



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL
General Meeting
May 4, 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 **May 4, 2005, at 7:12 p.m.**, by President, Mr. Pomeroy

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Pomeroy.:

PRESENT	ABSENT
Vance Pomeroy	Dave Reichel (excused)
Suzanne Richter	Elizabeth Bridwell (excused)
Michael Weatherbie	
Don Pierce	
Valerie Zera	

Minutes of April 6, 2005, were approved with the following correction:
In the Multi-Use Trail Investigation Ad Hoc Committee report the name should have been Elaine McDonald.

Treasurer's Report - none (Treasurer absent)
No bills were presented.

The lack of communication by the County with the Town Council regarding the recent Bike Race was discussed. Mr. Hickling stated he had contacted the Sheriff's Department and all Bike Races, held in the future, will be reported to him. He will then be responsible for notifying Town Councils.

Juniper Hills Community Association -
May 13 Yard Sale
May 14 Pancake Breakfast and Yard Sale
June 4 General Meeting
June 25 Burgers 'n' Brew

Los Angeles County Fire Department
May 14 Station 129, 42110 6th Street East - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr. Ron Tropicich of **SBC** was introduced. He described the equipment recently put in place in October, providing 120 channels out of the area, replacing equipment that was installed in the early 80's. He stated that even after the new equipment was installed, the repair volume was still very high, much of it caused by rain.

In March SBC was able to scrutinize the repair calls. The reported problems indicated the 120 channels were maxed out, so they added two more T-1 lines increasing the channels available to 168, serving 350 families. Additionally they found the new equipment had a bad card as well as a software problem, both of which have been repaired.

Mr. Tropicich spoke of the many problems incurred by the community over the past six months and claimed all but one had been repaired. Several people pointed out that there are still problems. He made note and promised solutions in the near future. Members of the audience pointed out additional problems with SBC Repair Service, including "finding new pairs" which often put others out of service. He indicated that technicians should not be closing trouble calls until the customer says the problem has been solved.

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

**BOARD MEMBER'S
ATTENDANCE**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TREASURER

COMMUNICATION

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

Mr. Jeff Bolls introduced himself. He is **Southern California Edison** Company Regional Manager for Antelope Valley, Victorville, Valencia and Central California, for Customer Service employees and billing services.

Mr. Brian Calderon Field Supervisor for Southern California Edison, indicated he is in charge of meter readers for all of Antelope Valley down to Valencia.

Questions arose about meter reading. Mr. Calderon discussed potential problems and how billing can be corrected. He also advised the group that billing is not perfect, and if erroneous billing is suspect, they should contact the office and request an adjustment, because of a concern about SCE's tiered billing.

He discussed the state legislators push to put in electronic meters at all meter points. This would allow for computers to collect the data if within 900 feet of the meter. The new meters are being discouraged by SCE as they are "Time of Use" meters which monitors when you are using peak amounts of electricity.

Edison is trying to implement a complete service including DSL, Phone Service, quick data transfer.

He explained the position of SCE in providing uninterrupted service to the customer. He stated that when service is interrupted, it is their intent to reestablish service as quickly as possible.

Bulletin 22 was discussed which determines at which point in the year the reset switches on the poles are turned off to prevent grass fires in the case of downed lines.

Grant and Rebate programs for implementation of Solar systems were briefly discussed, as was the possibility of Transformers with PCB.

Mark Caddick, District Engineer for **Department of Public Works Road Maintenance** covers everything east of Ventura, west of San Bernardino, south of Kern, and north of the Foothills. Larry Dunlop, was introduced. He is the Superintendent for Juniper Hills, Littlerock, Pearblossom, and the area out to Wrightwood. Funding is from Gas Tax. Discussion was held about a recently created "flume," on Juniper Hills Road which causes water to flow through properties, and has actually been diverted from the natural water flow.

A new driveway has caused the flow of water to be diverted onto the the street instead of the natural waterway.

Mr. Caddick agreed to review the situation with Mr. Matson and follow up on the situation.

Public dirt roads are maintained by grading twice a year. Test products were used in the 90's at surfacing, but none really worked. Magnesium Chloride seems to work the best. There are 200 miles of Public dirt roads in the area and no current plans to pave them. Pot holes along Barrel Springs Road near the aqueduct were mentioned.

REPORTS

Discussion of October 6 recommendations.

Mrs. Unini had to leave. Mr. Pomeroy stated he wanted to have email discussion to prioritize the items between now and the next meeting. Keep Marie in the loop during the emails.

