

Jacumba Sponsor Group Approved General Meeting Minutes Of 7/23/2013

MEETING PRELIMINARIES

- 1) Howard Cook, as acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.
- 2) Howard requested the silencing all Cell Phones and Pagers and then led the pledge of allegiance.
- 3) Howard called the roll: Helen Landman (present), Shirley Fisher (present), Howard Cook (present), and Pat Faule (present). Howard established that there was a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **Minutes of Last Meeting** – There were no corrections to the minutes of last 06/25/2013 meeting. Shirley Fisher moved to accept the minutes as written. Pat Faule seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.
- 2) Cook said that The Sunset Review of Sponsor Group was still underway

NEW BUSINESS *= Action item

- 1) Ralph Davis was welcomed to the Jacumba Sponsor Group in seat 4 (expires 01/05/2015).
- 2) *AT&T representative Debra Gardner Dipratti, made a presentation on the proposed cell Tower and new Chevron Station sign (County DPLU project MUP-13-012)
 - a) The existing 85 ft. sign is located at the Jacumba Chevron station.
 - b) A new sign will go on a new 105' pole
 - c) ATT designed cell structures will go under sign
 - d) AT&T service will cover Jacumba, DeAnza Springs and for a significant distance on Interstate 8.
 - e) Other carriers may use in future with only a minor deviation being necessary
 - f) County proposed changes to AT&T proposed plan would reduce coverage.
 - g) County approval time frame could mean 3rd quarter 2014 before installed.
 - h) Much discussion and many questions ensued.
- 3) Reagon Shallal and residents of De Anza Resort said that many 911 and emergency calls on Interstate 8 and at De Anza have been affected by a lack of cell phone coverage.
- 4) Cook made the motion to support MUP-13-12 and Pat Faule seconded the motion. The Sponsor Group voted unanimously to approve the project and to include the “recommendation that the county allow the original AT&T cell tower design so as to maximize cell phone coverage”
- 5) * JHS Sponsor Group nominations and officer elections. Nominations were as follows: Chair (Howard Cook), Vice Chair (Helen Landman), Secretary (Ralph Davis) Closed vote was taken and results were unanimous for each position. Shirley Fisher moved that the elections be accepted and Helen Landman seconded the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Cook encouraged participation at the upcoming County meeting to review the new proposed roadside banner and sign ordinance (preliminary Negative CEQUA review only). He asked that people contact him for more detail.
- 2) Cook received a Request from County Department of Parks and Recreation regarding their priority list request. He already has met with the Community Services Board to coordinate an answer with them. Cook will work with Debbie Troutt (Community Services Manager) to develop a priority list. This will probably include summertime movies, shade structures and 8 hiking signs.

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REVITALIZATION UPDATES AND REPORTS

- 1) D Cook reported on grant status-She confirmed we would receive \$5,000 Community Enhancement funds from the County for murals. She also confirmed three major events for 2014 Centennial. These are: Healing Waters and Arts Festival May 24; Fall Festival (combined with Jacumba Community Services District) sometime the beginning of October and a December 6th Holiday Festival.
- 2) D Cook – The Mural project is moving forward. Dave & Helen Landman have agreed for its placement in front of the ruins of the Old Bath House. Revitalization will also “refurbish” the fountain.
- 3) D Cook/H Cook –Reports that an anonymous donor has donated a 20-foot snake giant metal statue to the community. Cook is soliciting donors for its transport and installation. Cook has pledged \$100 of his own money. The Jacumba Community Services District has approved its placement in the park and will have a special meeting next Tuesday to decide exactly where it will be positioned.
- 4) H Cook- Railroad report-Test train for the new line will run in January 2014. It will take a couple of years to be fully operational for freight from Mexico.

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATES

- 1) Border Patrol, Jason Bush-could not come because of a new regulation that he must get permission to speak to outside groups and he was just informed about it that day. He has promised to be at the next meeting in August
- 2) Sheriff-not available
- 3) Fire Safety Council
 - a) Next meeting July 29th White Star Fire Department 6:30 PM
 - b) They are rotating meetings through all six stations in the area to get more community involvement.
 - c) Anyone can ask them to speak at an event or meeting. Interested groups can contact them (homeowners, Women’s Club; Calexico Lodge, seniors, churches etc.)
 - d) Will be discussing how to spend developer’s money at next meeting so encourage everyone to attend
 - e) Received \$26,000 SDG&E funds for ECO Substation
 - f) Senator Joel Anderson awarded the Council for “Outstanding Community Service”
 - g) Community Wildfire Protection Plan needs to be updated. There will be 2 to 3 meetings in 2 to 3 of the communities served. Please attend the meetings and bring ideas. The first will be this Sunday at the Manzanita Diner starting at noon. Participants will receive a 50% discount on their food.
- 4) Other (Tammy Daubach)_There is a new website that sends alerts from the police department to your email or cell. It is nixle.com. You sign up and alerts for emergencies such as fires, evacuations, road closures, escapes, etc. will be sent to you. You can sign up for just the alerts you want to receive and you can sign up for up to 5 zip codes.
- 5) Other D Cook, The next Revitalization meeting is Tuesday, August 6th at the Jacumba Library at 6:30 PM. There is a vacancy and the Committee is looking for a Boulevard resident to fill the seat. Interested parties should contact Mark Ostrander
 - a) Don’t forget the Library summer reading program.

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- b) San Diego Health and Human Services (East County) state that 3 behaviors contribute to 4 chronic diseases that cause over 50% of the deaths: Tobacco use, lack of physical activity and poor nutrition.
 - c) Pine Valley Days are this weekend.
- 6) SDG&E-said they would send someone but were a 'no-show.

NON-AGENDA PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- 1) Cherry Deiffenbach recommended that we approach the county to replace the broken and old *Welcome to Jacumba* signs (on either end of town on old Highway 80) with Welcome to Jacumba Hot Springs. Danielle Cook said that she is working on some grant money. She also reminded the group that Ben Shultz of Desert View Towers had a billboard he was willing to lend the community.

Action Item: Cherry Deiffenbach to discuss the billboard with Ben

Meeting Adjourned 7:37 PM

Next Meeting – August 27, 2013 6:00 PM Jacumba Library

Email: agenda items to Howard; howwcook@yahoo.com

Respectfully submitted by,

Ralph Davis-Sponsor Group Board Member and Secretary