

JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL
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General Meeting
October 1, 2008
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 **October 1, 2008, 7:05 P.M.** by the President, Mr. Pomeroy. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Grabe.

BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the August 6, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected. Approval of the minutes from meeting held on September 3, 2008 was deferred until the next meeting.

TREASURER

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Pierce, the Assistant Treasurer, presented a Report of the Assistant Treasurer. The bank balance is \$3,875.89. No new bills were presented. No new donations have been received. The report was accepted as presented. In anticipation of a bill to be submitted in the future, it was moved by Ms. Richter, seconded by Mr. DiJulio, that the Town Council pay not more than \$400 for the glasses for the Wine Tasting event. The motion was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Water Adjudication - information was presented as to what is to be done to join the Juniper Hills Water Group. Billie Dickie pointed out that it was necessary to sign and turn in the "form". She stressed that the Water Group is NOT affiliated with the Town Council.

Wilderness Bill - information will be presented by the speaker.

Town & Country presentation - will be on November 5, 2008, which is the normal date for the monthly meeting of the town council. (Refer near the end of the minutes of tonight's meeting as to a decision made about the cancellation of the November JHTC meeting.)

Road work on 106th - the public is advised that work work will be taking place on 106th in the near future.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

November 15 Holiday Boutique and Pancake Breakfast

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

October 11 Full Moon Hike - 7 pm

October 21 Orionids Meteor Shower Program - 9 pm

October 25 Telescope Program - 8 pm

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

October 25 Wine Tasting Event

GUEST SPEAKERS

Bob Hauter, Deputy Chief of Staff to Congressman "Buck" McKeon, spoke about the Pleasant View Ridge Proposed Wilderness Area, HR 6156. The bill is co-sponsored by Senators Boxer and Feinstein, and it has passed the Senate Committee. He went through the steps explaining how a bill goes through the House and Senate. He explained how the politics of give and take (dealing with a Democratic Senator when in the minority party) resulted in the present proposed wilderness area. He said that Mr. Antonovich had been advised of the addition of the Magic Mountain area and Pleasant View Ridge. Mr. Hauter emphasized they had thoroughly checked in the term "Wilderness", and there is nothing in it that precludes usage of mechanized items. He said that the fire border will now be 1/4 mile instead of 1/8 mile, and that fire

suppression will be under “local control”. He also commented that Wilderness does not compromise water rights; e.g., if you use a bulldozer to access you water site, that cannot be taken away. There was a long discussion on the topic.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES’ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department - Deputy Ferrell said that the “Cima Mesa criminal case” is proceeding forward, and that the person, Mr. Shelby, has been stripped of conservatorship. In another matter, relating to the “illegal tenants”, the county is now going after the tenant instead of the property owner because of quit-claiming processes that had been used.

Norm Hickling, deputy to Mr. Antonovich, was not present

REPORTS

Future Speakers

Mrs. Weatherbie said that J. Lopez, of the LA County Fire Department, is checking with his supervisor to obtain approval to be a speaker at a future meeting.

Election Committee

Mrs. Weatherbie, who is heading the Election Committee, said that three persons have applied and that application forms are available.

Yo-Yo Committee

Mr. Pierce reported that the committee met on September 18, but no one showed up except the Committee leaders. Another meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16.

Resource Development Committee

Tickets are still available for the Wine Tasting Event. Only three members of the Town Council have signed up to be available to pour at the Event.

Community Standards Information Committee

no activity

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Pierce had nothing to report from the September meeting of the Board. Mrs. Weatherbie asked Mr. Pierce to point out what had been said at the most recent JHCA Board meeting. He pointed out that, since the vast majority of the work is being by the JHCA and very little by the Town Council, the JHCA is considering taking over the event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Street Lighting

Mr. Reichel had sent an email to the County, requesting that they look into the street lighting problems. No response has been heard back from them.

Illegal Grading

Deputy Ferrell had reported on the situation earlier in his report .

Town Council Signage

The question had been previously asked as to where we can put up signs noting the activities of the Town Council. Mr. Pomeroy asked Mr. Pierce to contact Mark Caddick of the County Roads Dept. (which had put up the “Welcome to Juniper Hills” signs). It was then decided that Mr. Pomeroy could handle this in another manner, and withdrew the request that Mr. Pierce contact Mark.

Wilderness Bill

This item was covered earlier as a part of the presentation by Mr. Hauter.

NEW BUSINESS

November Meeting

Due to the conflict of dates and timing with the Town & Country presentation, at which Mr. Pomeroy will be speaking, it was agreed to cancel our November meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Pierce - Secretary