



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting

MAY 6, 2015

Minutes

<p>Called to order by Jan Wise, the General Meeting of the Juniper Hills Town Council was held May 6, 2015 7:00 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 by Bud Seidel</p>	<p>FLAG SALUTE</p>																									
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<p>Minutes of April 1, 2015 were approved with correction to spelling. Motion made by Jan and seconder by Bud. All approved.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p>																									
<p>Treasurer's Report – Balance as of 4-30-15 was \$3015.16 Bills presented: None Treasurer's report approved.</p>	<p>TREASURER</p>																									
<p>Juniper Hills Community Association [http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhca/index.htm] Report on JHCA Activities and concerns - Viki Kempenaar May 16 from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Work Day- Need Volunteers</p> <p>Devil's Punchbowl County Park [http://www.devils-punchbowl.com] May 16 at 8:00 p.m. -Telescope Program June 27 at 8:00 p.m. - Moonlit Hike Sundays at 1:00 p.m. - San Andreas Fault Tour</p>	<p>ITEMS OF INTEREST</p>																									
<p>Norm Hickling, Field Deputy for Supervisor Antonovich - Norm was unable to attend this month's meeting.</p> <p>Los Angeles Co. Sheriff's Department – Deputy Cronin 661-860-1413 General Questions/ Contact, dial 211 – For Emergencies, dial 911. Non-emergency situation that is suspicious, note the details then call the Palmdale Station immediately: 661-272-2400.</p> <p>County settlement- Deputy Cronin will have more information by next meeting. The Palmdale Station didn't do anything wrong. Deputy Sitz has been on loan and will be back soon. She and Deputy Cronin will look into the illegal dumping that has been occurring in our area. If you see any illegal dumping call the task force.</p> <p>The County is hiring new council to go after the illegal marijuana stores.</p> <p>Prop 47, Possession of Narcotic, changed the charge from a felony to a misdemeanor and has taken away the law enforcements powers.</p>	<p>GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>																									

REPORTS	
David Brackin, LA County Deputy Agriculture Commissioner –Spoke about care and state of juniper trees in our area. He commented that our junipers were in much better condition than those in Acton, where 40% of them are dead. How to save a juniper tree: deep water infrequently and water outside of the canopy of the tree. Mistletoe is a stress factor but not the cause of the demise of the juniper trees. His observation from driving around Juniper Hills prior to our meeting was the poor condition of our Pinon Pines. He equates their problem to the lack of water and the bark beetle.	Speaker
Bob Blount from the USFS – Maybe in August	FUTURE SPEAKERS
The YOYO Committee is a standing committee under the JHTC. (Meetings are held on even months.)Next meeting: Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 7 PM. Contact Lori Weatherbie: 944-1351 or email mikew@qnet.com Chipper Day will be May 2 from 10-2. We had a successful “Chipper Day” May 2, 23 residence used the service and brought 43 loads of potential fire material to be chipped and hauled away.	YOYO Committee
The 2015 Winetasting Event The next meeting will be May 16. The event will be held October 24 and the cost of the tickets will be \$35. Chairperson: Karen Ostler: 944-9844 or innerscapers@antelecom.net	Resource Development Committee
Web Site – Mark Benz is our webmaster. We will be removing the OHV information, and adding links to the CA Fire Fee Protest and LA County illegal dumping websites.	JHTC Website
Update re: new platform for JH Community Notification System Currently we have 124 email subscribers under our Yahoo system. Members of our notification team are Jan Wise- JHTC, Mark Benz-JHCA, Lori Weatherbie - YOYO and Viki Kempenaar-backup We are having a problem with attachments and are working on correcting those problems. No date set yet for the release of the new system. We are currently staying with our existing system.	JHTC Community Notification System
Area Rural Town Council April 29, 2015 report by Bud Seidel Next meeting: May 27, 2015 – Jan Wise will attend. <i>JHTC Members rotate attendance at these meetings held the last Wednesday of the month.</i> Rich Campbell – AV Conservation Northwest discussed how to abate dust. Use mulch & mulch berms; do not clear ground by pulling the weed, but rater using a weed whacker which will leave the roots in the ground to hold the soil. Also plant Salt Bruch and Indian Rice Grass. Review the CSD and the rewrites, so no changes. Renewable Energy – concerned with the Wind Towers, but also solar 2.5 ac you can use ¼ of it for renewable energy. Ten acres you could use up to 50%. There isn’t currently an ordinance in place where a permit process is required. Title 22 update- on review four. Concerns have been raised that the updates being made that were supposed to not change the ordinances, have changed the ordinances and when discovered are being told it was an error. If not reviewed closely huge changes could occur. Animal Facilities Ordinance- Appears there could be some major concerns regarding the number and distance of the kennels from property lines. Not yet approved, final meeting June 15. The County wants to impose a minimum wage in the unincorporated areas. New minimum wage would be \$15 per hour. Yard Sales Ordinance is being proposed. It was tabled and will be coming back later.	ARTC Report
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
CA Fire Fee Controversy – Mark will be putting a link to the website for this issue on our website. http://fiiretaxprotest.org . There will be a teleconference on this issue May 12 from 11:30 to 12:30. Information will be forth coming.	CA Fire Fee

Illegal Dumping link will also be put on the website.	
The lawsuit has been sent to the judge and an expected ruling should be in the fall.	Water Adjudication
See ARTC report.	Renewable Energy
Bud has volunteered to be on the committee. Three of the current JHTC Brenda Avadian said she would help. We still have three positions open on the board. Each of the organization in JH should have volunteers on this committee.	Election Committee
<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	
Transportation Summit- Jan Wise attended the 5-6-15. They want to increase taxes and car license fees to fund this and set a 5 year plan in place. Since the Federal Government has not put their budget together yet for funding and are only extending the existing budget month by month, the five year plan cannot be put in place.	Transportation Summit
The next meeting will be in Palmdale on June 16; Jan will advise time and place once she knows. Phase 1 of the project will be 175 miles from Anaheim to Bakersfield. The focus right now is from Palmdale to Burbank. Phase 2 will be from Los Angeles to San Diego. The project is going through planning and environmental impact currently. They expect to start infrastructure in 2018. May 26 th you can also hear this speaker speak at the AV Board of Trade. MTA will be adding double tracks and add 20 new metro link cars to the current system. The fares will be reduces by 25% in July to see if the fares will increase ridership. This is a six month trial.	High Speed Rail
Angeles Forest Highway Rehab will be a 9.3 million project that will run from June to December.	Angeles Forest Highway Rehab
We received a letter from a concerned citizen regarding a property on Juniper Hills Road that was erecting a fence and clearing vegetation from the property. It appears the fence is in line with the existing neighboring fencing and clearing has been done and from the road.	Letter from Concerned Citizen
Meeting adjourned at: 8:56 P.M. Sheila Whitehouse Secretary	ADJOURNMENT