

JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting
September 5, 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 **September 5, 2007, 7:07 P.M.** by the President, Mr. Pomeroy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Pierce

BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

PRESENT	ABSENT
Vance Pomeroy	
Suzanne Richter	
Don Pierce	
Dave Reichel (late arrival)	
	Douglas DiJulio
Michael Weatherbie	
	Walter Grabe (excused)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Richter commented that the minutes incorrectly reported what she had said under "Reports" about the AV Conservation District people. Mr. Weatherbie pointed out that, per the recording of the meeting, this was exactly what she said. She then said that it was not the intent of what she meant - she merely meant that it might be better if they attend an Association meeting, in order to be able to talk to more people. Mr. Pierce moved, and Mr. Weatherbie seconded, that the minutes be changed to read "Ms. Richter commented that it might be better if the AV Conservation people...". The motion was approved unanimously. The Minutes for the August 1, 2007, meeting were approved as modified,

TREASURER

There was no report, since the Treasurer was not present. He arrived much later in the meeting and said that his report would be send via email for review and Mr. Pomeroy added that they will be acted on at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

none. Mr. Pomeroy noted that he was interviewed by the Valley Press for the "Welcome Edition" supplement.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

Sept 8 ~~Work Day~~ CANCELED
October 6 Oktoberfest

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

Sept 22 Full Moon Hike
October 21 Orionids Meteor Shower
October 27 Full Moon Hike

GUESTS AND SPEAKERS

No speakers were originally planned for this meeting, but Mr. Pomeroy learned that Mitch Glaser had information to share with us about the Antelope Valley area-wide plan, so Mr. Pomeroy decided to have him (Mr. Glaser) attend the meeting and talk to us. He gave each member of the Council a folder titled "Town & Country" and gave a brief explanation of its contents. He also introduced another member of his team, Rob Glaser (no relation). The program recognizes that there are different needs and wants for the rural communities, as compared to the cities, especially in reference to development and planned uses. A task force, named Town and Country, has been established to identify the areas that need to be addressed. He will be seeking inputs from the various rural communities (via email or regular mail) and will be visiting all of the Rural Town

Councils. Part of his talk centered on the building of additional houses in the county, when water availability is an issue. A preliminary document, including plans for food, shelter and clothing, will be produced in December, based on inputs received by mid-November.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norm Hickling - Los Angeles County Supervisor's office - arrived quite late and joined in on the talk about Disaster Preparedness (reference, further in the Minutes). He updated us on the status of the fire near Acton, and he presented each person on the Council and in the audience a copy of the Antelope Valley Connection, which is a Community Resource Guide, with history of the area, resources available, and other services; plus he updated us on other information.

Deputy Engels - Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - not present

REPORTS

Future Speakers

After considerable discussion, it was decided that the speaker for the October meeting will be a "water person". Mr. Pomeroy agreed to make the necessary arrangements for a person to attend. For the December meeting we will invite persons from the AV Conservancy, and other land conservation groups, with the possibility of someone from Forest Service. Speaker information will be provided to Mrs. Weatherbie.

Sandra Pursley, our new representative from Waste Management, was present and introduced herself. She said that Karen Erstad has retired. Sandra talked about recycling efforts, and invited everyone to a "mixer" to be held at the Palmdale Landfill on September 27, 2007. She also offered to speak at any future meeting.

Election Committee

It was mentioned that the next election will occur in November, and that Mr. Pomeroy emailed an article about the election to Mrs. Weatherbie, for inclusion in the Association Newsletter.

Resource Development Committee

The wine tasting event will take place on November 3rd. Mrs. Weatherbie gave a progress report and mentioned that the next meeting will be at their home. She also advised the Council that she will not be able to head the event in 2008.

Community Standards Information Committee

Mr. Pomeroy had hoped to have a draft of a brochure which contains the necessary CSD information, but he said he is "behind the curve" and has not yet produced it. It was mentioned that we could hand out just about any information to the various realtors to make them aware of the requirements of the CSD. It was noted that some properties are sold using realtors from "down below". Mr. Pierce commented about the fact that some properties are sold privately without usage of a realtor. It was suggested that whenever a new realtor sign appears on the Hill, the realtor be contacted and made aware of the CSD and its requirements.

Multi-Use Trail Committee

no report; Mr. Pomeroy pointed out the need for Ms. Zera to contact Mitch Glaser about trail usage. Mrs. Weatherbie said she would contact Ms. Zera.

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Pierce said that he had nothing to report since he had been out of town for several months. He asked Mrs. Weatherbie and Mrs. Kempenaar, who were in the audience, to provide inputs of information. They did not have any specific requests, but reported on some of the aspects of the recent break-ins into Association property. They also explained why information is not being posted on the sign on Longview Road, because the owner of the property on which the sign is located asked us to remove the sign.

ARTC Report

Mr. Pomeroy talked about the AVIRWMP (AV Integrated Regional Water Management Plan) and its effect on various parts of the Antelope Valley. Water availability needs to be matched with growth in the area. Mr. Pomeroy pointed out that Kern County is shown on the "water map" in blue, meaning it has sufficient water to meet its needs, but is unwilling to share it with Los Angeles County, which does not have sufficient water. Next meeting is on Sept. 12 at 9 am, to discuss what to do. Committee make-up will be determined then.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Non-Profit Status

no report

Litter Collection

Mr. Pomeroy mentioned that he and Mr. Grabe conducted the previous litter pick-up walk, and that another one should be scheduled, but nothing further ensued on the topic.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

At the August meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Weatherbie volunteered to be co-chairs of the committee, but received no positive reply from the Council. Mr. Pierce moved, and Ms. Richter seconded, that the Weatherbies be named the co-chairs of the Disaster Preparedness Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Weatherbie then reported on the progress of the committee, including attending the SCAG meeting. Because of the location of Juniper Hills (south of the San Andreas Fault), it is quite possible that we will be "cut off" from any and all services after an earthquake, and it is for this reason that it becomes imperative to establish a "YoYo committee" (You're On Your Own) Mr. Pomeroy proposed to Norm Hickling that a land swap be made with the Department of Parks so that the land on 96th St. E. (presently unused) be swapped for a location more suitable for the entire Hill, and that a permanent structure be built there, along with a helicopter pad, plus a satellite Sheriff station and satellite firefighter facilities. The site could then be used by various County organizations to put on preparedness demonstrations before the need arises. Mr. Hickling will present this information to the Department of Parks.

NEW BUSINESS

none

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Pierce - Secretary