

JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting

June 6, 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 **June 6, 2007, 7:07 P.M.** by the President, Mr. Pomeroy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Richter

BOARD MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE

PRESENT ABSENT

Vance Pomeroy

Suzanne Richter

Don Pierce

Dave Reichel (late arrival)

Douglas DiJulio

Michael Weatherbie

Walter Grabe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the May 2, 2007, meeting were approved as corrected, noting that Mr. Grabe's absence was excused.

TREASURER

The Treasurer did not present a written report since his computer was inoperative. He stated that the balance was the same as last month, except that "we are a few dollars in the hole." The report was accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS

An email was received from Valerie Zera, a former member of the Town Council, in reference to a pit bull problem in her area. The email is attached to the minutes of tonight's meeting. A member of the audience commented later that the pit bull was not a problem, but was a misperception of Ms. Zera.

There were no other communications.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

June 23 Burgers N Brew with DJ

August 25 Burgers N Brew with Band

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

June 30 Full Moon Hike

July 28 Full Moon Hike

August 12 Perseids Meteor Shower Viewing

August 25 Full Moon Hike

GUESTS AND SPEAKERS

Dennis Negron, an attorney specializing in Land and Property Law - and Arbitration - gave an excellent presentation to the Town Council and to everyone in the audience.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norm Hickling - Los Angeles County Supervisor's office - had no report, but updated us on information at various times later in the meeting.

Deputy Engels - Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - had no report

REPORTS

Future Speakers

The speakers for the August meeting will be from the Angeles National Forest, and a representative of the Society of American Foresters. Mr. Weatherbie, who is making arrangements, has not yet had responses from them.

The speakers for the October meeting will be representative from the A. V.. Conservancy. Mr. DiJulio is trying to make contact with a representative of the Big Horn Sheep Group to also speak at the meeting.

Election Committee

It was agreed that work needs to proceed in establishing the Committee. Mr. Pierce presented a timeline to be followed by the committee.

Resource Development Committee

Mrs. Weatherbie reported that, in reference to the Wine Tasting Event, tickets have already been sold, flyers are printed and available, and there will be another committee meeting on July 19..

Community Standards Committee

Mr. Pomeroy commented on the meeting of the Board of Supervisors, on June 26, when the Juniper Hills CSD will be presented. He encouraged as many persons as possible to attend, and for those who cannot attend, he encouraged them to send an email supporting the CSD. He commented on the usage of the MetroLink and carpooling to get to central L.A.

Multi-Use Trail Committee

The report, which was sent to all members of the Town Council by email, was read by Mr. Weatherbie. Discussion then ensued in reference to the needed insurance, as to whether the JHTC should provide it (no) , or obtain coverage via another trail-related organization. The issue was referred back to Ms. Zera to investigate the possibility of getting sufficient insurance via affiliation with another trail-ride organization.

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Pierce did not have any requests (or concerns) to bring back to the Town Council from the Association. (Refer to "Newsletter Publication" for discussion as to the sharing of mailing expense - with the JHCA .)

ARTC Report

no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Non-Profit Status

Ms. Weatherbie reported that the account/friend he had contacted had not done anything about it yet. Mr. DiJulio said the person he contacted isn't responding at all, so he (Mr. DiJulio) will contact someone else. Ms. Richer said it may involve a lot more than she expected, and said we might want to hire a professional.

Election Date Change

The amended Bylaws were given (by Mr. Weatherbie) to all members of the Town Council.

Newsletter Publication

The publication date of the next JHCA newsletter does not coincide with the plans of the Town Council. There are several items that the Town Council would like to have included in the next publication of the JHCA newsletter. Mrs. Weatherbie stated that the JHCA is willing to pay 50% of a community-wide mailing. **Mr. Pierce moved, and Mr. Weatherbie seconded the motion, that the Town Council pay 50% of the cost of a community-wide mailing of the JHCA newsletter. The newsletter will include the flyer for the Wine Tasting event and the flyer about the upcoming CSD approval by the Board of Supervisors. The motion passed. Mr. Reichel commented that a request be included in the newsletter for donations to the Town Council. I was agreed that the request will be included in the newsletter.**

Street Sign Program

Mr. DiJulio reported that the company with which he has been in contact now says they do not street signs. He requested that this item be removed from future agendas and in the meantime he will do further checking into the possibilities. Mr. Weatherbie commented that the county is in the process of redoing street signs; Mr. Hickling then commented that the signs that will be redone will be only at intersections where one of the roads is a county-maintained road; the county plans do not include intersections of roads when both roads are "private" roads.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Mr. Pomeroy mentioned that, at the JHCA General Meeting, he received the name of one more person willing to serve on the committee, but still has not received the name of a person willing to "chair" the committee.

Litter Collection

Mr. Pomeroy is ready to proceed in the collection of litter Mr. Pierce stated he felt a "team" of perhaps two persons can collect the litter along the road - one person on either side of the road. Mr. Pomeroy said he would arrange for a litter pick-up date.

Road Striping

Mr. Pierce reported that the correction of the striping on Mt. Emma Road has been completed, and discussions continue relating to the striping on Ft. Tejon Road (between 96th St. E and 100th St. E) . He said that the county feels the striping as it exists is necessary because of Avenue W-2, but Mr. Pierce pointed out to them the means of striping on 90th St. E., which does not have double (no passing) lines at each road intersection,

NEW BUSINESS

JHTC Signage

Mr. Weatherbie presented samples of signs potentially available. A copy of the sign sample was given to each Town Council member, plus a sample was passed among the persons in the audience. After reviewing the various possibilities, Mr. DiJulio made a motion, seconded by Ms. Richter, that the sign on Page 4 of the samples be selected, with the modification that the words "Welcome to" be block letters, and in smaller size. Mr. Hickling advised us that we will also be able to place a sign on Ft. Tejon Road, just east of the junction with Mt. Emma Road.

As a separate item, Mr. DiJulio commented that we might consider focusing on one or two major topics per years. It seems that we may have expanded our original intent too widely.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p,m.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Pierce - Secretary