



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting
May 7, 2014
Minutes

<p>Called to order by Brenda Avadian, the General Meeting of the Juniper Hills Town Council was held April 2, 2014, 7:01 P.M. at the Juniper Hills Community Center 31401 106th St East, Juniper Hills, California 93543</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>																														
<p>The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jan Wise.</p>	<p>FLAG SALUTE</p>																														
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<p>Minutes of April 2, 2014 were approved as presented.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p>																														
<p>Treasurer's Report was presented by Jan Wise. The balance as of 4-30-14 was \$2,939.24 of which \$328.36 is for the YoYo Committee. Only new bill was the post office box rental for \$34. Treasurer's report was approved by the Council.</p>	<p>TREASURER</p>																														
<p>Juniper Hills Community Association (http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhca/index.htm) – June 7 – General Meeting and Dinner (Potluck) (6 – 9pm) June 14 – Chipper Day</p> <p>9 people attended the clean-up day and the Church volunteered to continue working on the "To Do List".</p> <p>Devil's Punchbowl County Park (http://www.devils-punchbowl.com) – May 10 & June 7 - 8:00 pm - Moonlit Hikes May 31 - 8:00 pm -Telescope Program Sundays at 1 pm San Andreas Fault Tour</p>	<p>ITEMS OF INTEREST</p>																														
<p>Norm Hickling, Field Deputy for Supervisor Antonovich was unable to attend, but sent these following responses: Water Adjudication – The settlement discussion between all the parties continues. Progress has been made and it seems they are very close. The key issue of discussion now is the amount of water and how it will allocated among the various stakeholders within the case. It is a small amount of water, in the overall context of the valley, but is critical. Hopefully there will be a resolution soon.</p> <p>Proposed OHV Park Status – No status change on the proposed park. Still receiving letters from those who are opposed and those who are in favor of the park. No land has been purchased, nor has any action been taken towards the necessary environmental studies. There are many questions that need to be answered by the department before any action will be taken. Brenda advised that she still has not yet received any updates from Kathline King, as she (King) had promised.</p> <p>Increase in # of temporary buildings on Ft. Tejon – All the letters and communicated concerns</p>	<p>GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>																														

<p>from the community have been relayed to Regional Planning and Building and Safety. Several inspections of the property have been conducted and these inspections have resulted in two Notices of Violation (NOV) issued. They each have a 30-day time limit for corrective action to be done to mitigate the issues.</p> <p>Cement Mining Permit – This is still in the application process. Mine to be at Ave T between 126th to 136th Street East. This is 310 acres for an aggregate mine. EIR has been completed and no significant impact was found.</p> <p>Grand opening of the High Desert Medical, at 335 E Ave. I, Lancaster. The community is invited to the ribbon cutting on May 30th at 10 a.m.</p> <p>Deputy Andrew Cronin gave us an update on the crime and activities in our area. There were 3 lost hikers at the Devil Punchbowl. There was one report of a gunshot. DUI checkpoints are being set up and by law, they must be announced to the public.</p>	
<p>REPORTS</p>	
<p>Future Speakers: DPR Rep., re OHV, Dr. Michael F. Allen, PHD Director, Professor of Biology and Plant Pathology and Microbiology at the University of California - Riverside to discuss the effects of environmental changes that are underway and Valley Fever (Sheila to contact); Antelope Valley Disaster Relief Network, Danielle Valentino, LA County Metro Community Relations Manager to speak about the High Desert Corridor Project- June? (Decided that we would not ask her to speak.</p>	<p>FUTURE SPEAKERS</p>
<p>Next meeting: Thursday, June 5 at 7 pm Contact Lori Weatherbie: 944-1351 or mikew@qnet.com Chipper Day June 14</p>	<p>YOYO Committee</p>
<p>Winetasting Committee- 2014 next meeting 5-16-14 at 7 pm Contact Karen Ostler: 944-1351 or innerscapes@antelecom.net</p>	<p>Resource Development Committee</p>
<p>Web Site – Mark Benz is our webmaster. Lori Weatherbie is the person in charge of the community Eblast. There are currently 119 Email addresses on the Eblast. Continue to let community members know of this communications source and put them in contact with Lori at mikew@qnet.com to get connected or link through the website.</p>	<p>Website and Email List</p>
<p>Report of the April 30 Rural Town council Meeting by Debbie Phillips LA-RICS – The Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System – “Is a single, unified system for the entire region. Currently, our region’s public safety communication infrastructure platforms are aged and in need of replacement. Our firefighters and law enforcement officers’ ability to respond is impacted by the multiple systems lack of standardization rising maintenance costs confusion from too many radio frequencies, and limited interoperability”. A Grant has been obtained to update the current system with a more modern one. This is a Joint Powers authority with 81 Agencies involved in this project. The system will first be available to State agencies and then the Federal Agencies. First project will be the installation of new cell towers which will be constructed at existing sites. (Fire and Police Stations), 70 feet will be the tallest. The Grant is for \$300 million. This is the pilot project. Next meeting May 28th and Walt will attend.</p> <p>Sheila requested that Brenda send the ARTC Agenda to all council members.</p>	<p>ARTC Report</p>

