



# JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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General Meeting

May 5, 2012

## MINUTES

<p>The General Meeting of the Juniper Hills Town Council was called to order May 5, 2012, at 9:01 A.M. by Vice President Brenda Avadian, at the 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 led by Sheila Whitehouse.</p>	<p><b>FLAG SALUTE</b></p>																														
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<p>Minutes of April 4, 2012 were approved as corrected. Remove extra "0" in Treasurer's report, correct acre foot to hyphenated word and remove occur from guest speaker summary.</p>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p>																														
<p>Mr. Pierce reported a balance of \$3226.55, of which \$115.00 is for the YOYO Committee Motion was made by Mrs. Weatherbie, second by Mrs. Whitehouse to approve the Treasurer's Report as published. Based on a motion at the April meeting, a check for \$300 will be issued to Larry Mick for concrete for the slab for the storage container.</p>	<p><b>TREASURER</b></p>																														
<p>Mrs. Avadian announced and discussed the following: LACo Reg'l Planning – County Gen'l Plan &amp; Town &amp; Country <a href="http://planning.lacounty.gov/tnc">http://planning.lacounty.gov/tnc</a> And Mrs. Weatherbie indicated an email from Bruce Durbin advised the "Dark Night Skies" ordinance will probably be approved at the June Board of Supervisors meeting.</p>	<p><b>COMMUNICATION</b></p>																														
<p>Mrs. Avadian announced the following: Juniper Hills Community Association (<a href="http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhca/index.htm">http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhca/index.htm</a>) – May 19 Dessert Under the Stars – 6:30pm</p> <p>Devil's Punchbowl County Park (<a href="http://www.devils-punchbowl.com">http://www.devils-punchbowl.com</a>) – May 5 Full Moon Hike – 7pm May 19 Telescope Program – 8pm</p>	<p><b>ITEMS OF INTEREST</b></p>																														
<p><b>Mr. Tom Lackey</b> was introduced as a candidate for State Assembly, as was Mr. Grooms, his campaign chairman.</p> <p><b>Firefighter Dirk Chausse</b>, who attends YOYO meetings on behalf of the Fire Department, advised the community that inspections will begin May 1 and they will be scrutinizing roadways and driveways for clearance of 10 feet on either side from 3 inches above the soil with clearance to the sky. Dirk advised he will cover the area in the loop over to the punchbowl. Firefighter Mike Will, will handle the area west of 106<sup>th</sup>. Clearance compliance should be completed by June 15.</p> <p><b>Assistant Chief Kevin Johnson</b>, Forestry Division Prevention Bureau, explained that those who do not comply with proper clearance will be referred to his for further follow up.</p> <p><b>Tom Guzman</b>, US Forest Service, will coordinate with the YOYO Committee to provide "Chipper Day."</p>	<p><b>GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES' ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p>																														
<p>District Ranger, Bob Blount spoke about the Forest Service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Littlerock Dam is about 50% full of debris, much of which was caused by runoff following the Station Fire. The Dam and control of water is by the Palmdale Water District. PWD will begin sediment removal this summer or next, and the project will take two years. They will</li> </ul>	<p><b>GUEST SPEAKERS</b></p>																														

