

# Jacumba Sponsor Group Final General Meeting Minutes Of 5/28/2013

## MEETING PRELIMINARIES

- Howard Cook (Secretary and Acting Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:10PM.
- Howard requested silencing of all Cell Phones and then led the pledge of allegiance.
- Howard called the roll: Helen Landman (present) Shirley Fisher (present), Howard Cook (present), and Pat Fauble (present). Howard 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. Pat Fauble seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
- **Tree Removal**
  - Steve Nelson (619-660-5820, cell: 619-818-4005 replied to the letter Cook sent and acknowledged that the Department of Public Works does have a tree replacement policy. This includes tree replacement on Private property if the Department deems that a tree must be removed. Therefore, he can replace the tree that was cut down in the vicinity of Campo Street and Old Highway 80, if we can tell him where.
  - Cook suggested that the Jacumba Community Garden representatives should call and ask about whether the tree can be planted at that location.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Steve Squillaci** is now off the Sponsor Group and Cook posted the requisite 10-day vacancy notice.
- **Ron Walker**, who had applied for the vacant seat has withdrawn his application, as he is moving.
- **Howard Cook** said that he would re-post the vacancy. He asks those present to seek out potential candidates. He also mentioned that the officer elections should have occurred in January but with the 2 vacancies it was prudent to wait until the positions were filled. Cook also mentioned the need to attract candidates that were willing to serve as Chair or in other Group positions.
- **Ben Shultz of Desert View Towers** is working with Caltrans on new Highway 8 signage for Jacumba Hot Springs after receiving additional official documentation.

## Correspondence

- Received a copy of the final 02/14/2013 minutes for the US Board of Geographic Names Commission, where they approved our place name change to Jacumba Hot Springs
- Received a letter from the Jamul/Portreo Planning Group Chair asking for advice/help regarding the County's plan to dissolve the Rural Fire District. They want the County to include fire fighting in the county charter. They point out that San Diego County is the only California County without fire fighting support in its charter. A discussion ensued on the implications of this change for Jacumba. There is a fear that with the proliferation of high electrical towers and wind farms that our current fire fighters are not equipped or trained to fight fires in this new 'landscape'. Jacumba is also at the end of the county medical response line and we do not want to be shortchanged as this transition takes effect. Howard Cook made a motion that he write a letter to The Supervisors supporting the consolidation (for the consolidation) and it would also ask for 24/7 coverage (not always 24/7 covered in the recent past), concern about trained EMT coverage given our lack of clinics or any other medical facilities, ask for at least some fulltime

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professional firemen coverage given the new green energy installations and our lack of medical facilities. Shirley Fisher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Action Item:** Howard Cook to write letter to the Supervisors supporting regarding the San Diego Fire Authority/Rural Fire District consolidation and expressing other concerns covered in the motion.

### UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

- **Border Patrol Update (Jason Bush)** Was contacted but didn't respond. Not present, no report. Will give them more notice next time.
- **Sheriff Update** –Not present, no report. Bill Pape stated that he is now on the Citizen Advisory Group for the Sheriff department. There will be a quarterly meeting in August. Meanwhile, Pape stated that we still should continue to invite the sheriff to our Sponsor Group meetings, as he will cover different issues. This would probably be Mike Clough out of Pine Valley
- **SDGE Update**-Not Present, no report. Danielle Cook stated that the SDG&E grant that she is working on with Science Teacher Rose Ann Morris is due May 31.
- **Revitalization Committees updates**
  - **Lake Committee** –Nothing new to report
  - **Arts Council**- Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> Blues Fest was a huge success. The Jacumba Arts Council will be able to award more scholarship money this year.
  - **Airport**- nothing new to report
  - **Murals**-Danielle Cook and Mark Ostrander will be defending their grant proposal in front of the San Diego Supervisors June 10<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. Anyone wishing to attend the open meeting can attend.
  - **Spa**- Still some ongoing issues around the Planning Department inspections. Seventeen people are waiting on much needed jobs. Dave Landman stated that members of the Sponsor Group and community are welcome to attend the inspection on Wednesday 29 to see first hand what the process is like.
  - **Railroad**-nothing new to discuss
  - **Community Garden** Spring clean up and planting. The Jacumba Middle School is helping. Planting will commence May 1<sup>st</sup>. They still need volunteers and some way to control 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 that she will update monthly and circulate. This is to communicate the status of all the major revitalization projects and other important news to community members.
  - **Community Clean-up**
    - Phase 2 (I♥ a clean Jacumba) is scheduled Jun 1st. Fliers will be hand delivered to each house
    - EDCO is furnishing low cost dumpsters
    - Millers Towing will provide a recycle bin
    - Volunteers with trucks are needed to circle neighborhoods and help disabled and elderly with pick-up

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- **Centennial**-First meeting has been held and an 18-month timeline plotted. There will be many events including a wild-west enactment. More information will be shared at the next Sponsor Group meeting as plans are firmed.
- Dave Landman asked the Sponsor Group who notifies entities such as FedEx and UPS when communities undergo name change. It seems as if both entities are insisting that Jacumba Hot Springs is not a valid entity.

**Action Item:** Helen Landman to look into this and see what can be done

- **Boulevard, Jacumba, La Posta Fire Safe Council and Cert**—(Tammy Daubach absent but her husband furnished info)
  - ✓ The \$150/lot fire fight fee is being eliminated but the state is attempting to pass a new bill to increase insurance by 5.8%
  - ✓ Next Fire Safe Council meeting 6/24 in Lake Moreno fire station at 6:30 PM.
  - ✓ Today the Council has \$2,000 worth of tools available that people can borrow to make the grounds around their homes safer. These are stored at the Boulevard Station and those seeking to borrow only need to present a drivers license
  - ✓ Fire Safe inspectors will be going around and people could be fined if their yards deemed a hazard

### **NON-AGENDA PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

- Someone asked about an update for the SDGE ECO substation project. Cook and various audience members stated that 500 acres had been cleared, water was currently being trucked there and that construction had begun. It was further recommended that individuals could find out more by Visiting County or Beta Engineering websites.
- Someone reported that there are Solar Panels going up on 98 near Calexico. These will probably link into new substation and require additional power lines.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.**

**Next Meeting –June 25, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Jacumba Library**

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Howard Cook-Sponsor Group Member and Secretary