



**JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL**

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**February 1, 2012**

**MINUTES**

<p>The <b>General Meeting</b> of the Juniper Hills Town Council was called to order by president Vance Pomeroy at the Juniper Hills Community Center, 31401 106<sup>th</sup> St East, Juniper Hills, California 93543, on February 1, 2012 at 7:05 pm.</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p>																														
<p>The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Whitehouse.</p>	<p><b>FLAG SALUTE</b></p>																														
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<p>Minutes of December 7, 2011 were approved as published.</p>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p>																														
<p>Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. Mr. Pierce reported a balance of \$3655.00 at year end. The January 2012 balance is \$3655.00 of which \$95.00 are YOYO funds. Mr. Pierce reminded the Council that we have an obligation to pay a portion of the January newsletter. Mrs. Avadian is to ask Mr. Borden the amount owing, not only for 2012, but 2011 as well. Mr. Pierce also indicated he would soon be receiving a bill from QNET for the two Web addresses and wanted a motion to pay for both. Motion was made by Mrs. Weatherbie, second by Mrs. Conrad to pay QNET for both web sites. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>TREASURER</b></p>																														
<p>Mr. Pomeroy discussed the following::  LACo Reg'l Planning – County General Plan and Town&amp;Country AV Areawide Plan  <a href="http://planning.lacounty.gov/tnc">http://planning.lacounty.gov/tnc</a> Mrs. Avadian stated she has a concern about overpopulation of large animals based on her observations of the new guidelines of eight large animals per acre, and planned to write a letter to the County regarding these concerns. Motion was made by Mrs. Weatherbie, second by Mr. Pierce and passed 5 to1, to have Mrs. Avadian present her concerns as that of the Town Council. Mrs. Avadian to draft a letter and distribute for approval.</p> <p>New waste collection franchise option: Mr. Hickling indicated meetings would be held with each Town Council in the Valley.</p> <p>Mr. Pomeroy briefly mentioned the warning about a "Relative in Distress" telephone scam.</p> <p>The Addiction Treatment Program on Longview – is allowed six or less residents and has been sited for having more. If problems occur, call the Sheriff. Note was made that they have been throwing trash about, including lighted cigarettes. If the owner applies to have a larger group, it will require a CUP in order to get a license for more.</p> <p>GAO Report on the Station Fire was in the Newspaper.</p> <p>Rural Outdoor Lighting Ordinance was presented to the Supervisors, who asked for changes to be made. Mr. Pomeroy said the changes are not adverse to the Juniper Hills Standards.</p> <p>Vulcan Plant – Bright Lights – Mrs. Avadian stated there is a gravel plant near Llano. A neighbor visited the plant and asked that the bright lights be turned off. They were very accommodating. They would be willing to give a tour of the plant.</p> <p>UCLA WCCC Cycle Race will be held Saturday, February 18, 2012, 8:00 to 4:00. The Sheriff issued the permit. The leaders and stragglers are not supposed to be more than a mile apart.</p> <p>The last Community meeting for the Desert Corridor is this evening.</p>	<p><b>COMMUNICATION</b></p>																														

