

JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL
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General Meeting
December 3, 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 **December 3, 2008, 7:09 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	
Walter Grabe	Michael Weatherbie (excused)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the September 3, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.
The minutes for the October 1, 2008, meeting were approved as corrected.

TREASURER

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Pierce, the Assistant Treasurer, presented a Report of the Assistant Treasurer. The bank balance is \$3,337.30. No new bills were presented. No new donations have been received. The report was accepted as presented. Mr. Pierce noted that the balance included the payment of three checks that related to the Wine Tasting event - which would be discussed later in the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Billie Dickey advised that she had received an update from the attorney, Mr. Fife, and she briefly described its contents: "Please let them know that the Court has ordered LA County to send out the first wave of class action notices by the end of the month. This means that sometime in the next few weeks, tens of thousands of letters will go out. There will be a lot of activity and likely some public meetings in Lancaster about the adjudication. It is likely everyone in the JHWG will receive one of these letters and we will provide instructions about how to respond."

Mr. Pomeroy reported that he had received via email information about the PUC meeting in which SCE rates would be discussed.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

December 6 General Membership Meeting and Dinner - 6 pm

December 13 Santa's Visit (CANCELLED)

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

December 13 Full Moon Hike - 6 pm

GUEST SPEAKER

David Stringer, head of the Street Lighting Section of the LA County Dept of Public Works, came early to look at the lighting installation at the intersection of 106th St. E. and Cima Mesa Road. He said that they typically install lights in certain communities, and our CSD essentially says "no" to street lights. He said that 60% of a community must be in favor of the lights. In order to install a light, there must be a proven safety record (is it a safety issue?). He had checked the Department's records, and it did not show any night-time accidents at that intersection. In response to any installation, they would ask whether or not a light shield meets its purpose, and the answer must be "yes". He agreed that the lighting might need minor "tweaking". He said that one of the primary purposes of a light is to serve as a marker beacon of an up-coming intersection. He said the light at the intersection of 106th and Cima Mesa Road does not meet the marker beacon requirement for east-bound traffic on Cima Mesa Road. He said that it might be possible that by rotating the light about 45°, the light would serve as a beacon for 106th and for Cima Mesa. Also discussed was the location of the light at 96th St. E. and Cima Mesa.

He talked about two types of glass installations - drop glass, which requires a shield, and flat glass, which does not require a shield. He said that the light installation must be 25 feet above the ground. Mr. Stringer commented that the DPW pays the bills and serves as the administrator, and Southern California Edison does the installation work. Funding is provided through the Supervisor's Discretionary Fund. Mr. Pomeroy asked whether it was possible that the light could be installed at a height lower than 25', and Mr. Stringer said he would check. After a sharp discussion between Mr. DiJulio and Mr. Reichel about retrofitting of street lighting, Mr. DiJulio asked that it be put on record that he (DiJulio) was not asking for a retrofit.

ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Lori Weatherbie, who had served as the Election Committee Chair, reported that three Applications and fees had been received - from Vance Pomeroy, Suzanne Richter, and Billie Dickey. Since there were four seats "open for election" and only three Applications had been received, there was no need for a Forum or election and she recommended that all three persons be declared "elected".

INSTALLATION OF THE COUNCIL

Mr. Norm Hickling, deputy to Supervisor Antonovich, gave the Oath of Office to all members of the Town Council, including the newly elected members.

APPOINTMENT FOR VACANT SEAT

In consideration of the vacant seat on the Town Council, it was moved by Ms. Richter and seconded by Mr. DiJulio that Walter Grabe be appointed to the vacant seat. He accepted the appointment, and the vote was unanimous. After the appointment, Mr. Grabe received the oath of office from Mr. Hickling.

ELECTION AND SEATING OF OFFICERS

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Pomeroy turned the meeting over to Mr. Pierce, who is the Town Council's Parliamentarian. The following nominations for office were made: for President, Mr. Grabe nominated Vance Pomeroy, and the nomination was seconded by Ms. Richter. Mr. Pomeroy accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously. For Vice President, Mr. Grabe nominated Ms. Richter and the nomination was seconded by Mrs. Dickey. Ms. Richter accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously. For Secretary, Mr. Pierce nominated Mrs. Dickey, but she said she was "snowed" at the moment. Mr. Pomeroy then nominated Mr. DiJulio, seconded by Ms. Richter. Mr. DiJulio accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously. For Treasurer, Ms. Richter nominated Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Pomeroy. Mr. Pierce accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously.

At this point the meeting was returned to Mr. Pomeroy. Mr. Pomeroy then appointed Mr. Pierce to serve as Parliamentarian for the following year. Mr. Pierce accepted the appointment.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norm Hickling, deputy to Mr. Antonovich, said that usage of the Palmdale Airport is being pushed by Mr. Antonovich. Mr. Hickling said that "a lot" is going on in reference to the "Veterans of America" people. He further reported that you cannot have a (shipping) container on your property without a permit, and then the land must be at least 2 1/2 acres in size.

Mr. DiJulio said he had attended the Oath of Office ceremony for Supervisor Antonovich, and he reported that it was "quite interesting".

Representative of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - none

REPORTS

Resource Development Committee

Mark Benz had previously submitted his report, on the Wine Tasting Event and it was accepted, without comment. It was noted that this year's event had a net profit of over \$1,700. Considerable discussion then ensued as to whether this should continue as a Town Council event, be taken over by the Community Association, or be a "shared" event. A final decision was not made, and discussion will continue by email.

Future Speakers

Two possibilities were mentioned: the "earthquake lady" and the local CHP commander. Mr. Pomeroy will check with Mr. Hickling about getting the CHP commander to speak to us.

Yo-Yo Committee

Mr. Pomeroy reported that the October meeting of the Committee was very sparsely attended - only four persons. He said the November meeting had more people attending. He said that Marie Unini is looking into the "Reverse 911" system. He said that the County does not have such a system in place, and we might serve as the pilot system. Mr. Pomeroy said that he will be serving as the interim Chair of the committee. He said their next meeting will be in January, and that they meet on the third Thursdays of a month.

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Pierce had little to report from the October and November meetings of the JHCA Board. He pointed out that after the up-coming General Meeting, there will be a brief meeting to elect officers for the following year. A newsletter will be published by the Community Association in early January, and Mr. Pomeroy said the Town Council will submit articles to be printed, and will assist in the cost of the printing and mailing. It was moved by Ms. Richter, seconded by Mr. DiJulio to pay for two pages in the newsletter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Illegal Grading

The topic was already discussed as a part of Mr. Hickling's report

Town Council Signage

Discussion ensued about the usage and location of signage. It was pointed out by Mr. Reichel that we need to provide more advertisement of our activities and speakers. It was considered that we might place signs on private property. Ms. Richter said that she will investigate locations. Mr. Pomeroy said that he will try to "soften up" the county for usage of their signs (placement of our signs on their sign posts). Mr. DiJulio said he was willing to "donate" space for a sign on his property. It was then agreed that the Town Council will pursue all possibilities.

Wilderness Bill

It was noted that the bill is still in committee, with the "Bono language" added.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Mr. DiJulio, seconded by Ms. Richter, that the Town Council appoint Mrs. Weatherbie as Chair of the Election Committee for 2009. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Reichel suggested that in future elections we "require" that those members of the Council not running for re-election be members of the committee. Discussion of this item will continue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m., in honor of Mike Weatherbie, who has served as a member of the Town Council since the Council's inception, but is no longer able to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Pierce - Secretary