

JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting

June 4, 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 **June 4, 2008, 7:07 P.M.** by the President, Mr. Pomeroy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Grabe

BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

Vance Pomeroy
Suzanne Richter
Don Pierce

ABSENT

Dave Reichel (excused)
Douglas DiJulio
Michael Weatherbie (excused)

Walter Grabe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the May 7, 2008 meeting were approved as presented at the meeting.

TREASURER

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Pierce read from the bank statement which the Town Council had received. There were no transactions (income or expense) during the past month. The bank balance, per the statement, is \$2,611.74. No new bills were presented. Since a formal report was not presented, the President, Mr. Pomeroy, requested that the bank statement be filed into record.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received by Mr. Pomeroy, from Supervisor Antonovich, as a follow-up to the letter we had received the previous month - about the NAT. As a separate issue, comments were passed back to the County about the arsenic-in-the-water issue. In addition, most of the TC members have received notice of the various meetings to be held in the Antelope Valley about VISION, a part of the Town & Country planning program. The most convenient location for us will be at Jackie Robinson Park on June 17, at 7 pm.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

June 7 General Membership Meeting and Dinner

July 12 Luau

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

June 7 Telescope Program - 9 pm

June 14 Full Moon Hike - 8 pm

Cub Scouting

June 14 Graduation

GUEST SPEAKER

Wendy Reed, president of the Antelope Valley Conservancy, a private non-profit corporation, spoke about the work to preserve natural land. She noted that there are presently two acquisitions in progress. They acquire land by looking for land available (by donation, if possible), and by purchasing land. They are currently considering land in the Una Lake area. She noted that we are in the Antelope - Fremont Valley Watershed. She said that their policy is to be positive - and don't accept complaints. A center-point in their planning is to conserve existing trails. She emphasized it is not a government agency and they serve only the Antelope Valley, which excludes Acton because it is not in the AV watershed. It is a volunteer organization, presently with five members on its board, but they hope to expand that to seven members.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norm Hickling - Los Angeles County Supervisor's office - said the hauled water issue is doing fine, but has not yet been settled. The grading issue (on the illegal site) was discussed at length. Francis Dominguez, of the Department of Public Works, was also at the meeting and said there was to be a meeting tomorrow, assuming that proper documentation of property ownership could be presented. Norm said that MANY county agencies are involved, and that the grading issue is "just the tip of the iceberg". It was strongly recommended that everyone get their property surveyed, using durable monuments. The cost could be as high as \$4,000, compared to an informal survey that costs considerably less. The owners of adjacent property were present. They were told that the problem is much larger than trespassing.

Representatives of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - Deputy Ferrell and Deputy Engels were also present and spoke about the "illegal site" issue. In response to a question, they pointed out that a person may shoot on his own property; however some areas are "red flag" areas, which means no discharging (no hunting). If a person is uncertain as to the areas in which a person may shoot, all gun shops have maps depicting the legal areas.

REPORTS

Future Speakers

There has still been no response from Congressman Buck McKeon's office. A presentation about and discussion of Palmdale Water District's Inclusion 82 is a consideration for the August meeting. A speaker on the Arroyo Toad was also suggested.

Election Committee

The Town Council is still looking for people to be on the committee; no names have been brought forward. Mr. Pomeroy said that work on formation of the Committee is "in progress".

Yo-Yo Committee

Due to Mr. Weatherbie's illness, the Yo-Yo Committee has not met; however Chuck and Tami Vegas attended a meeting at the Fire Department Training Center and said the meeting was very well organized. Discussion was mentioned about the extension of 96th Street, which can be used in an emergency as an exit from Juniper Hills.

Resource Development Committee

no report. It is possible that a weekend date may be selected for the next meeting.

Community Standards Information Committee

Copies of the new CSD brochure were given out to those persons present who requested a copy. It was pointed out that a "soft copy" will be posted on the web page.

JHCA Liaison Report

Mr. Pierce said that no specific requests were presented by the Community Association. He mentioned the road striping issue and Norm Hickling said that it is now scheduled and will occur. The edge striping remains an open, budget issue. Discussion then centered on the topic of the cabinet we had unofficially approved to obtain, and the JHCA had approved placing in the Community Center, but no cabinet had been purchased. It was moved by Ms. Richter, seconded by Mr. Pierce to purchase the cabinet that was already selected.

ARTC

no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Non-Profit Status

Mr. Pierce noted that an appointment has been made with the CPA, on June 25th, to discuss the topic.

NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Treasurer

Mr. Pomeroy pointed out that, due to the Treasurer being in the hospital for several months, it is necessary to appoint someone to the Assistant Treasurer position, even though that position is not mentioned in the Bylaws. Mr. Pierce volunteered to fill the position, temporarily, and he was accepted and appointed.

Wilderness Bill

The proposed Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness Bill, which was proposed by Congressman McKeon and Senator Boxer was discussed at length. It's potentially negative impact on our area was mentioned, and was of great concern. Mr. Pomeroy said he will call McKeon's office to get a clarification on the proposed bill, attempt to get someone to appear as a speaker, and Mr. Pomeroy said he would give out McKeon's phone number to everyone at the JHCA General Meeting.

Illegal Grading

The topic was discussed at length earlier in the meeting, plus Mr. Grabe brought up that it had also occurred on LePage Ranch Road.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Pierce - Secretary