



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting

March 1, 2006

MINUTES

<p>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 March 1, 2006, at 7:15 p.m., by President, Mr. Pomeroy.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p>The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Bridwell.</p>	<p>FLAG SALUTE</p>
<p>PRESENT Vance Pomeroy Suzanne Richter Michael Weatherbie Dave Reichel Elizabeth Bridwell Don Pierce Valerie Zera</p> <p>ABSENT</p>	<p>BOARD MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE</p>
<p>Minutes of January 4 were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Pierce, second by Ms. Richter. February 1 Minutes were approved by consent.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p>
<p>Mr. Reichel reported a balance of 1295.43. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Weatherbie and a second by Ms. Zera.</p>	<p>TREASURER</p>
<p>A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Mrs. Bridwell for her two years of service on the Town Council. Mr. Hickling installed the entire Council as required by the Bylaws, including the newly elected members, Mr. Don Pierce, Mr. Dave Reichel and Mr. Douglas DiJulio.</p>	<p>INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL</p>
<p>Mr. Pierce, as Parliamentarian conducted the election. Officers are Mr. Pomeroy, President; Mrs. Richter, Vice President; Mr. Pierce, Secretary; Mr. Reichel, Treasurer.</p>	<p>ELECTION and SEATING OF OFFICERS</p>
<p>Chris Fall of Waste Management discussed the function of their company, the high costs, and changes on the routes. He stated that the company is a Fortune 500 Company, a public company that sells stock. He stated the company needs to balance their income. It is more costly to service the rural areas.</p> <p>Mr. Sal Cardile stated that the last time work was done on Cima Mesa Rd was nearly five years ago. Cracks have not been filled. Mr. Hickling indicated that funds used to repair roads damaged in last year's rains throughout the County have not been reimbursed by the State or Federal governments. These funds would normally provide for repairs on our local streets.</p> <p>Mr. Sal Cardile stated that things have gotten considerably worse with people living illegally on his side of the hill. Mr. Cardile claimed there have been physical threats and death threats toward him after he closed down the road adjacent to his property. Mr. Cardile claims he gave the Sheriff's department documents. He has no signed documents from the Sheriff for closing down the road.</p> <p>Mr. Pomeroy reiterated that while the Council will listen to complaints, it does not make judgmental decisions regarding issues. It simply passes the information along to the county and the county acts on the complaint.</p> <p>Mr. Hickling stated the only thing that would speed the process up for eliminating "Gypsy Camps" is to change the state laws. The property owner, under current law, has 45 days to respond and begin compliance.</p>	<p>GUESTS, SPEAKERS, REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL – NON AGENDA ITEMS</p>

<p>Mr. Hickling requested a current list of people who appear to be in violation of Regional Planning/ Building and Safety laws be provided to him for follow up..</p> <p>Mr. Pomeroy reminded the Council that it is not the responsibility of the Council to evaluate complaints. It is up to the County to evaluate and handle the complaints.</p> <p>Mrs. Reichel complained that Sheriff response time is extremely slow. Deputy Engels stated that we live in the country, away from services. Therefore response time will be slow. There is also a difference between a crime and civil disturbance. He reported the Palmdale Station is 40 Deputies short. Current Officers will have to work 570 mandatory overtime shifts for the month of March.</p>	
None	COMMUNICATION
<p>Juniper Hills Community Association</p> <p>March 11 Irish Night</p> <p>April 1 Vegas Night</p> <p>April 8 Work Day (Morning only)</p> <p>April 15 Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>April 16 Easter Sunrise Services</p>	ITEMS OF INTEREST
REPORTS	
<p>Mr. and Mrs. Weatherbie showed the T-Shirts that have been received. Motion was made by Ms. Zera to approve the T-Shirts for sale. Mrs. Richter second and motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>A meeting was held with a small committee to plan a Wine Tasting Event for November 4, 2006. Ten to twelve wines will be available for tasting. Non-alcoholic wines are being investigated. Mr. Pomeroy is arranging for glasses</p>	Resource Development Committee
<p>Mr. Pomeroy reported the sub-committee met with Mitch Glaser from the Department of Regional Planning on February 22. Just about everything has been ironed out. Mr. Pomeroy said that it appears that the Standards will be presented to the community for consideration sometime this fall.</p> <p>One of the main sticking points at this time is coming up with a reasonable, enforceable standard regarding the preservation of indigenous plants.</p>	Standards – Committee Report
<p>Mr. Pomeroy indicated the Zink family is moving. The Council is looking for someone who is interested in Fire Safe Committee. The subject of the April meeting is “Fire Protection.” If residents show an interest, the committee will continue, otherwise it will be disbanded.</p>	Fire Safe Committee
<p>Mrs. Zera indicated the committee met January 10 and February 21. They discussed holding a Community Information meeting at the JHCA building. They will handle the mailing on their own. The next meeting is April 11.</p>	Multi-Use Trail Investigation Ad Hoc Committee
<p>Don Pierce had nothing to report.</p>	JHCA Liaison Report
<p>Mr. Argo reported the January meeting had the COPS program presented. They also had a presentation by the National Parks Service regarding the Angeles National Forest and possible uses. Mr. Hickling stated he had a report that the Santa Monica Conservancy has purchased property in Juniper Hills.</p>	ARTC Report
<p>Future Speakers – Confirmed</p> <p>April 5 Rudy Turk – Major Fires, Chief Don DeYoung, LA County FD</p> <p>May 3 Officer Henry Ross, CHP</p> <p>June 7 Dr. Andrea Donnellon, from Cal Tech, on Earthquakes</p> <p>September 6 Dave and Jonathan Numer – Stewardship in Our Land</p>	Future Speakers

UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
Mr. Hickling reported there may be a potential lawsuit.	Potable Water and Hauling
Web Site Status Mr. Weatherbie stated he would continue to maintain the Web Site, but that he must be kept informed.	Web Site
Norm Hickling requested the council provide a list of specifics for items needed. Mr. Pomeroy said the Council would take care of it.	Double Yellow Lines and Speed Limit on Mt. Emma and Road Department Signs
Mrs. Richter had nothing to report at the time.	Non-Profit Status
Mrs. Zera stated that she had a call from the County stating they had made a mistake years ago, and that the residents on the shard well are still out of compliance and need to be brought into compliance. The County is now willing to have one CUP cover all the parties on the shared well, and those who have already built will not have to pay for the CUP.	CUP for Shared Wells
Mr. Pierce stated the Junibeas have the area of 106 th from Ft. Tejon to 114 th St. He is hoping to get resolution soon and will notify by email.	Trash
Mr. Weatherbie stated he spent an hour with a gentleman from the Engineering section, discussing such items as, "If you are in the taxed area, how do you get out?" "If you are out of the area, how do you get in?" And, "What would be the probability of putting water in Juniper Hills?" He will have answers for us following a meeting on the west side of Palmdale. Juniper Hills is in District 5. The taxes collected do not actually go to the PWD, but to PWD to pay the indebtedness of the aqueduct. Mr. Pomeroy suggested that a resident within the PWD area of Juniper Hills could run for a position on the Board for District 5.	PWD
NEW BUSINESS	
Mr. Hickling asked for a list of the concerns that have been previously reported.	Possible Code Violations
Mr. Pomeroy stated that when the Council first got started, they held two meetings a month. It was suggested that January, July and September could be eliminated. Mr. Pomeroy suggested that email conversation take place on this topic with conclusion at the next meeting. He also suggested that another night might work as well.	Number of Council Meetings
"Snow Play Traffic" has occurred around "the Loop." Deputy Engels suggested we discuss this with the Highway Patrol.	Snow Play Danger
UCLA had a Bike Race around the hill. This is an NCAA event. The permit was applied for at the last minute. The bikers do not have the right of way. The center line rule is supposed to be strictly adhered to, and they must abide by DMV laws. Permits are issued so that bikers have right of way at the intersection under CHP control. It would be the desire of the Council that the sponsor of the bike races post warning signs at least a day ahead of the race. It would also be desirable to have more corner marshals at points throughout the race. Some cities support these events with money raising activities. The Council agreed that Mr. Pomeroy will contact the Sheriff's department and the organizers of the next race regarding the next event.	Bike Races in Juniper Hills
Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.	ADJOURNMENT
Michael Weatherbie	