, parliamentarian, conducted the election of officers for the coming year. Nominated and elected were Vance Pomeroy, President; Suzanne Richter, Vice President; Don Pierce, Secretary; and Mike Weatherbie, Treasurer. Mr. Pomeroy then conducted the election of Mr. Pierce to serve as parliamentarian for the following year

PRESENTATION

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Norm Hickling, in thanks for all of the assistance he has provided during and since the formation of the Town Council. It was noted that a Letter of Appreciation was also sent to Supervisor Antonovich, commenting on the assistance that Norm has provided us.

GUESTS AND SPEAKERS

Guest speaker was Dr. Gene Nebeker, representing the Antelope Valley Groundwater Association (AGWA). After an initial presentation of the topic and situation by Mr. Pomeroy, Dr. Nebeker then presented and discussed the present consolidation litigation and adjudication - in reference to the Antelope Valley's ground water. After his presentation, he then opened the floor to the many questions from the many people who attended the meeting in order to discuss the topic. He strongly suggested we hire an attorney and said that there will be a meeting on December 18, after which we, the residents of Juniper Hills, may choose to join in on the litigation process. He pointed out that it is important to have transferrable ground water pumping rights. Mr. Pomeroy said it might be a good strategy to attend a Palmdale Water District board meeting and find out what is planned by them, since many people on the Hill are represented by the PWD.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norm Hickling - Los Angeles County Supervisor's office - had made many comments during the presentation by Dr. Nebeker

Deputy Engels - Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - no comment

Deputy Ferrel - Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - gave a presentation on the activities of the Nuisance Abatement Team, such as checking on illegal food vendors, registered sex offenders, and other items.

REPORTS

Future Speakers

From the suggestions provided on the Agenda, it was decided that Mr. Pomeroy would contact Congressman McKeon's office to see if someone would be available to speak to us at the February meeting. It was agreed that having a representative from the PWD might not be correct at this time.

Election Committee

The Town Council is looking for people to be on the committee.

Yo-Yo Committee

Mrs. Weatherbie reported that the Committee met on November 15. She explained that two items - fire and earthquake - were selected as the most pressing topics, and that various members were assigned tasks and they will report back at the next meeting of the committee, which will be in January. She mentioned the CERT training that will be held in Lancaster in January, and encouraged people to attend the classes. Mrs. Weatherbie also asked to Town Council for a \$150 honorarium for a speaker, on Earthquake Preparedness, who will be at the January meeting. It was moved by Ms. Richter, seconded by Mr. DiJulio, that the Council provide the \$150 honorarium. Motion passed.

Resource Development Committee

Mr. Pomeroy noted that we have had two events so far, and that the Council is looking for someone to be chair for the next event.

Community Standards Information Committee

Mr. Pomeroy acknowledged that he said he would prepare a draft of a brochure containing the CSD information by year-end, and then said he found that Bruce and Stevie Love were willing to co-chair the production of the brochure.

As a separate item, Mr. Pierce reported that he had attended the Housing Element meeting that was held in Palmdale, and explained its effect (or lack of) on Juniper Hills. Mr. Pomeroy further explained to the audience what the Housing Element is "charged" to do.

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Pierce reported that the Association had its semi-annual meeting on December 1, and one new person, along with three "returnees" were elected to the Board. He reported on the physical improvement/repairs being made to the building. He presented to the Council, the Calendar of Events of the JHCA for 2008. Mr. Pierce moved, seconded by Mr. Weatherbie, that the Town Council donate \$1,000 to the JHCA, in thanks for all that the Association has done to assist the Council. The amount of the donation is based on the current balance of the Town Council's checking account. After considerable discussion the amount was reduced to \$500. The motion for the reduced amount was passed, with one disagreeing vote.

Mrs. Weatherbie noted that the Association will be producing its next newsletter in January, and asked for inputs from the Town Council. It was moved by Ms. Richter, seconded by Mr. DiJulio that the Council pay for 50% of the cost of the mailing.

ARTC Report

Mr. Pomeroy said that he was unable to attend the most-recent meeting of the ARTC, but there has been some "movement" in the hauled water issue now that the Santa Monica Mountains area has been removed from the study. He said that hauled water plans may change if LCID cannot supply to haulers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Non-Profit Status

Mr. Weatherbie said he had no report of the issue because he has been unsuccessful in trying to contact the attorney.

NEW BUSINESS

none

TREASURERS REPORT (continued)

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented. There are two outstanding bills - one from the JHCA for \$142, which had been submitted several months ago, but was unpaid; the other bill is money owed to Vance Pomeroy - \$250.47. The treasurer then expressed that he felt that all financial transactions (funds received and bills) should go through the treasurer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Don Pierce - Secretary