

Jacumba Sponsor Group Draft General Meeting Minutes Of 3/26/2013

MEETING PRELIMINARIES

- Steve Squillaci called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.
- Steve requested the silencing all Cell Phones and Pagers 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 Fauble (present). Steve established that there was a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of Last Meeting – There were no corrections to the minutes except that Steve Squillaci stated that his email was listed wrong and is actually: **jacumbasteve@att.net**

- Helen Landman moved to accept the minutes as written with the email change. Pat Fauble seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

- **Congratulations to Helen Landman** for her appointment by The Board of Supervisors on 03/11/2013 to the Sponsor Group.
- Helen Landman will call the County regarding ethics training.
- No Sponsor Group correspondence reported.
- Howard Cook clarified a previous report on a change to the Gen-tie line. The line from Tule Wind to the Boulevard Substation will be above ground north of Interstate 8 and it will be below ground South of the Interstate.

UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

- **Border Patrol Update** Not present, no report from them
 - There have been reports that because of upcoming sequester cuts (and thus fewer border patrol agents on duty); more Illegal Immigrants and smugglers have are already coming across the border. Residents are urged to keep doors locked.
 - There was another Neighborhood Watch meeting on March 17th at n the Boulevard Training room.
 - Jason Bush replaces Cory Anderson as the Border Patrol representative, phone 619-766-3056.
- **Sheriff Update** –Not present, no report
- **SDGE Update**- Not Present, no report
- **Revitalization Committees reports**
 - **Lake Committee** –Audubon ready to go but State of California Fish & Game have budgetary constraints until September. This is when the refurbishment should start
 - **Arts Council**- Saturday May 4th will be the date for the free second annual Blues Fest. The Blues Festival will be open from noon until 8PM. Local vendors will be selling their crafts.
 - **Airport**- There are no funds available from state for runway. The California Associations of Glider Clubs is using airport as HQ. One of the glider members has invented a winch that can sling a plane into the air in about 50 seconds. They will be training large groups of people throughout the year on the equipment and are interested in using the Spa for lodging. They will expand buildings and restrooms at the airport. Private pilots can also use the landing area if they have file a flight plan..
 - **Murals**-Danielle Cook has submitted a grant proposal to the County fromTOT funds. The grant proposal requests funds for murals, benches for seniors and Jacumba Hot Springs signs. She should hear something in June

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- **Spa-** due to ongoing Planning Department inspection issues and delays, the Spa will probably not open until May. This is devastating to those 17 people waiting for jobs. Community members stated they would start a letter writing campaign to Dianne Jacob in hopes she could convince the Planning Department to stop throwing up unnecessary roadblocks and delays in the process. Residents stressed that this is a major community issue as well as a problem to the Spa owners.
- **Railroad-** The RR owners are moving ties and other material to the RR station area.
- **Community Garden** Myra Price reported spring clean up and ground preparation is underway. The Jacumba Middle School is helping. Planting will commence May 1st. They still need volunteers and some way to control the squirrel and gopher populations. Next garden meeting is 4/11 6:30PM at Highland Center
- **Newsletter-**Danielle Cook presented a new newsletter that she will update monthly and circulate. This is to communicate the status of all the major revitalization projects and other important news to the community.
- **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 1500 lbs. of recyclable material. The money raised (\$945) will go to Phase 2 (I♥ a clean Jacumba) scheduled Jun 1st.
 - ✓ EDCO is furnishing low cost dumpsters for the community wide trash cleanup.
- **Boulevard, Jacumba, La Posta Fire Safe Council and Cert–(Tammy Daubach)**
 - ✓ Have voted to help with community clean up (provide manpower)
 - ✓ Free chipping will start up again June 13
 - ✓ Next Fire Safe Council meeting 4/29, 6:30 at the Jacumba fire station.

NON-AGENDA PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- Cherry Deffenbach reminded everyone she 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
- Danielle Cook reminded the group about the tremendous support we get from our non-profit media. These include the *Valley View* (Pine Valley Newspaper), *East County Magazine* (on-line) and *Mountain Messenger* (Campo-serving the back country). She suggested that we show our support with subscriptions or donations.
- Tammy Daubach stated that the Mountain Collaborative County Fair is June 1st 8AM-noon in Campo

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:01 PM. Next Meeting –April 23, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Jacumba Library
Email: agenda items to Steve: jacumbasteve@att.net

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Cook-Sponsor Group Board Member and Secretary