

Jacumba Sponsor Group Final General Meeting Minutes Of 4/23/2013

MEETING PRELIMINARIES

- Steve Squillaci called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.
- Steve asked that Cell Phones and Pagers be silenced and then led the pledge of allegiance.
- Steve called the roll: Helen Landman (present) Shirley Fisher (present), Howard Cook (present), Steve Squillaci (present) and Pat Faule (present). Steve established that there was a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of Last Meeting – There were no corrections to the minutes. Pat Faule moved to accept the minutes as written. Shirley Fisher seconded the motion. Approval was passed unanimously. Shirley also asked that her email be corrected to resjfisher@dslexreme.com.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Steve Squillaci** informed the group that he was resigning effective 4/23/2013 because of his move to Montana. **Howard Cook** moved that the Sponsor Group accept the resignation and post the required 10-day notification of a Sponsor Group vacancy. **Pat Faule** seconded the motion. the vote was unanimous. The Group thanked Steve for his service and wished him well in the future.
- **Howard Cook** mentioned that the Group officer elections should have taken place in January, but with Mark and Steve resigning, it was prudent to wait until the two vacant Group positions were filled
- **Correspondence** –Howard reported that the County Department of Public Works sent a notice notifying us that they were cutting down a tree in the vicinity of Old Highway 80 and Campo Street Howard suggested that in the interest of good “forestry practices”, the Sponsor Group should ask the Department of Public Works to plant two new trees as replacement. Steve Squillaci suggested Stone Pine. Howard asked for a vote, and made the motion. Pat Faule seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Action Items: 1) Howard will post vacant Sponsor Group notice at Post Office and Library by Thursday of this week. **2)** Howard will send the Department of Public Works a request for new trees.

UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

- **Border Patrol Update (Jason)** Not present, no report
 - It was suggested that someone email Jason the week prior to the meeting as a reminder
- **Sheriff Update** –Not present, no report. (Need to send Sherriff Jason Titus an advance email notice as well)
- **SDGE Update**-Not Present, no report. Danielle Cook stated that she and Rose Ann Morris (Jacumba Middle School Science Teacher) would be attending the May 1st Environmental Champion’s Luncheon. This is where the parameters of next year’s grant program will be discussed.
- **Revitalization Committee updates:**
 - **Lake Committee** –Nothing new to report
 - **Arts Council**- Saturday May 4th 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. T-shirts will be available for sale.
 - **Airport**- nothing new to report

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- **Murals**-Danielle Cook and Mark Ostrander will be defending their grant proposal in front of the San Diego Supervisors sometime in the week of June 10th. Anyone wishing to attend the open meeting can attend.
- **Spa**- Still some ongoing issues around the Planning Department inspections, the Spa will now open sometime in May. Supervisor Jacob has been supportive and the letter writing campaign initiated by various townspeople has drawn new attention to the town's plight. Dave Landman advised that since the recent UT two page spread on Jacumba and the Spa, the town has received worldwide attention. Dave has fielded calls worldwide from entrepreneurs seeking to open businesses here.
- **Railroad**- Anew locomotive and construction materials have arrived near the station.
- **Community Garden** Spring clean up and planting. The Jacumba Middle School is helping. Planting will commence May 1st. They still need volunteers and help in controlling the squirrel and gopher populations. Next meeting is 4/11 6:30PM at Highland Center
- **Newsletter**-Danielle Cook presented the April issue of the new newsletter. She will update monthly and circulate. This will communicate status on major revitalization projects and other important community news.
- **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 is paying for Phase 2 (I♥ a clean Jacumba) scheduled Jun 1st.
 - EDCO is furnishing low cost dumpsters for the community wide trash cleanup.
- **Other**
 - Howard Cook presented a proposal to hold a yearlong 2014 Jacumba Hot Springs Centennial. He discussed that although the community itself was about 152 years old, the oldest government reference to Jacumba Hot Springs was in a California State Railroad Commission document dated in 1914. The group was very enthusiastic on doing this as it would both boost tourism but also bring the community together with something concrete to celebrate. Danielle Cook stated that the Revitalization Committee was holding a special Alliance "fund-raising" meeting on Tuesday. April 30th and this would be on the agenda (Jacumba Library - 6:30PM
- **Boulevard, Jacumba, La Posta Fire Safe Council and Cert--(Tammy Daubach)**
 - ✓ CERT has split from the Fire Safe Council. The next meeting is tomorrow in Pine Valley
 - ✓ The \$150/lot fire fee is being eliminated, but the state is attempting to pass a new bill to increase a tax on insurance by 5.8%
 - ✓ Next Fire Safe Council meeting 4/29 in Jacumba fire station at 6:30 PM. Tammy Daubach said for everyone to bring his or her own chairs.

NON-AGENDA PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- Tammy Daubach stated that the Mountain Collaborative County Fair is June 1st 8AM-noon in Campo

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- Daubach said she heard at at the Mountain Empire Disaster meeting, that the Border Patrol said the license plate readers on the Pine Valley checkpoint are doing their jobs. They cautioned that there has been an increase in car chases, tire spiking and wait times.
- Greg Curran (Jacumba Hikers) announced that the next hike would be the “Stair Stepper” 4/24 at 6PM. The meet place is the Imperial Valley Desert Museum
- Cherry Diefenbach is writing a book on the history of Boulevard and Jacumba. Proceeds will go to the Jacumba Women’s Club. She needs anyone with pictures, documents, or knowledge of the history of these locations to contact her at 619-473-9900 or csdeifenbach@sbcglobal.net

**Meeting was Adjourned at 6:51 PM. Next Meeting –May 28, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Jacumba Library
Email: agenda items to Howard; howwcook@yahoo.com**

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