



**JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL**

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**General Meeting**

**April 2, 2014**

**Minutes**

<p>Called to order by Brenda Avadian, the <b>General Meeting</b> of the Juniper Hills Town Council was held April 2, 2014, <b>7:01 P.M. at the</b> Juniper Hills Community Center 31401 106<sup>th</sup> St East, Juniper Hills, California 93543</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p>																														
<p>The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Milo Brown.</p>	<p><b>FLAG SALUTE</b></p>																														
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<p>Minutes of March were approved as amended: Who made the motion, seconded and how the council members voted for the OHV park and going forward we will state such in our minutes. Debbie wants to add the following "Debbie stated that it was worthy of being on the agenda." Any items we vote on should be on the agenda for transparency.</p>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p>																														
<p>Treasurer's Report was presented by Jan Wise. The balance as of 3-31-14 is \$3,117.51. of which \$328.36 is for the YoYo Committee. Two bills presented. Web domain names for \$34. from Qnet. Milo made the motion to approve and Sheila seconded the motion, all approved. Second bill is for our half of the January all community newsletter sent out by the Juniper Hills Community Association. Our share is \$110.27. Milo made the motion to approve and Sheila seconded the motion, all approved. The Treasurer report approved.</p>	<p><b>TREASURER</b></p>																														
<p>Juniper Hills Community Association (<a href="http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhca/index.htm">http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhca/index.htm</a>) – April 5 – Pancake Breakfast (8-11am) Spring Cleaning Yard Sale (8am-3pm) May 3 – JHCC Workday 8am-1pm (lunch provided for workers)</p> <p>Devil's Punchbowl County Park (<a href="http://www.devils-punchbowl.com">http://www.devils-punchbowl.com</a>) – April 12 – 7:00 pm – Moonlit Hike May 3 – 8:pm Telescope Program Sundays at 1 pm San Andreas Fault Tour</p> <p>Free Dump Day 4-12-14 8am-12pm (Lancaster Landfill-600 E Ave F, Lancaster, CA Waste tire collection, Saturday 4-46 from 9am to 3pm at the County facilities 8505 E. Ave T, Littlerock, Ca. AARP Vista Program: Free tax preparation for moderate to low income households, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Palmdale Community Church on Palmdale Blvd. and 11<sup>th</sup> Street East. The Antelope Valley Conservation District is having their plant sale on May 3.</p>	<p><b>ITEMS OF INTEREST</b></p>																														
<p>Norm Hickling, Field Deputy for Supervisor Antonovich Water Adjudication - Ongoing settlement talks. The federal government is talking to the County. The lawyers are working directly under the Judge. The lawyers are working to approve a consultant to expedite the process.</p> <p>Proposed OHV Park Status - Norm is going to a meeting on this tomorrow, so does not have a status update for us this month. Brenda asked Norm to ask Kathline King when she will be sharing the update information on this project with all who attended the Jackie Robinson Park meeting and signed up on the email list. Norm advised that anyone can write Norm's office and get an update. Note: The Town Council (and residents in attendance) expressed their appreciation to Norm Hickling and Supervisor Antonovich for their efforts to re-establish</p>	<p><b>GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p>																														