<p>Mr. Pomeroy announced the following activities in the community.  Juniper Hills Community Association (<a href="http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhca/index.htm">http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhca/index.htm</a>)  February 4 Pancake Breakfast – 8-11am  Devil’s Punchbowl County Park (<a href="http://www.devils-punchbowl.com">http://www.devils-punchbowl.com</a>)  February 4 Full Moon Hike – 7pm  February 18 Telescope Program – 8pm</p>	<p><b>ITEMS OF INTEREST</b></p>
<p>Norm Hickling, Field Deputy for Supervisor Antonovich, stated trash contract prices will be controlled by a franchise, which is being developed, and will provide for a ninety day cancellation. Motion was made by Mrs. Weatherbie, second by Mrs. Avadian to ask the representative from the County to come to the Juniper Hills Town Council meeting in April to speak about the proposed franchise, as we already have a guest speaker in March. Motion passed. County must implement franchise by July 1, 2012.</p>	<p><b>GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES’ ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p>
<p><b>REPORTS</b></p>	
<p>Future Speakers were discussed – Peggy Ronning, AV Indian Museum in March; Bob Blount, USFS in May; and David Borden, Watermaster in October have been confirmed. Suggestions for future: Edwards AFB; Art Evans; Knight/Runner; AV Conservation Dist. Mrs. Weatherbie indicated Mr. Evans had responded to an email stating he would arrange a future visit to be available as a speaker in 2013.</p>	<p><b>FUTURE SPEAKERS</b></p>
<p>Mrs. Weatherbie indicated no meeting had been held since the last Town Council meeting. Next meeting: tomorrow night, February 2, 7pm</p>	<p><b>YOYO Committee</b></p>
<p>Winetasting Committee – 2012 event scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>. Committee to begin preparation in the Spring with International Wines to be included.</p>	<p><b>Resource Development Committee</b></p>
<p>Mr. Benz continues to update the web site as documents are passed along to him.</p>	<p><b>Webmaster/Website/ Email List</b></p>
<p>Discussion was held. Committee needs to be developed and they select their own chair.</p>	<p><b>Election Committee</b></p>
<p>The Lease Agreement for the use of the Community Center was discussed. It was determined the agreement for 2011 needs to be signed as well as 2012.</p>	<p><b>JHCA Liaison Report</b></p>
<p>Report on JHWG Activities and concerns  [Note: the JHWG is not part of the JHTC]</p>	<p><b>JH Water Group Liaison Report</b></p>
<p>Mr. Pierce stated they had discussed the upcoming “Trash Collection Franchise” at the meeting and that presentations will be made to each Town Council. Mr. Pierce indicated a substantial amount of the meeting was taken up by discussion of the Wind Generator situation in Fairmont. He stated that Wayne Argo will no longer be president in 2013, and they are looking for a replacement. Quartz Hill mentioned the new drain system down 50<sup>th</sup> St. West. Next meeting: Thursday, February 23, 2012, 7pm, which will be attended by Cathy Conrad; Mr. Pomeroy in March. Meetings (last Thursday of each month, Jan-Oct)  AV-ARTC@yahoo.com</p>	<p><b>ARTC Report</b></p>
<p><b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b></p>	
<p>Mr. Pomeroy indicated the last meeting of the County wide group was quite productive in that there would only be small intrusion by the County. They agreed the only item needed for construction of a new, single family home, based on hauled water, was the use of a disinfection system at the home delivery point. Homes currently using hauled water will not be affected, and homes whose wells became less productive during part of the year could arrange for hauled water without any concern. In addition, there are not specifications for a tank except that it be galvanized. This will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval in the near future.</p>	<p><b>Hauled Water</b></p>
<p>Comment Period extended to February 13 for San Gabriel River study. Mr. Hickling stated that Supervisor Antonovich is not concerned about the Communities that are within the proposed boundaries of the Angeles National Park should not be concerned as they will still under County jurisdiction. Suggested we talk to Bob Blount, Head Ranger, U. S. Forest</p>	<p><b>Rim of the Valley/San Gabriel River Special Studies</b></p>

<p>Service. The Forest Service is building a new office in Acton, next to the Library, to replace their office that burned down during the Station Fire. The County is building an Interpretive Center in Vasquez Park.</p>	
<p><b><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></b></p>	
<p>Extensive discussion was held especially concerning costs and metering. It was decided that it is necessary to meet with Mr. Antonovich, alone, without County Council and then get a press release ready.  If the Council wants to be heard, we should be more forceful in the opinions we have. It was stated, "the attorneys are running it." County Water Works is being so aggressive. We need to not Blindsight Mr. Antonovich and not go to the press first, but we need to begin now.  Motion by Mrs. Weatherbie, second by Mrs. Whitehouse to adopt Mr. Pomeroy's statement which follows:  "The Juniper Hills Town Council believes that our community is being severely impacted by the current Water Adjudication trial to an extent that we need to make our community's concerns known to the Supervisor, the Court and the public so that the rights of the community members a preserved to the greatest extent possible."  Brenda requested this clause be added: The rural and very minimal water use of our residents  Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p><b>Water Adjudication Economic Report</b></p>
<p>Mrs. Weatherbie stated she hoped the wind generator and mirror driven solar collectors would never be located in the Eastern Antelope Valley. Mr. Hickling stated they are not economically feasible for generating electricity.</p>	<p><b>Red Lights and Mirrors</b></p>
<p>Mrs. Weatherbie stated that with the help of the County's Consumer Affairs Office, she was able to get the cost of trash pickup at her home reduced by \$68.00 a month.</p>	<p><b>Trash</b></p>
<p>Mrs. Kempenaar expressed concern about a new Arena that has been developed east of Noel Neil's home, south of Ross Road and North of Four Winds Road. The Arena is larger than a football field, with additional space for parking. Mr. Hickling to check on it.</p>	<p><b>Large Horse Arena</b></p>
<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.   Lori Weatherbie  Secretary</p>	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p>