<p>be looking for collaborative planning for the use of the area when complete. A concern is the import of the “freshwater quadra-mussel” into the reservoir, which would cause drastic problems for Lake Palmdale and the Palmdale Water System.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Blount discussed their new office location in Acton. Their old buildings, in Saugus, burned down because debris that collected under their porch caught fire during the Station Fire.</li> <li>• He presented a map of the Angeles Forest, Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District and discussed their responsibilities. Of major concern are the watersheds and erosion control, power lines, fuel reduction and firefighting.</li> <li>• Fire clearance – He recommended that residents use the Fire Department’s “Ready, Set Go” for a guide. This applies to those who’s property lies within the Forest as well.</li> <li>• A proposal has been made for the Forest to become a National Park. The Forest Service has proposed that there be no change from the present.</li> <li>• Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness area restrictions are basically no motorized vehicles or equipment; no bicycles. Horses, hunting and fishing are fine. “Leave no trace” is an important guideline when entering a wilderness area. www.wilderness.net provides additional information.</li> <li>• A prime project for Ranger Blount is to clean up the Big Rock Creek area, controlling traffic and debris.</li> <li>• Portions of the Pacific Crest Rail are still being rerouted.</li> <li>• If anyone has a concern regarding the Forest they may call Ranger Blount at 661-337-8284.</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>REPORTS</u></b></p>	
<p>Mrs. Avadian announced the speaker for October is David Borden, Watermaster. Suggestions for future: Edwards AFB; Art Evans; Knight/Runner; AV Conservation District and Milt Stark on Antelope Valley History in 2013 in March.</p>	<p><b>FUTURE SPEAKERS</b></p>
<p>Copy of the April meeting minutes were distributed. Mr. Mick completed the concrete slab and the Cargo Container is now in place near the Sports Shack on the ball field. Mr. Ralph Felix transported the container from its original location. The group, with assistance from Lake LA Cert, held a CERT Refresher meeting at the Community Center on April 12 with about 28 people present. Chipper Day is Saturday, June 9.</p>	<p><b>YOYO Committee</b></p>
<p>Mrs. Avadian announced the Winetasting event is scheduled for November 10. The committee will have its first meeting May 11. This year International Wines will be considered.</p>	<p><b>Resource Development Committee</b></p>
<p>Webmaster Report – not available. The Web is in the process of being updated.</p>	<p><b>Webmaster/Website/ Email List</b></p>
<p>Mrs. Ann Washington offered to serve as chairman.</p>	<p><b>Election Committee</b></p>
<p>Mrs. Weatherbie stated the Barry Brown Fund will provide scholarships again this year. She pointed out the pictures of Vegas Night displayed on the back wall by Mrs. Shone. She stated the Newsletter had been sent out. Extra copies are available for any who have not yet received them. The “Bar Shack” in the Bowl will be refurbished, and the “Sport Shack” will receive a color coat.</p>	<p><b>JHCA Liaison Report</b></p>
<p>See Water Adjudication Report</p>	<p><b>JH Water Group Liaison Report</b></p>
<p>Mrs. Whitehouse provided a report. The main issue was with the Health Department a collection of funds per number of animals. They are rethinking the guidelines to avoid taxing animal owners who are not raising animals for profit. Mrs. Avadian to attend ARTC in May; Mr. Pierce to attend in June.</p>	<p><b>ARTC Report</b></p>
<p><b><u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u></b></p>	

<p>Mrs. Avadian read from a document written by Vance Pomeroy stating The Juniper Hills Town Council, has, as a matter of policy, for the last nine years been working to insure that hauled water is a policy of the County of Los Angeles. Mr. Grabe expressed concern about water trucks running up and down our dirt roads. Word has come down that a decision on Hauled Water is coming soon.</p>	<p><b>Hauled Water</b></p>
<p>A meeting with Supervisor Antonovich was held May 2<sup>nd</sup> at his Los Angeles office. Three Council members attended along with Watermaster, David Borden. The Council was surprised to find a couple members of County Council present. The meeting lasted about 70 minutes, with no conclusion. The JHTC presented concerns from the community. We conserve our water, we use our water wisely, but that doesn't seem to mean anything to the County Council. The JHTC expressed concern that the adjudication is lasting far too long and costing community members a great deal of money. Mr. Antonovich stated he is sending Norm Hickling to the meetings to help move things along. Mrs. Dickey stated the end of Phase 3 of the Trial will be July 9 at Superior Court, Downtown Los Angeles. Water Works 40 and other Purveyors want to cut back citizen usage to below 110 acres feet. June 19, a teleconference will take place. The important conclusion is that the attorneys who represent the users must speak as one voice as is the JHWG. It is believed the current method for determining where the water is coming from and how it is used is not scientific. A new method is to be used. For further information call Mrs. Dickey at 944-0229.</p>	<p><b>Water Adjudication Report</b></p>
<p><b><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></b></p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned at:11:04 a.m. Lori Weatherbie, Secretary</p>	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p>