<p>communication between the JHTC and the DPR regarding the OHV Park. (There was little or no communication from the DPR to the JHTC since November 2013 following the Community Meeting in Littlerock. See Feb. 25, 2014 letter on file.)</p> <p>Hauled Water – They have agreed on a consultant and the EIR can move forward. Once it is done, then they can go back to the Supervisors and make the changes to get approval for hauled water in Juniper Hills and like areas.</p> <p>Increase in # of temporary buildings on Ft. Tejon – Regional planning is aware that the trailers are there. The new owner is trying to get permits. The buildings were classified as classrooms, so the owner must go through the process to get them reclassified as structures used for agricultural purposes. He wants to create an organic farm and says the buildings will be used as hot houses, not as housing.</p> <p>Norm was made aware that the owner has now moved a fifth wheel onto the property and is living there. Norm met separately with residents who had additional information regarding this property. Norm suggested contacting Tina Carlton or Regional Planning 661-723-4475 regarding the temporary buildings.</p> <p>Cement Mining Permit - 104 year permit, still in the application process. Mine to be at Ave T between 126<sup>th</sup> to 136<sup>th</sup> Street East. Brenda asked, what impact would this have on our dark sky policy?</p> <p>City Sanitation trucks tearing up Barrel Springs, Mt Emma, and Fort Tejon Rd. Waste material being dumped at tree farms. Truckers taking this route because of the ease. County said it was the Dust Buster Program.</p> <p>Horse crossing access on 96<sup>th</sup> – There will be no crossing there, it will be put in at 87<sup>th</sup> street where there is a traffic signal.</p> <p>Deputy Andrew Cronin gave us an update on the crime statistics in our area.</p>	
<p>Ranger Dave Numer &amp; Jonathan Numer (Devil's Punchbowl County Park &amp; Wildlife Sanctuary gave an informative presentation on the effects of the drought on our juniper trees. They say it is the lack of water and not the mistletoe that is killing the trees. Photos of the various earthquake faults were presented to all attendees and the discussion of little known faults in our area followed. They also brought a live owl and snake to show.</p>	
<p><b>REPORTS</b></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.</p>	<p><b>FUTURE SPEAKERS</b></p>
<p>Next meeting: Thursday, April 3 at 7 pm Contact Lori Weatherbie: 944-1351 or <a href="mailto:mikew@qnet.com">mikew@qnet.com</a></p>	<p><b>YOYO Committee</b></p>
<p>Winetasting Committee- 2014 next meeting 5-16-14 at 7 pm Contact Karen Ostler: 944-1351 or <a href="mailto:innerscapes@antelecom.net">innerscapes@antelecom.net</a></p>	<p><b>Resource Development Committee</b></p>
<p>Web Site – Mark Benz is our webmaster. Lori Weatherbie is the person in charge of the community Eblast. There are currently 115 Email addresses on the Eblast. Continue to let community members know of this communications source and put them in contact with Lori at <a href="mailto:mikew@qnet.com">mikew@qnet.com</a> to get connected.</p>	<p><b>Website and Email List</b></p>
<p>No one attended the meeting to report on JHWG Activities and concerns. We have included this subject under Government Representative, so will delete the liaison report since we haven't had one for quite some time. [Note: the JHWG is not part of the JHTC]</p>	<p><b>JH Water Group Liaison Report</b></p>
<p>Jan Wise and Sheila Whitehouse attended the monthly meeting. Jan reported that the main topic at the meeting was how the county would accomplish its commitment to reducing the greenhouse emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. Leon Freeman of the L A County Department</p>	<p><b>ARTC Report</b></p>

<p>of Regional planning made the presentation. The report showed that from 1990 to 2012 the emission had increased 11%. With what the State has already done, 78% of their requirement has already been met. The other 12% will be met by green building (solar panels or wind mills), transportation (bike lanes), water conservation, waste reduction, recycling and tree planting. Whatever any individual or company does, they will get credit for it toward their reduction.</p> <p>The Fort Tejon Conservancy (ranch/sanctuary) is now open for tours by appointment.</p> <p>Walt Grabe will attend the April 30 meeting.</p>	
<p><b><u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u></b></p>	
<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 <a href="https://oag.ca.gov/contact/general-comment-question-or-complaint-form">https://oag.ca.gov/contact/general-comment-question-or-complaint-form</a> 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. Appeal forms were provided on the sign-in table.</p>	<p><b>CA Fire Fee</b></p>
<p>A copy of the draft letter was sent to all council members to review before the meeting. The letter was read to those attending the meeting. The letter was reviewed by the council members and four changes were agreed on. First change was to include the March 5 date that the Council voted to oppose the OHV park. The second change was the wording on item 2. Fire, to "of greater concern is that the community of Juniper Hills is adjacent to the proposed park". The third change was to item 4. Enforcement and security change to "Sheriff and Park representatives cannot guarantee that personnel will be present while the park remains open. Lack of enforcement and supervision raises significantly the risk of fire, crime, and wind-blown trash." The fourth change is to refer to this proposed project as the Littlerock Off-Highway Vehicle park. Changes will be made and a revised letter will be presented at our next meeting. It will be sent to the Supervisor, Norm, and the community at the same time.</p>	<p><b>Proposed OHV Park</b></p>
<p>Status of Board of Supervisors motion on Hauled Water – Norm advised that they have decided on a consultant and are finalizing negotiations.</p>	<p><b>Hauled Water</b></p>
<p>Quality of Internet service in-rural Juniper Hills. Wild Blue has been given good reviews. The service is based off different service plans and cost. \$61 for minimal service. Hot spots can be used in certain areas. Will continue to research.</p>	<p><b>Internet Service in JH</b></p>
<p><b><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></b></p>	
<p>Move from Yahoo groups to JuniperHills-ca.org? Who shall receive notifications? This item was tabled. How do we want to move forward with our email list?</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned at: 9:50 P.M. Sheila Whitehouse Secretary</p>	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p>