

JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting

August 2, 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 August 2, 2006, 7:15 P.M. by the Vice President, Ms. Richter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Richter.

BOARD MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Vance Pomeroy (en route)	
Suzanne Richter	
	Don Pierce (excused)
Dave Reichel	
Douglas DiJulio	
	Michael Weatherbie (excused)
Valerie Zera	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the June 7, 2006 meeting were presented and unanimously accepted, with Ms. Richter's correction of the spelling of the name of our October 4 speaker, which is David NEGRON.

TREASURER

Mr. Reichel reported that the balance in the Treasury is \$1,236.43, just verified with the bank, and the report was unanimously approved. There was one bill, which was deferred to new business.

GUESTS AND SPEAKERS

Palmdale LASD Community Oriented Policing Report

Deputy Robert Ferrell introduced the newest member of Palmdale's C.O.P.S. team, Deputy Chris Bergo, which with Deputy Craig Wiggins brings them up to three members. Deputy Ferrell reported on the removal of the trailer and abandoned vehicles from Gerald Wirt's property. Ms. Zera expressed the concerns of the Baker family and their friends and neighbors about Wirt's upcoming prison release in 30 to 60 days, fearing for the safety of the Bakers. Sal Cardile commented that the Bakers have a restraining order against Wirt. Ms. Zera also asked Deputy Ferrell about the legality of community members removing the balance of the trash from Wirt's property. Deputy Ferrell said that would constitute trespassing, although prosecution would be unlikely. Norm Hickling said he can report the property as a nuisance. Deputy Ferrell said that his direct line has changed with the move to the new Palmdale Sheriff's station, and is now 272-2418. Deputy Bergo is at 272-2419, and they believe Deputy Wiggins can be reached at 272-2420 (?). The Council thanked the C.O.P.S. team members for the fast resolution to the report they received on Wirt's property. The Council asked them to look at the "gypsy camp" on the south side of Ft. Tejon, west of 101st Street, which they said they would do on their way back to the station.

West Nile Virus Speaker

Martha Collins and Rogelio T. Cruz, RN, B.S.N., Public Health Nurses from the County of Los Angeles, Department of Health Services, Public Health Programs and Services, Antelope Valley Public Health Center gave a presentation on the threat of West Nile Virus to humans. Ms. Collins emphasized the importance of the mosquito in transmission of the virus, since the virus is spread from infected bird to mosquito to humans, horses or other birds. She advised that door and window screens be in good condition, avoid standing water (dump pet waterers every 3 days, or put mosquito fish in horse water troughs and ponds), and if outdoors at dusk or dawn to wear long sleeves and long pants, plus use insecticides containing DEET to protect against mosquitoes. She had several informational handouts. Karen Mellor, Entomologist/Operations Manager, A.V. Mosquito and Vector Control District had also forwarded several additional brochures in support of this presentation.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Zera reported that invitations to an A.V. Fair event and an A.V. Hospital Event, plus the West Nile Virus brochures had been received by mail.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Juniper Hills Community Association (<http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhca/index.htm>) -
August 26 Burgers 'N Brew 'N Band
September 9 Work Day (& Juniper Hills Town Council Large Trash Item Day)
September 16 Dessert Under the Stars

Devil's Punchbowl County Park (<http://www.devils-punchbowl.com>) -
August 5 Full Moon Hike
August 12 Perseid Meteor Shower viewing
September 2 Full Moon Hike
October 11 Orionid Meteor Shower viewing

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Engels said there is nothing to report in our area.

Los Angeles County Supervisor's office.

Mr. Hickling said all is quiet.

REPORTS

Future Speakers

October: David Negrón on land use and alternate dispute resolution (arbitration, mediation, etc.) to be confirmed by Ms. Richter.

December: Dave Numer to be confirmed by Vance Pomeroy.

Election Committee

Wayne Argo responded to the call for volunteers, and is willing to serve as a member, but not chair.

Resource Development Committee

Mr. Pomeroy reported that Juniper Hills T-Shirts are available for \$14 each - Mr. Weatherbie and Ms. Zera still have a few left. November 4 Juniper Hills Town Council Wine Tasting event will feature raffle prizes and souvenir wine glasses. Committee meeting to be held later in August.

