

JACUMBA HOT SPRINGS (JHS) SPONSOR GROUP
FINAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2013

Chair Howard Cook called meeting to order at 6:05 PM and led Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call take-and Quorum established Shirley Fisher, Howard Cook, Pat Fauble, Ralph Davis and Helen Landman all present

Old Business

- Meeting minutes from 7/25/2013 had been reviewed ahead of time and were approved. The motion was made by Pat Fauble and approved by Helen Landman
- Copies of the County Parks and Recreation investment and the Professional Recreational Program Priority lists were distributed and reviewed.
- Cook advised that the new sign and cell tower vote and recommendation were sent to DPLU

New Business – Action Item

- Cook presented a Draft Sunset Review of Sponsor Group document and asked for review and comment as he planned on submitting during the following week.
- Cook announced his upcoming chairman vacation (Helen Landman as Vice Chair will step in) and need for the Secretary to prepare 09/24 Draft Minutes and E-Mail to everyone on Board (copy to Cook also)
- Landman to prepare and post October agenda (copy to Cook) and conduct October meeting. Cook requested email copy of approved final minutes covering 09/24 meeting.

Correspondence

- No correspondence this month

Revitalization Updates and Reports (Howard & Danielle Cook)

- D Cook – **Grant status** nothing new on grants. **Centennial status**-2014 Centennial Calendar goes to printers on Thursday and will be available mid-Sept. Suggested donation for calendar will be \$15.00 with all profits going to support the Centennial festivals. **Cleanup project** status nothing new.
- D Cook – Mural status is fluid-waiting for check from County (Community Enhancement funds)
- D Cook/H Cook – Ricardo Breceda giant metal sculpture will be installed on Tuesday, 9/10. Breceda will be present. Albertsons will donate water and cookies for the estimated 30 volunteers and children (school field trip). The community raised over \$1200 to pay for the sculpture installation.
- H Cook – USDA grant not possible. Regarding the Hud Road Grant, the County said there was insufficient time to partner on a grant request.

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- Other
 - Cook stated Mark Ostrander would head up Jacumba Lake Tamarisk removal project and he was working on herbicide issue. An audience member also advised that the Urban Corp could be used on community clean-up programs
 - Border Patrol representative Jason Bush stated there may be Homeland Security grant money available and he volunteered to research that and get back to Sponsor Group

Community Service Updates

- **Border Patrol**, Jason Bush spoke about increased threat of border crossings during monsoon period. He also warned about the rising use of vacant housing for meth manufacture (he encouraged deeper background checks for landlords prior to renting houses. Another thing he said to watch out for is ‘fake’ SDG&E workers. These are drug smugglers who dress in realistic uniforms and even put magnetic signs on their trucks so they can ferry people and drugs around the community without raising suspicion. Finally, Jason stated that the Border Patrol was giving tours from the Sector HQ (Lane Ave Chula Vista Eastlake). Those interested should come on Thursdays, 9AM
- **Sheriff**-Bill Pape, community Liaison on the Citizen’s Advisory Group said that if calling sherrif to report an issue please be able to discuss: who, what, where, when and why
- **Fire Safety Council (AKA FSC)**-next meeting is 9/30 at 6:30 PM at the Jacumba Fire Department. Bonnie Halfdell (Fire Safety Council member) stated only one person showed up to the planned Community Wildfire Protection meeting. More community participation is needed. The FSC has decided to contact the Planning and Sponsor Groups and are requesting them to submit their concerns for there community. Homeowners can do the same so the FSC can implement them in the CWPP. Halfdell also warned the communities to be ready for their FSA Fire Fee starting in December. Don’t have details yet but all are advised to pay the bills since the fines are high
- **SDG&E** no report

Presentations from the floor (Non agenda items)

- Mountain Health is offering Senior Transportation Service for seniors over 60 years old (Doctorr & clinic visits, grocery runs). This is through SANDAG. Contact Julie Atherton for more information. 619-478-2384 X 12. Volunteer drivers are needed and gas cards will be provided (Julie is contact for this too)
- **YANA (‘You Are Not Alone’)** is a new program for the community. Law enforcement will go by your home if on vacation or if you are concerned about a loved one. Sign up at the local sheriff sub-station (Boulevard)
- Danny Leon discussed the needs of the Scrappers sports team (up to 60 participate currently). He was very grateful for all the community support. However, they have outgrown their ‘movie night’ location and need to find another. The Highland Center Board members who were present said they would discuss the issue with the other board members and might be able to work something out. Someone else suggested using the

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Smith Youth Center. Danny would also like to get a popcorn machine. There may be one at the Highland center not in use.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17 PM

Next Meeting – September 24, 2013

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Ralph Davis-Sponsor Group Board Member and Secretary