

# JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting  
August 6, 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 **August 6, 2008, 7:08 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 (late arrival)	
Douglas DiJulio (delayed arrival)	
	Michael Weatherbie (excused)
Walter Grabe	

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the July 9, 2008 meeting were approved as published.

## TREASURER

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Pierce, the Assistant Treasurer, presented a Report of the Assistant Treasurer. The bank balance, is \$2,975.89. No new bills were presented. No new donations have been received. The report was accepted as presented.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Most of the TC members have received notice of the various meetings to be held in the Antelope Valley about GOALS, a part of the Town & Country planning program. The most convenient location for us will be at Jackie Robinson Park on August 19, at 7 pm. More Communications appears as a part of the JHCA Report.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

August 9 Burgers N Brew N Bard

Sept 20 Dessert Under the Stars

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

August 12 Perseids Meteor Show Program - 9 pm

August 16 Full Moon Hike - 8 pm

August 30 Telescope Program - 9 pm

## GUEST SPEAKERS

Lew Stults, deputy to Congressman "Buck" McKeon, spoke about the Pleasant View Ridge Proposed Wilderness Area, HR 6156. He explained how the politics of give and take (dealing with a Democratic Senator) resulted in the present proposed wilderness area. He mentioned that he had met several weeks ago with Mr. Pomeroy and Ms. Richter, and also commented about Mr. Grabe's letter, which had appeared in the Valley Press. Mr. Stults said that the desire is to protect an area before a threat to it arises. He said they had thoroughly checked in the term Wilderness, and there is nothing in it that precludes usage of mechanized items. But he did admit that the wording of the present proposal has some weak points, and McKeon is open to hearing our comments and complaints. Mr. Paul Noak, from the LA County Supervisors' Office, also gave his comments. He said that the County will not give approval on the proposed Bill until it meets the requirements of the Fire Chief. There was a long discussion on the topic.

A second speaker was Mr. Gordon Dexter, a former director of the Palmdale Water District, who is attempting to lead a recall of some of the present Board. He said that the recall effort appears to be falling far short of its goal, but did mention that the upcoming election in November can be used to unseat at least one of the "rogue" members of the present Board.

## **GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - Deputy Ferrell - was present and spoke about the unauthorized police officers who have been presenting themselves as being "authorized" Federal officers, complete with badges, other ID, weapons, and ammunition. Deputy Ferrell wanted to caution everyone.

In the absence of Norm Hickling - Los Angeles County Supervisor's office - who had to leave the meeting earlier, Paul Novak spoke about some of recent fires and their effect on houses. He also spoke about the "Trash to Electricity" proposal, and the resulting suit that followed because of a single dissenter. From this followed the need to have hearings in the Antelope Valley. He also mentioned about setting up water usage standards by County area - noting that the County has proposed a new building plan that defines use of alternative power, use of plants that are native to the area, and no lawns. Then (in response to a question from Mr. Pomeroy), Mr. Novak said that the hauled water issue has not yet been settled, primarily due to County Health's concern about the level of arsenic in the water.

## **REPORTS**

### **Future Speakers**

A possible speaker for the October meeting might be J. Lopez of the LA County Fire Department, but this has not been confirmed.

### **Election Committee**

The Town Council is still looking for people to be on the committee; Mr. Pomeroy said three persons have volunteered, so far.

### **Yo-Yo Committee**

The committee will not meet in August, but Mr. Pierce reported that the committee will meet on the third Thursday in September (Sep 18) and discuss what needs to be done next.

### **Resource Development Committee**

Mr. Pomeroy stated that the glasses for the Wine Tasting Event will be ordered within the next 30 days.

### **Community Standards Information Committee**

nothing is scheduled.

### **JHCA Liaison Report**

Mr. Pierce said that he was not present for the July meeting of the Board. Mrs. Weatherbie reported on the completion of the stuccoing of the building, and the new windows.

As an "addendum" item to Communications, it was brought up that a person outside Juniper Hills had tried to set up a Miss Juniper Hills. The Fair Board has given a "green light" on the project, and this person had tried to get the approval of the JHCA and the JHTC, and both organizations turned the person down flatly. A letter had been sent to the Fair Board, but no response has been received. Several members of the JH community plan to attend the upcoming August meeting of the Fair Board to express their concern. It was requested by both the Pearblossom and Littlerock communities that Juniper Hills persons appear and express their non-desire to have an outsider representing Juniper Hills, as Miss Juniper Hills.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Illegal Grading**

Deputy Ferrell had reported on the situation earlier in his report - noting that all activity has been stopped, awaiting outcome of hearings.

### **Wilderness Bill**

This will remain as an open item, and an "email blast" will be sent to persons living on the Hill advising them about the current progress. Ms. Richter moved, seconded by Mr. DiJulio, that the Town Council set up a sub-committee of three members to meet with the congressman. HR6156 is viewable on the McKeon website.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Town Council Website**

Mr. Reichel asked if there was any plan to update the website, since nothing had been done to it since January. We will look for someone who is "website savvy".

### **Town Council Signage**

The question was 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, and find out about the possibility of putting up a professional-looking sign below the County sign, or ask if they can assist in any way.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Pierce - Secretary