Community Standards Committee

Mr. DiJulio stated that the final version of the standards were submitted to the Town Council recently, and moved that the Juniper Hills Town Council accept the Juniper Hills Community Standards document as submitted, seconded by Ms. Zera. Following discussion, Mr. DiJulio amended his motion, that the Juniper Hills Town Council accept the Juniper Hills Community Standards document, and hand it over to the County. The amendment was seconded, and approved by all council members present. Mr. Reichel commented that it would be nice if we could get unanimous council approval. Mr. Love pointed out that Mr. Weatherbie and Mr. Pierce had voiced approval of the document via email.

Mr. Pomeroy will write an e-mail to the committee members thanking them for their contributions. Mr. Pomeroy also stated that he felt the work of the committee was now complete. His motion for the committee to continue its stewardship of the standards was not approved, (1 for/4 against), so the committee is absolved of further responsibility for the standards. Mr. Pomeroy requested that Mr. DiJulio and Bruce Love continue to join him in handling any details between now and the adoption of the standards into County ordinance, stating an intention to call upon former committee members for input and expertise, as needed.

Multi-Use Trail Committee

The first meeting of this new committee will be at the home of Ms. Zera on Tuesday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m..

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Pierce was not present to report, however, Vikki Kempenaar stated that the JHCA board did not meet last month.

ARTC Report

Mr. Argo and Mr. Pomeroy reported that the new standard for arsenic in new wells was set at 10 parts per billion, and that mitigation such as the use of reverse osmosis or similar technologies would be allowed to meet this standard, with a draft of the County's plan due to rural town council's in the next 60 to 90 days.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Non-Profit Status

No report.

Adopt-A-Highway

Mr. Pomeroy confirmed that "Juniper Hills Town Council" was chosen to appear on our sign.

Street Sign Program

No report.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Mr. Pomeroy received notice of several C.E.R.T. members who live in the area. Mr. Cardile and Marvel Clover said that they would like to be on the committee. Mrs. Clover felt that an upcoming C.E.R.T. meeting would be a good place to contact locals in that program. Mr. Reichel reported on the recent fires bordering Jane Benefiel's and the Cardile's properties, and felt that a phone tree needs to be established as quick response is of importance. Ms. Zera noted that the County had prepared a disaster plan for the Topanga area, per a recent LA Times article. Mr. Pomeroy requested that she obtain a copy. The Council held off on formally establishing this committee, until leadership comes forward.

Large Item Trash Collection.

Mr. Pomeroy confirmed that Waste Management will provide two bins on Saturday, September 9 at the JHCA community building, in conjunction with the JHCA Clean Up Day. Mr. Pomeroy asked Mrs. Kempenaar if a JHCA newsletter would come out between now and the Clean Up Day, but Ms. Kempenaar stated that she doubted that very much. Mr. Pomeroy said he would send out an e-mail announcing the Large Item Trash Collection, and asked for help to produce signs and flyers about the event. Ms. Zera said that she would work with Lori Weatherbie on this.

NEW BUSINESS**Juniper Hills Town Council Signage**

Mr. DiJulio repeated that he would allow a sign on his property. The SE corner of Fort Tejon and 106th, the SE corner of Ft. Tejon and Longview, and the yellow house on the West side of Longview that was formerly all solar, and formerly owned by a realtor from Roberson Realty were identified as good spots for signs. Ms. Zera will ask Karin Wells for help locating owners of these parcels. It was agreed that signs should be changeable. Mr. DiJulio will investigate signage for the Council as he investigates street signs.

Election Date Change

While the idea of changing the Juniper Hills Town Council annual election to the date of the November general election is favored, it was determined that there is insufficient time to make necessary bylaw changes in time to accomplish the change for November, 2006. Changing the election for November, 2007 is targeted.

P O Box Key

Mr. Reichel requested permission to pay (less than \$10) for an additional key for the Juniper Hills Town Council mailbox key, which was unanimously approved. He also stated that he will ask about adding the names of the remainder of the Council members on the post office's record card.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Valerie Zera
Acting Recording Secretary