

Jacumba Sponsor Group Final General Meeting Minutes Of 2/26/2013

MEETING PRELIMINARIES

- Steve Squillaci called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.
- Steve requested the silencing all Cell Phones and Pagers and then led the pledge of allegiance.
- Steve called the roll:: Shirley Fisher (present), Howard Cook (present), Steve Squillaci (present) and Pat Fauble (present). Steve established that there was a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes of Last Meeting** – There were no corrections to the minutes. Shirley Fisher moved to accept the minutes as written. Howard Cook seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

- **Applications for Sponsor Group open position**
 - Helen Landman was the only applicant. She has been an owner of Deanza Resort and community resident for 15 years
 - Helen spoke to the group. Members of the Sponsor Group and audience expressed support for her application. They cited her support of the Jacumba School, Fire Department and the community at large over the past years. They noted that she has a vested interest in the success of Jacumba Hot Springs and is a local business owner
 - Pat Fauble moved to present Helen Landman to the County as the approved applicant for the open Sponsor Group seat. Howard Cook seconded the motion. The Sponsor Group voted unanimously to approve her application and to forward it to the County.
 - **Action Item:** Steve Squillaci to initiate application paperwork to the County
- **Correspondence**
 - SDG&E sent a letter stating that they would be doing some geotechnical test hole drilling in the area February 1 to March 1. There will be no road closures or detours and no voting action necessary

UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

- **Border Patrol Update** Not present, no report from them
 - It was reported that the new Boarder Patrol station in Boulevard was opening on March 11th
 - The new station was brought in under budget
 - The March issue of Pine Valley View newspaper will have a front-page article on the station.
 - There will be another Neighborhood Watch meeting on March 17th at 2PM in the Boulevard Training room. Twelve to 14 attended the last meeting.
 - Jason Bush replaces Cory Anderson as the Border Patrol representative, phone 619-766-3056.
- **Sheriff Update** –Not present, no report
 - Determined that calling the Sherriff brought a quicker response than calling dispatch
- **SDGE Update**-Not Present, no report
- **Revitalization Committees updates**
 - **Lake Committee** –Tri-color Blackbirds are back in force. The lake is attracting many birders. The existing trails have been cleared of brush and new trails built, some with rock edges. Water return pipes from the Spa to the lake are being laid by Mark Ostrander
 - **Arts Council**- Saturday May 5th will be the date for the free second annual Blues Fest. This year it will be open from noon until 8PM. Local vendors will be selling their crafts.
 - **Spa**- Helen Landman stated that baring any inspection issues, the Spa will open sometime in March

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- **Railroad**-Howard Cook discussed the February 17th UT article on the railroad's potential revival. The railroad will be used to run freight from Mexico to the valley. New name is Pacific Imperial Railway and the cost for rehabilitating the tracks is over \$100 million. They expect some train traffic by 2014
- **Jacumba Name Change to Jacumba Hot Springs**
 - ✓ The State called and E-Mailed to confirm that the U.S. Names Commission had approved the change on 02/14. Howard Cook distributed copies of the E-Mail notice.
 - ✓ The Revitalization committee announced the name change to the press. We received positive publicity from Union Tribune, KPBS and KXO radio, East County Magazine and KUSI TV. Danielle Cook was scheduled to appear on Wednesday's Good Morning San Diego program to discuss what the name change means for Jacumba. Wikipedia has already made the change on-line
 - ✓ Need to work on highway sign changes
- **Community Garden** Myra Price reported work is in progress to begin spring clean up and planting. The Jacumba Middle School is helping.
- **Community Clean-up**
 - ✓ Jacumba Middle School and the Revitalization Committee teamed up for Phase 1 (I♥ a fire Safe Community) and ended up picking up more than 5700 lbs. of recycle. The money raised (\$345) will go to Phase 2 (I♥ a clean Jacumba) tentatively scheduled in May or June.
 - ✓ Danielle is working with EDCO to secure free or low cost dumpsters for the community wide trash cleanup.
 - ✓ Tammy Daubach pointed out that San Diego Urban League does this kind of refuse pick up work for a very low cost.
- **Boulevard, Jacumba, La Posta Fire Safe Council and Cert-(Tammy Daubach)**
 - ✓ Next Meeting is 3/25 at 6:30
 - ✓ They voted to help with community clean up (provide manpower)
 - ✓ Free chipping will start up again June 13
 - ✓ Fire Safe Council received grant for CERT.
- **CERT-**
 - ✓ Donated money will buy needed laptop and radio station (HAM)
 - ✓ Graduated 12 from Red Cross Shelter training

NON-AGENDA PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- Cherry Deffenbach is writing a book on the history of Jacumba. She would like any information or pictures on the history that residents would like to share
- Cherry also reminded us of Supervisor Jacob's coffee at the Pine Valley Library on 3/14 at 8:30-10:30 PM

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:01 PM. Next Meeting –March 26, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Jacumba Library
Email: agenda items to Steve: jacumbasteve@aol.com

Respectfully submitted by,
Howard Cook-Sponsor Group Board Member and Secretary