



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

General Meeting

April 6, 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 **April 6, 2005, at 7:12 p.m.**, by President, Mr. Pomeroy

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Zera.

PRESENT

Vance Pomeroy
Suzanne Richter
Michael Weatherbie
David Reichel
Elizabeth Bridwell
Don Pierce
Valerie Zera

Minutes of March 2, 2005, were approved with the following two corrections:
Mr. Cardile received 21 votes and became first runner up.
Mr. Pierce was appointed as Parliamentarian.

Mr. Reichel reported a balance of \$818.27 on hand with a \$3.00 donation. See copy of Treasurer's report attached to these minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Pierce, second by Ms. Richter to pay Terese Weatherbie \$116.56 for Election expenses. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Ms. Richter, second by Mr. Pierce, to pay the US Postal Service \$26.00 for Post Office Box rental, and Mike Weatherbie \$109.00 for the annual fee for the Web Site and Domain Name.

Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Announcement was made that Water Summit 2 will be held Friday, April 8, from 8:00 a.m., to 10:00 a.m. at the Chimbole Center in Palmdale.

A letter was received from U.S Forest Service regarding the possible reopening of the Littlerock Creek Recreation Area, including the Alimony Truck Trail. The letter asked for a response from the Town Council by April 22, 2005. Ms. Zera stated she had originally supported the reopening, but after polling the residents of the 96th Street area, she sent a second letter stating she had reservations. One proposal was to place a motorcycle gate at the Juniper Hills end to prevent their entering the Juniper Hills area, but CORVA (California Off Road Vehicles Assn.) wants the Alimony Trail open for all.

Motion was made by Ms. Richter, second by Mr. Pierce for Ms. Zera to draft a letter to the Forest Service, to be sent to council via email for consent to mail, so the letter can be sent prior to April 22, 2005. The letter will state the Council's concerns regarding the reopening of the Alimony Truck Trail. Motion included that Mrs. Zera will also act as Liaison for the Council with the U.S. Forest Service regarding the reopening of the Alimony Truck Trail. Motion passed unanimously.

It was decided that a letter received regarding the replacement of Edison conductor line had no impact on the Juniper Hills area.

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

**BOARD MEMBER'S
ATTENDANCE**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TREASURER

COMMUNICATION

A letter from Bill Guild, Vice President, Littlerock Town Council was read inviting the Council to attend a meeting Thursday, April 14, 2005, at the Alpine Grange in Littlerock, 87th & Avenue T-8, at which time Carl Haglund of the Dolphin Group will be on hand to discuss one of the ways that water could be managed in the Antelope Valley. Mr. Pomeroy suggested attendance at Water Summit 2 would suffice. Mr. Hickling announced that Supervisor Antonovich would be holding his quarterly Transportation Meeting on April 13, at 8:00 a.m., at Fire Station 129 on 6th Street West, in Lancaster.

Juniper Hills Community Association -
April 9 Work day at the Bowl, starting at 9:00 a.m.
April 30 Dessert Under the Stars starts at 7:00 p.m.
May 13 Yard Sale
May 14 Pancake Breakfast and Yard Sale

Littlerock Bulk Trash Collection - April 9th - 90th & Ave S

Ron Falajo of the LA County Department of Public Works re: Mandatory Trash Ordinance - Did not appear. Mr. Hickling stated there would now be group meetings. When the meeting is announced, it will be publicized.

Ron Tropicich from SBC to Speak and update the council about Juniper Hills Telephone Service - Did not appear. Mr. Reichel stated he had sent an email regarding the problems incurred with Telephone Service by residents of Juniper Hills. The problem stems from the installation of new equipment compounded by rain. Diagnosis of a problem caused disturbance of five other services. There is insufficient wiring for the numbers of people being served. They will be bringing two more T1 lines up giving 48 more connections. The Council discussed additional problems, which are chronic and long lasting.

Motion was made by Ms. Richter, second by Mr. Pierce, to send a letter of complaint to the PUC, with a carbon copy to SBC, regarding the terrible telephone service. Letter to be drafted by Ms. Richter with consent via email. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pomeroy stated he would develop a memo that will be emailed to the community asking if they have had problems with the telephone service. The responses will be used in developing the complaint to the PUC. Mr. Pomeroy to provide Mr. Weatherbie with the memo so he can place it on the Web Site.

