



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting
April 3, 2013
Minutes

The **General Meeting** of the Juniper Hills Town Council was held **April 3, 2013, 7:00 P.M.** at the Juniper Hills Community Center 31401 106th St East, Juniper Hills, California 93543

The meeting was called to order by: Lori Weatherbie at 7 P.M.	CALL TO ORDER																														
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Milo Brown	FLAG SALUTE																														
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Motion made by Don and seconded by Milo to accept the March 6, 2013 minutes as corrected. Motion passed.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES																														
Motion made by Walt and seconded by Milo to accept the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$3,662.71, including the \$387 of the YoYo committee. Motion passed. Lori submitted a bill for \$317.40 for stamps for the mailing of the Charter voting information. Motion made by Sheila and Milo seconded to approve this bill. Motion passed. The bill for the printing of the Charter mailing materials will be received by mail.	TREASURER																														
<p>We received a letter from Supervisor Antonovich confirming the receipt of the council's letter regarding the proposed budget cuts for the sheriff's department in our area and how much we appreciate and respect what Deputies Andrew Cronin and Robert Ferrel do for our community and the importance of the continuation of their work in our community, He assured us that he would forward our concerns to Sheriff Baca.</p> <p>Sheriff Baca, in like responded to our kind words regarding Deputies Andrew Cronin and Robert Ferrell and stated the Deputies would be notified of our commendations and documentation would be put in their files.</p> <p>Captain Don Ford of the Palmdale station, also sent a thank you letter and reconfirmed that our commendation of Deputies Andrew Cronin and Robert Ferrel were appreciated and the information would be put on record in their files.</p> <p>Notices regarding Hazardous Waste, "Trash Talk" Newsletter, Dump Day, Tire Recycling had been set to the community by email blast. Don also let us know that on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month you could also bring toxic waste to the dump free. Lori also reported that sharps and medications can also be taken to the Sheriff's station</p>	COMMUNICATION																														
<p>Juniper Hills Community Association upcoming events presented by Lori. April 6 at 6:30 pm, Dessert Under the Stars – Topic to be presented by Dr. Thompson "How Big is the Universe?" Junibeas will provide Desserts. June 1, 6-9:00 pm – General Meeting and Potluck Dinner</p> <p>Devil's Punchbowl County Park (http://www.devils-punchbowl.com) – April 6, 8pm - Telescope Program April 27, 7pm - Moonlit Hike</p>	ITEMS OF INTEREST																														

<p>Debbie Phillips introduced our guest speaker, Hudson Minshew, District Conservationist, from the regional USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).</p> <p>The Natural Resources Conservation Service is the Department of Agriculture's principle agency for providing conservation technical assistance to private landowners, resource conservation districts, tribes and other units of government and organizations through a national network of technically skilled and professional conservationists. These conservationists deliver consistent science-based, site- specific solutions to help private landowners voluntarily conserve, maintain and improve our Nation's natural resources.</p> <p>This agency came into existence after the "dust bowl" and has been present in the Antelope Valley since 1941.</p> <p>In the Antelope Valley they are primarily involved with the dust control problems. The Antelope Valley has been designated to be a prime source of renewable solar energy since we have so much vacant farm land.</p> <p>Hudson will email his presentation to Debbie Phillips in PDF format to forward to the rest of the council.</p> <p>Sonia Hicks, LACo Department of Mental Health, informed us of what the county does in the Antelope Valley. She hosts a gathering of all the agencies in the Antelope Valley to encourage the exchange of knowledge and information between agencies. The next meeting will be the 1st Tuesday in June. She will email the information to Lori regarding the June meeting.</p> <p>Last year she organized the free medical, dental and vision, event that served over 1000 people last year. This year the event will be held October 9th, hopefully at the AV Fair grounds. Any donation our town council or residence of Juniper Hills could make for this event would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>The Service Area Advisory committee meets the third Thursday of every month at Sonia's office.</p>	<p>GUEST SPEAKERS HUDSON MINSHEW, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST AND SONIA HICKS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH</p>
<p>Norm Hickling, Field Deputy for Supervisor Antonovich The County Supervisors voted to continue the Sheriff's budget here in the Antelope Valley.</p> <p>AB109- Early Release of Prisoners – The huge influx of 14,000 newly released prisoners, many of which were in prison for serious crimes, has made a huge negative impact on Los Angeles County and Supervisor Antonovich is working to get Governor Brown to reconsider this decision.</p> <p>Hauled Water- Data is still being analyzed to determine what type of environmental impact study needs to be completed to move forward. Supervisor Antonovich is pushing for a negative declaration.</p> <p>Water Suit- Still nothing positive happening. Most people want to get this resolved. Still in the same place they were years ago. Depositions being taken next week in preparation for the next phase of trial, even though there was no judicial decision made during the previous phase.</p> <p>Santa Clara is the proposed site for phase four of the trial, due to facilities, which is absurd when the trial is regarding Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Los Angeles Co. Sheriff's Department – Deputy Andrew Cronin Only minor incidents in our area. April is "Distracted Drivers Month" will be citing drivers for talking or texting on cell phone, reading, eating. Graffiti removal is available. The number is 1-800-675-4357. You will get an automated list of responses, use #2. They are very good at having the graffiti removed quickly.</p>	<p>GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>

REPORTS	
Future Speakers - May 1, Blue Ribbon Committee Suggestions for future: Edwards AFB; Art Evans; Knight/Runner; AV Conservation District; Waste Management, Deputy Cronin,	FUTURE SPEAKERS
Next meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2013 Chipper Day – June 8, 10:30 am-2:00pm Bins from Waste Management for Chipper Day Assessing Residential Wildfire Hazards, Wednesday, April 10, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, Duarte, per an Email from J Lopez re Wildfire Mitigation in Colorado and New Mexico	YOYO Committee
Winetasting Committee – 2013 First meeting April 5 at Weatherbie’s – No additional volunteers are needed for the wine selection committee. Other Resources – Discussion re Ce Hurdle’s products- Additional fund raising not currently needed.	Resource Development Committee
Web Site – Mark is concerned that it is not up to date. He feels his software is adequate to continue the website, but needs to be given until September to get things back on track. Motion made by Milo and seconded by Sheila to give Mark until September to resolve the website issues. Motion passed. Email – 111 Members registered	Website and Email List
Election committee consists of Brenda Avadian, chairman and Debbie Phillips. Additional members are being requested. The three members up for reelection are Lori Weatherbie, Don Pierce and Sheila Whitehouse. Lori is the only member who will not be willing to continue on the board. Candidates being sought.	Election Committee
Report on JHCA Activities and concerns	JHCA Liaison Report
Report from Norm Hickling – Major issue discussed was the proposed franchised trash hauling. Still under discussion as to the mechanics of how the Antelope Valley would be divided up or if it will be divided up. Next meeting: April 24, Lori volunteered to attend the next meeting.	ARTC Report
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
Status of Board of Supervisors motion on Hauled Water- See discussion with Norm Hickling	Hauled Water
Charter and By-Laws revision – Complete and ready to be mailed. Status of Mailing- Sent on 3-20-13 by Lori Weatherbie Have two volunteers to man the polls on April 20.	Charter and By-Laws
Santa Clarita Velo bike race – May 11 – Sponsors said they will keep the spectators off Longview.	Bike Race
NEW BUSINESS	
CA Fire Fee Controversy – continues – Jarvis Suit now in place	CA Fire Fee
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M. Respectfully Submitted, Sheila Whitehouse, Secretary	ADJOURNMENT