

JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting

May 2, 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 **May 2, 2007, 7:07 P.M.** by the President, Mr. Pomeroy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Pierce.

BOARD MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

Vance Pomeroy

Don Pierce

Dave Reichel

Douglas DiJulio

Michael Weatherbie

ABSENT

Suzanne Richter (excused)

Walter Grabe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the April 4, 2007, meeting were approved as published.

TREASURER

The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted as presented. To clarify the check for \$134, paid to Mr. Weatherbie, \$109 was for reimbursement of expenses related to the Newsletter mailing, and \$25 was to go toward the cost of the P. O. Box rental. Mr. Weatherbie then presented the bill for the entire amount of the Box Rental, which was \$28. Since most of the reimbursement has already been paid, the amount due is \$3.

COMMUNICATIONS

none.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

May 19 Pancake Breakfast & Yard Sale

June 2 General Membership Meeting

June 23 Burgers N Brew

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

June 2 Full Moon Hike

June 30 Full Moon Hike

GUESTS AND SPEAKERS

none.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

none (no one present)

REPORTS

Future Speakers

It was again mentioned that at the June meeting, Mr. Negron will be the speaker. This was confirmed by Ms. Richter via Mr. Weatherbie. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the speakers for the August meeting will be from the Angeles National Forest, and a representative of the Society of American Foresters (persons interested in forests - public and private). A representative from the A.V. Conservancy will be the speaker for the October meeting. Mr. Weatherbie will make arrangements for the speakers.

Resource Development Committee

Mr. Weatherbie reported that a mixed case of red and white wines has been ordered (for the November Wine Tasting Event), and tickets designed but not yet printed.

Community Standards Committee

Mr. Pomeroy again confirmed that the date for the first reading of the Juniper Hills CSD, by the Board of Supervisors, will be on June 26th. He pointed out that, for anyone who will be unable to attend the reading, they should send email comments to Mr. Hickling, with a "cc" to Mitch Glaser.

Multi-Use Trail Committee

no report

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Pierce reported that the lease was also signed by the president of the Community Association, and he said the Vegas Nite was a "huge success". He did not have any requests to bring back to the Town Council from the Association. There was discussion as to the sharing - with the JHCA - of usage of the Newsletter.

ARTC Report

Mr. Pomeroy said he did not attend the most recent ARTC meeting, He had talked with Wayne Argo, the president of the ARTC. Considerable discussion at this meeting then ensued on the topic of water rights.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Non-Profit Status

Ms. Richter may be too overloaded to continue on this project, so Mr. DiJulio and Mr. Weatherbie both will contact friends who are accountants, to look into the viability of this topic. Mr. Reichel will email Ms. Richter to inquire about what information she has acquired to date. The results will be reported via email or at the next meeting.

Palmdale Water District

It is unlikely that anything can be done on this topic, so it will be removed from the agenda.

Website Advertising

Some contacts have been made, but Mr. Weatherbie reported that he "hadn't really gotten involved in it" It was agreed that the merchants in Pearblossom and Littlerock need to be contacted. This item will be removed from future agendas.

Election Date Change

A motion was made by Mr. Weatherbie, seconded by Mr. DiJulio that the bylaws be changed to reflect a change in the election date. "The Town Council elections shall be held each year on the first Tuesday following the First Monday of November each year". (The remainder of the paragraph about election dates remains unchanged.) This change is being made to coincide the date of Town Council elections with the election date of the General Election, in the hopes that we will get a better response from the community. The motion was passed unanimously. Mr Weatherbie agreed to make the necessary changes to the Bylaws.

As a related topic, discussion was held on the subject of the annual formation of the Election Committee. It was pointed out that due to time constraints, some actions need to take place as soon as possible. It was agreed to send suggestions to each other via email - relating to the topic. It was also suggested that we create a "flow chart" of the duties to be done. Mr. Pierce agreed to create the chart.

Newsletter Publication

It was suggested that the Town Council send out a newsletter in the late Summer/early Fall time period, in an attempt to generate interest in the upcoming election. Discussion centered around the topic of whether or not the Newsletter should be a "stand alone" Newsletter, or should be combined with the publication of the Association Newsletter - sharing in the costs of production and mailing. A final decision is awaiting comments from the Association and discussion will continue at the June meeting of the Town Council.

Post Office Box Access

Presently, the keyholders are Mr. Pomeroy, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Weatherbie, and Mr. Reichel. Names on a signature card are irrelevant, This item can now be removed from future agendas.

Street Sign Program

Mr. DiJulio reported that he has still not received a response from the proposed vendor, and he will contact them again tomorrow.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Mr. Pierce reported that he had mentioned - to the Association - the need for a chairperson, but received no response. No one has been found who is willing to be chair of the committee. Considerable discussion followed. Mr. Weatherbie said he would investigate the possibility of "doing something". The item will remain open. A powerpoint presentation will be made, on the topic, at June's General Meeting of the Association.

Litter Collection

Mr. Pomeroy will prepare and send out "an email blast" to residents of the Hill advising that we plan to have a trash pick-up in June (no date set yet), and that everyone is welcome.

As a separate item, Mr. Pierce pointed out that the large item trash pick-up at the Association site was again quite successful, and that one Association member volunteered to assist in "manning" the trash bins.

NEW BUSINESS

JHTC Signage

Mr. Weatherbie reported that he had spoken with Mr. Caddick about the signs and Mr. Caddick's response was essentially "Where do you want the signs?" Mr. Weatherbie said he had pointed out the we (the Town Council) would like to have space at the bottom to add notices about upcoming meetings, etc. Mr. Caddick said he hadn't had this request in the past, but it seemed to be possible to do.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Pierce - Secretary