Mr. Pomeroy asked if any members had irregular Edison bills. Alis Clausen is the contact for SCE. It was suggested that a representative from each utility company be invited to address the concerns of the community at a future Council meeting.

REPORTS

Mr. Pomeroy announced he is currently rewriting the revisions and will call a meeting when this is complete, within a week.

Mrs. Zink reported they had not received the grant. They will be holding a Community Meeting on June 7, 7:00 p.m. to receive community input. See copy of report attached to these minutes.

Discussion was held regarding Mrs. Unini's October written presentation. Following discussion of each of the proposals, it was agreed to continue the discussion until the May meeting when Mrs. Unini will be present.

Ms. Zera reported the committee continues its background fact-finding. At their April meeting, Elaine McDonald, president of Antelope Valley Trails, Recreation and Environmental Council, will provide helpful information about trails in Los Angeles County. They are looking for ways of raising money and plan to approach the JHCA for use of the building for a meeting. The committee is looking for Hikers and

COMMUNICATION (cont.)

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

Standards – Committee Report

Fire Safe Committee

Resource Development Committee

Multi-Use Trail Investigation Ad Hoc Committee

Mountain Bikers to be on the committee. They will be discussing the Alimony Truck Trail reopening. Ms. Zera asked if the Council wished to address trail easements and private roads, or if they wanted to committee to pursue this. Mr. Pomeroy stated it would be better handled at Council level. See copy of report attached to these minutes.

Multi-Use Trail Investigation Ad Hoc Committee (cont.)

Mr. Pierce reported the Dessert Under the Stars has been scheduled for April 30, 2005, starting at 7:00 p.m. Diana Burke has asked for Town Council items for the JHCA Newsletter. Deadline for the next Newsletter is April 22. They want to expand the Newsletter and create a bonding. Newsletter items will go through Mr. Pierce, after seeking approval via email. Ms. Zera offered to attend the JHCA meeting in Mr. Pierce's absence.

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Argo reported that the ARTC had a presentation by Dr. Nebeker, the spearhead on the Water issue.

ARTC Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Hickling notified Mr. Pomeroy there will be a meeting on April 26 regarding shared well ordinance. The Board of Supervisors will be meeting on the shared well ordinance at this time. Nothing more on water hauling. There is a count being made on the number of properties that could potentially be affected by the water hauling policy.

Potable Water and Hauling

Mr. Weatherbie stated there had been quite an increase in the hits on the Juniperhills-ca.org web site during the month of March and distributed at graph. See attached.

Web Site

Mr. Pomeroy stated the San Francisco Chronicle article had been published on, Sunday, March 13, 2005, about the owner of the JHTC original site, with info about the current site.

Mr. Weatherbie stated that he had two additional ideas for fundraisers. He suggested a Wine Tasting event and the selling of T-Shirts with a design by Jo Gayle Gerner. It was agreed to postpone discussion until Mrs. Unini is present.

Locations:

10512 Pine Shadow Rd. activities, and direction signs - this problem is in the process of being rectified and a CUP is being applied for.

Possible Code Violations

"Gypsy Camps"

APN 3047-016-040 - Action initiated in June or July - No progress

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West of W-6 (Multiple Mobile Units inside fenced areas) - No Progress

Alimony Truck Trail activity - Situation is worse

APN 3059-014-015 Trailer, sewage disposal onto ground, grading - Owner claims a building permit has been applied for.

Billboarding - Don Mandy - Mr. Mandy was notified of the County regulation. Mr. Milburn will be taking the concern to the Board of Realtors.

Mr. Hickling stated that he will take this back to Building and Safety and find out the status on these issues.

Ms. Richter stated she had reviewed the Bylaws and presented an annotated copy to the Council for review. Voting on proposed changes will take place at the May meeting. (See attached)

Consideration of Possible Changes in Bylaws

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Pomeroy stated he felt this would be a good idea, but a policy for advertising should be in place first.

Following discussion it was determined there would be no need to change the schedule of meetings at this time.

The Council thanked Mr. Hickling for arranging quick response to the poor road conditions in Juniper Hills, caused by recent rains. Dramatic improvement occurred the following day.

Discussion started as to whether there was need of a liaison, when Mr. Hickling stated he had no problem with any members of the Council contacting him.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:02.p.m.

Michael Weatherbie
Secretary

Advertising on Juniper Hills Web Site

Proposal - July as "No Meeting" Month

Road Conditions

Consideration of appointment of JHTC Liaison with County

ADJOURNMENT