



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting
April 7, 2010
MINUTES

| <p>The General Meeting of the Juniper Hills Town Council was called to order by President, Vance Pomeroy on April 7, 2010 at 7:06 P.M. at the Juniper Hills Community Center, 31401 106th St East, Juniper Hills, California 93543</p> | <p>CALL TO ORDER</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Avadian</p> | <p>FLAG SALUTE</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Mr. Pomeroy called for a moment of silent prayer in honor of Nancy Grabe, long time member of the community and friend to the Council.</p> | <p>IN MEMORY OF NANCY GRABE</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | PRESENT | ABSENT | | PRESENT | ABSENT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Brenda Avadian | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Motion was made by Mrs. Weatherbie, second by Mrs. Dickey to approve the Minutes of August 5, 2009 as published. Motion passed with Ms. Avadian abstaining. The Minutes of the November 7, 2009 were approved as published, without objection. Mrs. Dickey to provide a copy of the ARTC meeting notes to accompany the November minutes. Minutes of March 3, 2010 were approved as published, without objection.</p> | <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>No Treasurer's Report in Mr. Pierce's absence. A Bill from QNET for \$50.00 for the two domain names was submitted for approval. Motion made by Mrs. Dickey, second by Mr. Evans. Passed unanimously.</p> | <p>TREASURER</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>UCLA Cycle Race, scheduled for April 3, 2010, did occur. It went well. The following Communications were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Santa Clarita Velo Punchbowl Cycle Race is scheduled for April 24, 2010. Contact: Rino Barbagiovanni (818) 203-3025 if there are any problems. - Palmdale Sheriff's Station is applying for an OHV Division Grant to help with maintenance of their equipment. Motion was made by Mr. Grabe to write a letter of support. Mr. Evans seconded the motion which passed unanimously. - The USDA will be making a decision regarding usage of OHV in the Angeles National Forest. - Mr. Pomeroy mentioned the importance for each household to complete their Census form. - Mr. Pomeroy discussed a letter from the Los Angeles County Road Department regarding their correction of a view obstruction at Ft Tejon and Longview - A letter was received from the AV Truck Owners about a meeting - Congressman McKeon's office announced the retirement of Lew Stults and appointment of Andre Hollings, as Field Rep - Letter from Keppel Union School District regarding their "Campus Reconfiguration Plan" - USFS investigation of Station Fire issues; Congressional proposal by Mr. Shift re: night firefighting - Letters from L A County Public Works regarding County Trash day. - Services for Nancy Grabe are on Monday, April 12 at Halley Olsen in Palmdale. | <p>COMMUNICATION</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Mr. Pomeroy announced the April activities for the Juniper Hills Community Association</p> <p>April 17 Family Bingo Nite 5:45pm-10:00pm</p> <p>And for the Devil's Punchbowl County Park</p> <p>April 17 Telescope Program – 9pm</p> <p>April 24 Full Moon Hike – 8pm</p> | <p>ITEMS OF INTEREST</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Carmen Mackey, Community Services Liaison, Los Angeles County Fire Department was introduced. She presented a video, regarding the "Ready – Set – Go!" program a Wildland Action fire plan. It was announced that copies of the "Ready-Set-Go" brochure may be obtained from the web site: www.fire.lacounty.gov. Battalion Chief Pat Rohaley discussed the booklet that accompanies the video. He emphasized the topic, present a "defensible</p> | <p>GUEST SPEAKERS</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| <p>home.” Captain Shelsie of Station 79 discussed the “Official Inspection Report” used by the firemen as they scrutinize properties for proper clearance. Emphasis was placed on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Residence addresses properly placed, starting at the street and continuing through each turn, to guide emergency response vehicles to your home. - 30 to 50 foot clearance to mineral earth around your home. - Inspections will begin May 1 - Eliminate fuel ladders to your home (grass, bushes and trees) - Fire travels 16 times faster up a hill - Roads and driveways to your home should be cleared 10 feet to each side to the sky - Fire personnel will take care of those home, first, that they can safely defend <p>Both gentlemen answered questions. Ms. Mackey announced Fire Service Day at Fire Station 129 will be held May 15, 10am to 4pm The Firemen were invited to the “Meet the Town Council” event. It would be helpful if we can provide a list of those homes that have excellent wells.</p> | |
| <p>Deputy Engels reported there is nothing significant going on in Juniper Hills at this time.</p> | <p>GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> |
| <p><u>REPORTS</u></p> | |
| <p>David Numer and the “gang of animals” will be at the October meeting. Ms. Avadian will invite the Pierces to speak on their world travels, perhaps in August Mr. Pomeroy suggested he contact a speaker regarding “Hauled Water.” for June Mr. Vegos is still attempting to contact Dr. Andrea Donnelon regarding a presentation on Earthquake activity.</p> | <p>FUTURE SPEAKERS</p> |
| <p>Mrs. Weatherbie stated she will chair the YO-YO Committee for the next year. She provided a report to the group. See attached notes.</p> | <p>YOYO Committee</p> |
| <p>Winetasting will be held November 6, 2010. The organization will be the same as last year. A Merlot has been selected already. The next meeting will be on April 15 addressing White Wines.</p> <p>Llano is having their Wine Tasting on May 1st at the Crystallaire Country Club</p> <p>Sweatshirts are finally in the profit mode. We cannot sell sweatshirts at the Punch Bowl County Park.</p> | <p>Resource Development Committee</p> |
| <p>No report – check the Newsletter</p> | <p>JHCA Liaison Report</p> |
| <p>Decision will be made as to whether all the parties and cases will be consolidated. No decision yet. Mr. Evans stated a JHCA Meeting notice at entrance to notify of meetings is needed. The sign is being worked on.</p> | <p>JH Water Group Liaison Report</p> |
| <p>No Report</p> | <p>ARTC Report</p> |
| <p><u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u></p> | |
| <p>Mrs. Weatherbie presented several sign designs from Mr. Pierce. Discussion was held. Mr. Pomeroy is to prepare some new signs.</p> | <p>Signage</p> |
| <p>Mr. Pomeroy has responded to David Stringer’s letter questioning why lines cannot be continued on straight-aways.</p> | <p>Street Lighting & Fort Tejon Road Striping</p> |
| <p>Mr. Pomeroy stated the event is on schedule for Meet the Town Council breakfast mixer scheduled for May 8, 2010, 9:00am to 12:00noon. Mr. Pomeroy invited the Firemen to join us.</p> | <p>Meet the Town Council Event</p> |