<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>	
<p>The CA Fire Fee Controversy- It was suggested that everyone contact the California Attorney General to urge a resolution of this issue. The phone number is (916) 445-9555 or go on the website https://oag.ca.gov/contact/general-comment-question-or-complaint-form to express your opinion. Appeal needs to be filed within 30 days from the date of your bill. Fees went up due to the cost of living adjustment.</p>	CA Fire Fee
<p>The revised draft of the Councils' letter to the Supervisor Antonovich was presented and approved with one change. The change was to insert 2014 after the March 5 date. The letter will be sent to the Supervisor and also sent out via our Eblast system to those on the system.</p>	Proposed OHV Park
<p>Quality of Internet service in-rural Juniper Hills. There are three ways of receiving internet service here in Juniper Hills, satellite, micro wave or land lines. Some of the providers are Antelecom, Wild Blue (Exceed) AV Radio Net, Hughes Net and Dish. As it stands for the moment, these are only options. Once we get new transmission lines, it will open our area up to get better internet service. We can only get new transmissions lines if we report all the problems we are currently having with our land lines.</p>	Internet Service in JH
<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	
<p>History of the Yahoo email group. During the Station Fire, Vance would send out email updates to keep the community informed of what was happening. After the fire It was then decided that a community email group should be formed to facilitate this communication issue.</p> <p>Should we move from the current Yahoo groups to JuniperHills-ca.org? The current system is very cumbersome to add a new recipient. You must add them, then send an email to them that they must respond to in order to be added to the group. Some of the other problems are, the lack of confidence in the security of Yahoo because they sell their list to other vendors. The Yahoo email group does not seem to be a problem. The problem seems to be if you have a personal Yahoo email address.</p> <p>Who should receive notifications? The information shared by this system is relevant for the residence of our community. Lost or found animals, events coming up in our community, events happening in the AV that could be a benefit to the residence, etc. Some give names, telephone numbers and addresses. Do we really want to share this information with people outside our community?</p> <p>Who is to decide who can and who cannot be added? Brenda does not feel comfortable with being the person to decide. What guidelines do we need to set up?</p> <p>How do we want to move forward with our email list? Viki Kempenaar suggested that Brenda bring this issue up at the general meeting of the Juniper Hills Association to get their input also. Maybe someone from the association should also be on the email control list. Currently Lori Weatherbie, Don Pierce, Brenda Avadian and Debbie Phillips are on this list.</p> <p>Other Yahoo groups have the ability to do direct post. Should we also have that ability? Concerns are that our Yahoo group would create excessive emails.</p>	JHTC Community Notification System
<p>Meeting adjourned at: 8:45 P.M. Sheila Whitehouse Secretary</p>	ADJOURNMENT