

JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting

June 7, 2006

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 7, 2006, 7:08 P.M.** by the President, Mr. Pomeroy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Pierce.

BOARD MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

ABSENT

Vance Pomeroy

Suzanne Richter

Don Pierce

Dave Reichel

Douglas DiJulio

Michael Weatherbie

Valerie Zera

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for April 5, 2006, and for May 3, 2006, both were approved as presented.

TREASURER

Mr. Reichel reported that the balance in the Treasury is \$1,306.43, and noted that one check was received - from Elizabeth and Jim Bridwell, for \$70, for T-shirt sales . Thr report was acvpted without comment. A bill for \$267.25, from Karen Wells, from the Trails Ad Hoc committee, was presented. Mr. DiJuilio moved that we pay the bill, Ms. Richter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Pomeroy mentioned a "Save the Date" letter that he (and several others) had received. The flyer was in reference to a celebration of the 10-year anniversary celebration of the High Desert Health System Advisory Council. Mr. Pomeroy also had a letter announcing that Chris Fall is no longer with Waste Management, to prusue other venues. In addition, Mr. Reichel and others on the Council had received an extensive letter and document about the County having established a measure that requires the identification microchipping and spaying or neutering of all dogs over a certain age.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

June 24 Burgers 'N Brew

July 15 Movie Night/Ice Cream Social

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

June 10 Moonlight Hike

GUESTS AND SPEAKERS

Dr. Andrea Donnellan, geophysicist and InSAR Science Lead at JPL spoke about earthquake activity around the world. She pointed out that Southern California is in one of the critical areas, but these areas also include Yellowstone National Park, She mentioned the San Andreas fault several times. Dr. Donnellan explained the different levels of earthquake activity and what can be expected to occur when an earthquake of that level takes place. Her talk centered on the methods used today to monitor earthquake activity She used a series of slides and a very interesting video to point out these procedures. Her talk centered on the study of earthquake activity and not on the methods to reduce damage. Chuck Vegos, who also works at JPL, had arranged to have Dr. Donnellan speak to us.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Deputy Engels, LA County Sheriff's Department, had nothing to report. Norm Hickling, representative for the 5th District Supervisor's office, was not present.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

August 2 - LA County Nurse - West Nile Virus

October 4 - David Negrón - land use. This is not firm as of this date. Mr. DiJulio moved, Ms. Richter seconded that Ms. Richter will contact Mr. Negrón, ask him to speak again, and offer to pay his mileage to come from Lake Arrowhead. She will report back to us at our next meeting as to the cost and his availability.

December 6 Punchbowl Ranger ?? - to be discussed by email

REPORTS

Resource Development Committee

Only 9 Juniper Hills T-Shirts remain to be sold - Lori W. has them available. She also passed out a report about the costs and receipts for the sales to date, and the resulting profit.

Lori said Mr. Pomeroy is working on the design that will be applied to the glasses which will be used for the Wine Tasting event on November 4. Mr. Pomeroy said that door prizes are being collected.

Community Standards Committee

The final county-assisted draft is in preparation for presentation to the Town Council for review at a future meeting. The report will be presented to the entire Council. A remaining question is, "What do we do next?" The final draft will be available for the August meeting.

Multi-Use Trail Investigation Ad Hoc Committee

Ms. Zera, chair of the committee, presented a thorough report of the results of a recent investigation as to usage of trails and related concerns. She felt that the presentation of this report fulfills the intent of the purpose of the committee, and was ready to proceed on to a standing Trails Committee. Considerable discussion, relating to the report, ensued. Liability and maintenance of the trails were among the main concerns. Mr. Reichel pointed out that the survey did not ask whether or not the person was interested in having trails, or not. Finally it was moved by Mr. DiJulio, seconded by Ms. Richter, that the Investigation Committee be dissolved and the Town Council set up a new standing committee for a proposal and plan for usage of multi-use (non-motorized) trails. The motion passed unanimously. The Town Council will need to provide strong "council" to the Committee.