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| <p>Mr. Pomeroy has begun re-contacting the people who should be meeting with the Council regarding the "Bono Language" in the Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness legislation. Our concern is that the Forest Service not use the Wilderness designation to not address Firefighting tactics. Chief Rohaley suggested that either Division Chief Klauss and North Region Deputy Chief Mike Metro attend the meeting of JHTC with USFS, and Congressman McKeon's office to discuss an amendment of the Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness Fire Plan. Mr. Pomeroy feels the meeting should be held at Fire Station 129.</p> | <p>USFS PVR Wilderness Fire Plan</p> |
| <p>Information from the meeting with Palmdale Water District Friday, March 12 at 9:30am. The State Water project began in 1960. Bonds for 75 years were issued. A group was formed in response to the PWD's suggestion to form a Juniper Hills Water Group to create an improvement association. A half dozen or so petitions, each containing many names, were completed from Juniper Hills as inclusions. Anyone who signed the inclusion agreed to 75 years of taxes leaving another 25 years of taxation. Juniper Hills can get out of the collection of the Tax by PWD, but the Tax will still be collected by another water retailer. PWD is just a pass through, If property is in the inclusion, the property owner has the right to that water forever.</p> | <p>De-Annexation from Palmdale Water District</p> |
| <p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p> | |
| <p>AB2507 (Strickland) re Hauled Water – Mr. Pomeroy to forward the email he received. Possibly use someone to speak to the issue at a future meeting.</p> | <p>Hauled Water Bill</p> |
| <p>Mistletoe should be cut out, and sometimes the whole branch must be cut. Dodder should be pulled out before going to seed, but done carefully if one is allergic. The Forest Service is issuing permits to cut Manzanita. Cutting on private land may only be done by the property owner.</p> | <p>FLORA PROBLEMS</p> |
| <p>Mrs. Weatherbie suggested she and Brenda develop a letter of thanks to Mr. Antonovich for his support of the community. All agreed.</p> | <p>LETTER OF THANKS</p> |
| <p>Mrs. Weatherbie suggested that the Election should be advertised in the next Newsletter.</p> | <p>ELECTION</p> |
| <p>Meeting adjourned at:9:56 pm.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Lori Weatherbie Secretary</p> | <p>ADJOURNMENT</p> |
| <p>As an afterthought, Mr. Pomeroy suggested the Council consider having a Scout member develop a street sign project whereby they design the sign, find a vendor and offer the package to the residents of Juniper Hills.</p> | <p>STREET SIGNS</p> |