**Resource Development
Committee**

Next meeting date is May 5 to review the latest draft which has been distributed.

Standards – Committee Report

Mrs. Zink stated the Council met last night, by candle light. They have been meeting for over a year. There will be a meeting on June 7, open to the public, to try to recruit more members and develop interest. The Council cannot continue with just three members.

Fire Safe Committee

Mrs. Zink stated that a major concern for residents should be that those who do not clear their property to Fire Department Standards will not receive fire protection from the Fire Department over those who do clear.

She also encouraged attendance at the Los Angeles County Fire Department Fire Service Day on May 14 at Fire Station 129.

The committee has received \$200 in donations. They will be participating in the JHCA Yard Sale for more funds and are planning other fund raisers and a “large item” cleanup day. Elaine McDonald, president of Antelope Valley Trails, Recreation and Environmental Council, participated at the last meeting and provided a lot of articles information for the group. They are still seeking hikers and mountain bikers to participate on the committee. They also sent a reworded version of the Town Council’s response to the reopening of the Alimony Truck Trail. They have developed a flyer to be distributed. They are currently gathering background information so they can hold a forum and be prepared to answer questions that might arise. AVTREC requested a donation to cover expenses for materials provided. \$20.00 of the donation previously received was given to AVTREC, and \$10.00 was used for the Yard Sale fee, leaving a balance of \$170.00 for the treasurer.

Multi-Use Trail Investigation Ad Hoc Committee

Ms. Zera reported on JHCA Activities and concerns. Diana Burke has requested information for the Newsletter. Bob Wise stated his Waste Management bill had nearly doubled since last year and he was interested in having them speak at a future meeting. The JHCA has granted permission for the JHTC committees to speak at their events and to allow flyers to be distributed. The Board said they would appreciate it if all members of the JHTC were members of JHCA.

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Pomeroy discussed the most recent ARTC meeting, stating the bulk of the meeting was devoted to dirt roads. Mr. Pomeroy stated that Chief Nelson gave more positive feedback this time. The Fire Department is developing a revised policy regarding this topic.

ARTC Report

Waste Management was on the lips of many people at the meeting. Franchising of waste pickup is also a concern. Word is that people are getting over billed because Waste Management can. You call and complain, then they lower it the, then it goes back up, you complain again and they come out with a form. You sign the form which includes an exclusivity portion, and in turn locks you in for three years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing more than information previously distributed regarding shared wells. Public works is currently compiling a list of all the properties affected by the Well Water regulation.

Potable Water and Hauling

It was agreed that the letter to PUC be placed in abeyance until the next meeting. Ms. Richter asked for feedback on her “really rough draft.”

PUC

Mr. Weatherbie distributed copies Web Site usage statistics. Mr. Weatherbie asked permission to set up email addresses for committee chairmen. The caveat being that a copy of all email sent by the committee chairmen be sent to the Council members. Mr. Pierce suggested the JHCA be provided with an email address. All were in agreement.

Web Site

Locations:

APN 3047-016-040 Action initiated in June or July "Gypsy Camp"
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Alimony Truck Trail activity

APN 3059-014-015 Trailer, sewage disposal onto ground, grading

Billboarding - Realtor Communication

3047-011-006 Encampment with Mercedes (in area of W6-W4 and Fort Tejon. Could be a different APN, but the "encampment" is quite obvious from Fort Tejon Rd This is the one that did not have an address in previous reporting.
3047-020-024 Structure started using metal staves in an arch effect similar to Quonset hut.
3060-030-062 Grading with cut and fill.
3047-020-029 Forms set for foundation (probably permitted-hopefully)

Mr. Hickling stated that all items are "in the works." Mr. Hickling stated he wants to invite them to a meeting in the future.

Ms. Richter asked for further input and stated she would bring a revised copy to the next meeting.

Discussion of possible sale of advertising on Web Site is continued to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider inclusion of scheduled Guest Speakers at Council Meetings. Ms. Richter stated she would like to have someone come and speak about well registration or about water rights.

Mrs. Weatherbie asked the council consider having a Publicity Chairman. Mr. Pierce stated he would be happy to handle the task and Council agreed..

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

Michael Weatherbie
Secretary

Possible Code Violations

Consideration of Possible Changes in Bylaws

Advertising on Juniper Hills Web Site

Possible Guest Speakers for Council Meetings

Publicity Chairman

ADJOURNMENT