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Pierce reported that the Community Association passed a new set of Articles of Incorporation, the Association now has three new Board Members, including a recent Town Council member - Elizabeth Bridwell. He also pointed out that one of the scheduled events may or may not include showing movies, depending on the availability of a digital projector. The Association did not have any concerns to pass on to the Council.

ARTC Report

Mr. Pomeroy attended the May 25th meeting, during which time it was discussed the furthering of the hauled water lawsuit against the County. He mentioned that both candidates for the 36th State Assembly District, Mr. Ledford and Mrs. Runner were present - at separate times.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Non-Profit Status

Nothing new to report

Meeting Schedule Change

Mr. Pomeroy reported that the need for this change is now moot, and the meeting date will remain as it is.

Alcohol License Issue

Mr. Reichel reported that the problem centers around stricter controls for commercial establishments and does not affect Juniper Hills, other than the fact that alcohol is available in Littlerock and Pearblossom where some of our children attend school. The desire is to standardized the city and county alcohol license laws. It was decided it would be premature for the Town Council to send a letter of support at this time, due to a few unanswered questions. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the item will remain open, and the existing material that is on-hand will be circulated among the Town Council members.

Adopt-A-Highway

Mr. Pierce reported that the Town Council has now received all the necessary paperwork to begin involvement in the program. It was moved by Mr. DiJulio, seconded by Ms. Richter, that we sign the necessary paperwork to activate the program. Remaining open was the decision as to what all was to appear on the sign. Mr. Pierce said he would investigate the possibilities. Mr. Pierce moved, Ms. Zera seconded, that we proceed with the program and return the signed paperwork as soon as possible. The motion passed unanimously.

Street Sign Program

Many questions were raised: Can we purchase them from the County at cost? If they are obtained from a private vendor, more than one should be selected as a source. Which roads should get the signs? Who purchases the signs? Do we create a design standard? Do this as a fund raiser? It was concluded that the signs are primarily for emergency intent - fire, ambulance, law enforcement, etc. Mr. DiJulio will check into the topic and report back to the Town Council.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

It was decided that we will advertise in our Newsletter the intent of the committee and that we are looking for a person to volunteer to chair the committee. This will remain under Unfinished Business.

Trash Pick-up

It was asked if plans are proceeding for another trash pick-up in September. Mr. Pierce reported he had forgotten about it and will check into it.

NEW BUSINESS

none

Requests to Speak

Mrs. Weatherbie suggested that the Town Council consider moving the Council election date to June or November to coincide with the "regular" election dates. She and her husband had spent the day yesterday helping with several polling places, and noted that Town Councils in those areas were using the polling sites for their own election purposes. It was agreed that the Town Council will look into this possibility.

Mr. Sal Cardile spoke on the relationship between the Juniper Hills Community Association and the Juniper Hills Town Council. He said that several persons he had spoken with, including those who worked at the poll yesterday, were unaware of any difference. The difference between the Town Council and the Community Association was explained by several members of the Town Council. Sal also was concerned that there was a lack of information passed out about the Trash Collection Pick-up that was provided in April. He was advised that this had been a "last minute" decision and signs were not placed everywhere, but the two dumpsters/bins provided by Waste Management were filled to capacity - implying that numerous people were aware of their availability.

Discussion followed in response to the proposed change in election dates and the date of publication of our Newsletter. It was pointed out that if we have an election in November, it would be necessary to send out a newsletter in September, so any decisions relating to the election will need to be finalized at our August meeting. Mr. DiJulio moved, seconded by Mr. Reichel, that we discuss by email the dates for publication of our Newsletter. The motion passed unanimously.

As a follow-up to Mr. Cardile's comments, Mr. Reichel brought up the topic of the Town Council having signage locations that are separated from the Community Association. He asked that the top of Signage be put back on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.