



JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting
August 7, 2013
MINUTES

| <p>The General Meeting of the Juniper Hills Town Council was called to order by President, Lori Weatherbie on August 7, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. at the Juniper Hills Community Center, 31401 106th St East, Juniper Hills, California 93543</p> | <p>CALL TO ORDER</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>The Pledge of Allegiance by Walt Grabe</p> | <p>FLAG SALUTE</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Present | Absent | | Present | Absent | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lori Weatherbie | X | | Milo Brown | X | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Don Pierce | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>The June minutes will be submitted for approval at the September meeting.</p> | <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Don Pierce gave the Treasurer's Report. Balance as of 7-31-13 is \$2,789.86 No bills were submitted for approval or donations received. Don reported that we are not charged any bank fees with the balance we carry and the type of account we have. (Business Essential with a balance over \$2,000)</p> | <p>TREASURER</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Juniper Hills Community Association (http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhca/index.htm) – September 28 – Work Day</p> <p>Devil's Punchbowl County Park (http://www.devils-punchbowl.com) – September 7, 9 pm – October 5, 8:00 pm- Telescope Program August 17, September 21 – both at 8:00 pm – Moonlit Hike</p> | <p>ITEMS OF INTEREST</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Norm Hickling, Field Deputy for Supervisor Antonovich was unable to attend due to a meeting with Supervisor Antonovich. Norm answered an email dated 8-7-13, from Lori, with the following updates:</p> <p>Status, Timeline, and Procedure of OHV project: The only thing that has been accomplished is the award of the grant to pursue the possible purchase of the property by LA County Parks and Rec. I understand the purchase is in negotiation but is not near finalization. I have asked for a schedule and continue to work with the department to create a draft schedule for the entire project. Because the project will take a couple years, at a minimum, before this would go back to the BOS for approval, the Department is hesitant because there are a lot of unknowns at this time. I stress the project is not imminent in any way.</p> <p>The Barren Ridge Transmission Project: The Barren Ridge project is being conducted by LA City Department of Water and Power. This is on the West side of the Valley through the Lakes and Green Valley area.</p> <p>Powerhouse Fire: Powerhouse Fire is still being investigated by the Forest Service. They are the lead agency and they have not yet publically determined a cause of the fire</p> <p>No representative was in attendance from the Los Angeles Co. Sheriff Department.</p> | <p>GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>USFS – Proposed OHV Park and proposed temporary closure of the Littlerock Dam. Bob Blount started with the USFS four years ago, in June, just a few months before the Station Fire. With the reduction in staff to cover an extremely large area, he is having to prioritize the projects given him and is only working on those immediately before him.</p> <p>The closure of the Littlerock Dam is being proposed to remove the sediment that has reduced</p> | <p>Bob Blount, Chief Ranger, USFS- Santa Clara and Mohave District.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| <p>the needed water holding capacity. The Palmdale Water District has the major interest in the water capacity and has submitted the proposal which should be approved. No decisions will be made until the legal process and the community meetings have been held.</p> <p>His department will be doing an environmental study to see if the Arroyo Toad is still impacted. He also suggested that the toad may come off the endangered species list by the Fish & Wildlife Department.</p> <p>OHV Park is a Los Angeles County project and not the USFS. He told the County that there were a couple of processes that they must go through, Public scoping meetings and NECO analysis- environmental. He has no opinion on the project. Park would have to be self-sufficient.</p> <p>The question was presented regarding the increased fire potential and what would the USFS do to protect the outlying area around the proposed site. At this time he cannot address this.</p> <p>Bob's contact information: email: wmbount@fs.fed.us Phone: 661-337-8284</p> <p>We had 13 persons in the audience that asked to speak for their three minutes on their concerns with the proposed OHV park or the Littlerock Dam closure. Speakers are on file with the secretary.</p> | |
| <p>REPORTS</p> | |
| <p>Report on JHCA Activities and concerns - Mrs. Kempenaar The JHCA is in the process of revising their By Laws and members will be receiving the revised By Laws with the next issue of the newsletter. The 2008 By Laws can be reviewed on their web site.</p> | <p>JHCA Liaison Report</p> |
| <p>Future Speakers - Suggestions for future: Knight/Runner; Waste Management</p> | <p>FUTURE SPEAKERS</p> |
| <p>Next meeting: Thursday, August 8, 2013 Chipper Day will be June 7, 2014 – They will be asking the Fenner crew to help.</p> | <p>YOYO Committee</p> |
| <p>Winetasting Committee – 2013- Next meeting 8-30-13 and they should be selecting the last three wines. Tickets are available.</p> | <p>Resource Development Committee</p> |
| <p>Web Site –Marc Benz is still working on the website with the completion date to be in September.</p> <p>Email – 113 Members registered</p> | <p>Website and Email List</p> |
| <p>Chair – Brenda Still In search of at least two more candidates. New Town Council candidate form is available. If there are more than three candidates, then we will have a meet the candidate's time at the JHCA October 2 meeting.</p> | <p>Election Committee</p> |
| <p>Report on JHWG Activities and concerns Billie Dickey gave an update on the legal proceedings for this group. It still appears that there is no end in sight. [Note: the JHWG is not part of the JHTC]</p> | <p>JH Water Group Liaison Report</p> |
| <p>Report from Lori Dealing with materials they had discussed in the previous meeting. They had a speaker who discussed the livestock fees and were told that changes had been made and they would not have to pay the high fees. Commercial livestock pays fees, personal pets don't. Fire safe councils were also discussed. Our YOYO committee is doing far more than most town councils are doing. Next meeting: September</p> | <p>ARTC Report</p> |

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| Rotate attendance at these meetings held the last Wednesday of each month Attendee for September??????? | |
| <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u> | |
| Status of Board of Supervisors motion on Hauled Water – No update given | Hauled Water |
| CA Fire Fee Controversy – Debbie brought in a form that an individual can complete to protest the fee/tax. Unless the form is completed and submitted on time, there will be no refunds for past fee/tax paid. | CA Fire Fee |
| Motion made by Don and seconded by Sheila to remove from being tabled a previous motion regarding the number of meeting the town council has to only meet in even numbered months (6 meetings per year). Discussion followed. Sheila called for the question and a vote was taken. The motion did not pass. | Meetings 6 times a year– Tabled motion |
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| <u>NEW BUSINESS</u> | |
| 2014 Calendar – Junibee’s need to confirm the Town Councils meeting dates. Milo made the motion and Walt seconded it for January and July 2014 to be dark. Motion passed. | |
| Can Town Council arrange for Benz to do trash pick-up 9-28-13. Don Pierce to contact them and let us know. | |
| Meeting adjourned at: 9:31 p.m. Sheila Whitehouse Secretary | ADJOURNMENT |