

Jacumba Sponsor Group Final General Meeting Minutes Of 1/22/2013

MEETING PRELIMINARIES

- Steve Squillaci called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
- Steve asked that all Cell Phones and Pagers be silenced and then he led the pledge of allegiance.
- Steve called the Roll: Shirley Fisher (excused absence), Howard Cook (present), Steve Squillaci (present) and Pat Fauble (present). Steve established that there was a quorum (seat 5 is open).

OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes of Last Meeting** – There were no corrections to the minutes. Howard Cook stated that the last item on the minutes read that until the county receives his letter of resignation, Steve Squillaci is still an active Board member. Pat Fauble moved to accept the minutes as written. Howard Cook seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Discussion of vacant Chair and potential other opening**
 - Steve is planning on moving so will not be around after about 6 months. He has not yet submitted his formal resignation but plans to submit it in a couple of months
 - It was discussed that rather than seek chair and vice-chair positions that we should recruit and get candidates on board and then discuss the open chair and VP positions. Need to get vacancy notice posted and send them to the County
 - Reconfirmed steps: 1) post notice; 2) collect submitted applications and check to make sure applicants are registered voters; 3) send County a package consisting of: *last minutes, copy of vacancy notice, copy of Mark Ostrander's resignation letter, application of the applicant chosen by the Sponsor Group members.*
- **Action Item:** Bill Pape to assist Steve Squillaci with proper paperwork
- **Correspondence**
 - Mark Ostrander who was present said he had received two emails and forwarded them to Steve. One was on the Tribal Shu'Luuk wind project and he couldn't recall the other. Steve will review and do appropriate follow-up.

UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

- **Border Patrol Update** Not present, no report, need to notify them and others of monthly meeting.
- **Sheriff Update** –Not present, no report
 - Determined that we needed to send them a "heads –up and Agenda week prior to meeting
 - Howard Cook mentioned that he called dispatch the prior week to complain of shooters at Jacumba Lake. They appeared to be using guns other than BB guns (said they sounded like 22's). He has spoken to Dave Landman who does not want shooting in the lake area.
- **SDG&E Update** -Not Present, no report
 - Bill Pape mentioned that he heard that SDG&E had purchased the 960 acre Amonex commercial solar panel site on Old Highway 80 as part of their mitigation obligation and were turning it into a wildlife sanctuary. The question was raised whether the town people could get access via the road and interpretive trails?
- **Action Item:** Steve to call SDG&E to discuss access and invite them to our next Sponsor Group meeting.
- **Revitalization updates**

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- **Lake Committee** –Tri-color Blackbirds were back in force and that the lake seemed to be really attracting birders. Dave Landman stated that he has been in contact with State Audubon as well as Fish & Game and they would be working on the lake to refurbish, capture excess water and put up trail signs. This will occur by September at the latest.
- **Art's Council**- nothing new to report. Danielle Cook thought that there had been mention of an Art show at the Desert View Tower but as she had missed the December meeting, this couldn't be confirmed.
- **Spa**- Dave Landman stated that the permit issues from the County had been resolved and that he anticipated opening the Spa on March 1st
- **Jacumba Name Change**-The State called to confirm that the proposed name change was passed by the State Names Commission. Dave Landman had also been advised. The last step is Federal approval. The Federal committee meets once a month and It is anticipated that the approval will be forth coming . We should hear the outcome within two months.
- **Community Garden** Myra Price reported that the next garden meeting will be Wednesday, January 30th 6PM at Jacumba's Highland Center
- **Community Clen-up** Danielle Cook reported that she had preliminary discussions with EDCO regarding a clean-up in May. They suggested that if the Supervisors were willing to waive the "Tipping" fee (dump fee), they could provide dumpsters at low or no cost and pick them up for a one day clean-up. Danielle will pursue.
- Mark reported that the **McCain house** historical project is moving forward and the MOU has been worked out.
- **Boulevard Library** project is back on track. Tammy Daubach reports that the Clover Flat School will make their property available directly in front of the school.
- **Boulevard, Jacumba, La Posta Fire Safe Council and Cert-**
 - **Tammy Daubach Report (Fire Safe)** Name has been changed to the Real East County Fire Council and now includes Lake Morena and Campo
 - Meetings are first the Monday of month 7:30 PM
 - Free chipping will start up again June 13
- **CERT**-Now has four EMR from community. There are now five total between Boulevard and Jacumba

NON-AGENDA PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- Cherry Deffenbach suggested we contact the County and actively pursue getting trails in the Jacumba area as it will help attract tourism. Cook suggested it would be nice to have a map (BLM?) that covered the Jacumba area and delineated where public, private, BLM and utilities borders were.
- Tammy reported on the following Community Announcements: Community watch meeting at the Boulevard Community Center 2/10; Utilities Project Meeting 1/24 7-9 at the Boulevard Fire Station Fire Bay room. The meeting is being lead by Donna Tisdale . There will be guest speakers and attendees will be able to get a good overview of the planned solar, electrical and wind projects for our communities.

Meeting was Adjourned 7:07 PM. Next Meeting –February 6, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Jacumba Library
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Respectfully submitted by,
Howard Cook-Sponsor Group Board Member and Secretary