

JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting

March 5, 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 **March 5, 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the February 6, 2008, meeting were approved as published.

TREASURER

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Two new bills were presented - Mrs. Weatherbie presented a bill for \$551 for the cost of postage for the mailing of the "water letter" to all property owners, and a bill for \$100 to pay the speaker for the most recent YoYo meeting. Ms. Richter moved, seconded by Mr. Di Julio, that the bills be paid. Motion passed unanimously. A donation of \$250 from the Dickies was acknowledged. This donation will essentially cut the cost of the mailing in half.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Pomeroy mentioned emails about Regional Planning's Town & Country Fair, which was held on Saturday, Feb 23 at Jackie Robinson Park

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

March 8 Cleanup Day

March 22 Easter Egg Hunt

April 12 Vegas Night

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

March 8 Telescope Program - 8 pm

March 22 Full Moon Hike - 6 pm

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norm Hickling - Los Angeles County Supervisor's office - arrived later in the meeting and reported that 150 people attend the event at Jackie Robinson Park. He also announced the appointment of a new commander at the Palmdale Sheriff's station. In reference to the "containers issue" in Littlerock, Mr. Reichel asked if the impending decision will have an effect on Juniper Hills, and Norm's response was that he felt it would not.

Representative of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - no one present

REPORTS

Future Speakers

Mr. Pomeroy reported that he had been in contact with Congressman Buck MCKeon's office and it is hoped that a representative from his office will speak at the April meeting.

Election Committee

The Town Council is still looking for people to be on the committee; no names have been brought forward.

Yo-Yo Committee

Mrs. Weatherbie reported that the next meeting of the committee will be on March 20 at 7pm. A woman (not a speaker) from the LDS church will be giving us a presentation on "What to do for 72 hours". Mrs. Weatherbie also reported that there will be a meeting on April 10, at 10am, at the Verdugo Hills Hospital. Mr. Pierce said that he and his wife had recently completed CERT training and the training was indeed an eye-opener as to how un-prepared a person is - for an emergency situation.

Resource Development Committee

Mark Benz said that the first meeting of the Wine-Tasting Committee will be held at his house on March 13, at 7 pm.

Community Standards Information Committee

Mrs. Love presented a draft copy of the "announcement" that will be given to all realtors who are selling houses and raw property in the Juniper Hills area. She asked that we write down the names and phone numbers that appear on all realtor sign that we see in the area, so that she can contact them and advise them of the existence of the CSD. She asked that the Town Council review the draft and give comments at the next meeting. It was suggested that the leaflet be prepared in a tri-fold format, so that it be more noticeable.

Water Issues Committee

Mrs. Kempenaar was present and answered the questions of a person who attended the meeting specifically to get answers about the Water Issues Committee. Mrs. Weatherbie commented she had received a copy of Regional Planning's "Green Building Plan" in which it was recommended that future builders use only native plant material - but yet the large farms (carrot and potato growers) and sod growers continue to suck down the water level. Mr. Hickling commented that the sod growers use treated water, and at the moment nothing can be done about the others.

Mr. Reichel asked why the Town Council is not taking a stand on the water issue. Mr. Pomeroy explained that some people will be unhappy with whatever decision is made. It is the Town Council's job to advise them of the situation, and enumerate the possible routes to be taken.

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Pierce reported that the no specific requests were presented by the Community Association. He commented about the cabinet we had unofficially approved to obtain, and the JHCA had approved placing in the Community Center, but no cabinet had been purchased. Available cabinets will be checked to verify they meet our needs, and will check on pricing, and Mr. Pierce will report back at the next TC meeting. Mrs. Weatherbie said the sign at Longview and Fort Tejon would cost \$650, based on getting permits, and Mr. Hickling said he will check into getting the fees waived.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Non-Profit Status

Mr. Pierce questioned the correctness of the Form which had been prepared and given to us. He pointed out that one of the reasons for applying was to receive 501(c)3 status, and the Form specifically did not mention that part of the Code. Mr. DiJulio said he was the person who had originally asked for the 501(c)3 status, but now questions whether or not it is proper to have. It was moved by Mr. DiJulio, seconded by Mr. Grabe, that Mr. Pierce contact the preparer of the Form and find out what the person was trying to accomplish. It is the Town Council's desire to receive large grants; will 501(c)3 status be effective? What is the initial cost, and the recurring cost of having the 501(c)3 classification? Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Large Trash Collection Day

Mr. Pierce reported that Waste Management will deliver large bins on Friday for our usage on Saturday. It was decided to have the bins "staffed" for six hours.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Don Pierce - Secretary