

# PIRU NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

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**COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY September 18, 2024**

**VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE BOARD**

PRESIDENT: KEN WISEMAN  
TREASURER: JUDY DALEY-LOVETT  
MEMBER AT LARGE: KELLY BOEK

VICE PRESIDENT: IRENE RUIZ  
SECRETARY: MEGHAN SHEETZ

MEETING LOCATION: **Williams-Finch Ranch Housing Development 122 Main Street**

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## GENERAL MEETING: BEGINS - 7:11 pm

- CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – BOARD ROLL CALL
  - Present: Ken, Irene, & Meghan
  - Absent: Judy & Kelly
- MEETING MINUTES: August Minutes – Meghan
  - Irene motions, Ken seconds, All Ayes.
- TREASURY REPORT: August Treasury Report – Judy via email
  - Ken reads via email: Balance \$15,762
  - Cancel Direct TV, look into stream services for Senior Center.
  - Paid annual insurance.
  - Costs: Bouncy House \$1200 & Danny's Plaque \$600
  - Received many gifts re: Viva Piru: Danny's Memorial Event. Thank You!
  - Meghan motions, Ken seconds, all Ayes.

## LIGHTS & SIRENS:

- LOCAL FIRE REPORT – No Update
- CHP REPORT – Officer Torres:
  - Local concern with unsafe driving on HWY 126:
    - Targeted patrols.
    - Citations: speeding, unsafe turns, illegal parking, etc.
  - Teen Driving Class – Sept. 26, 2024, 6pm – 8 pm, Spring Road, Moorpark.
  - Community Events: Underwood Farms & Children's Make 'em Smile.
  - Hiring: [www.bethechp1000.com](http://www.bethechp1000.com) or local recruiter.
- SHERIFF REPORT – Officer Russelman & Officer Brutz:
  - Burglaries @Finch Development is a full county issue:
    - Construction sites have security onsite.
  - Sheriff will be at Viva Piru! Event.
- Firewise – Michael Lopez:
  - Certified Firewise Community!
    - Grant money coming into town.
    - Two-year plan.
    - Accumulate hours, continues certification.
  - Upcoming Community **Weed Abatement Event: Oct. 3 – Oct. 5**
    - Vacant lots for weed abatement too.
    - **FREE!!**
    - First come, first serve, register with flyer.
    - Firewise booth at Corazon handing out goodies.
    - Firesafe Council will be present.
    - Volunteers will work parcel to parcel.
    - Chipping on Saturday.
    - **Resident:** What about the trees too high to reach on Center/Orchard/Main? Will work from the house outward and bring tools to address trees. Biggest priority is to make sure houses don't have growth near them to catch on fire from flying embers.
  - **SB Fire Dept., CalFire, & US Forest Service Hiring!**

- CERT – Irene:
  - Betty Lou in process of Red Cross certification.
  - Met with County Reps & Red Cross Reps.
    - School Emergency Center can only take 45 people.
    - Need scenario planning and different routes out, can not rely on school campus for town emergency meet point.
    - **!! Isn't the school the designated place in the Piru Dam's emergency plans?**
      - **For dam break, the school is the designated shelter.**
    - Red Cross approved 10 volunteers for emergency staging area, Juanita and Betty Lou so far being certified.
    - Need Volunteers!! Most should be cross trained with CERT & Red Cross.

**GUESTS:** Introduction from Finch Ranch Homes Representative Patrice Quishenberry & Ana Dominguez

- Host of tonight's PNC Meeting...Thank You!
- On view five different model homes.
- Referral Program: Receive \$5,000 by referring someone who buys a home without a broker.

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATES:**

- Via Fustero & Center Street Walkway:
  - Halfway there...County, Parks, Contractors plan to walk backside to address pathway issues. Ken and Irene will be present.
- New turning lane and parking challenges along Main Street Don/Ken:
  - 8-10 weeks to review.
  - Big trucks aren't using the turn lane.
  - **Request: Single line, remove turn lane, create parking.**
  - Don will continue to work with Public Works. Few items closed, not satisfactory. Will continue to advocate for homeowners.
  - **Resident:** What about the old bridge with overgrowth? Don will work with Roads to clear growth for safe pathway. May need to check with Watership Protection Agencies for the willow trees.
- Film Update – Kat:
  - Two leads, nothing yet, maybe November?
  - No scheduled filming right now
  - Manuel: no update on HBO Film. Between Georgia & Piru, biggest production ever, 10-20x more money.
- Coastal Quest \$5,000 Grant for Piru Creek Trail & Fire Mitigation

### **Events:**

- Sept 21<sup>st</sup> - Danny Ramirez dedication and VIVA Piru Band event at Warring Park ballfield. Dedication, Music, food trucks and other activities 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Danny's Mural progress...
  - PYS help orchestrate two raffles, great gifts for raffle!
  - Father Barney's blessing @12:30 pm
  - Few words from Supervisor Long, Park Director, PYS, Ken, & Danny's Family.
  - Finish dedication and unveil mural @1:15pm.
  - Sespe Car Show, Vendors, Camulos Museum, Food: Buster's BBQ, Zacapuca Tacos, & snack bar.
  - Music 1pm – 5 pm. Three live bands & one DJ.
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> - Newhall Mansion Haunted Halloween Event – Meeting as early as next

week.

### Old BUSINESS:

- **Event Leadership**
  - Be a Coordinator for one or more of our events: Halloween, Viva Piru, Senior Dinner, Mansion Tour, Christmas Parade, Youth Summer Event, Bicycle Rodeo, Lake event, lots of other opportunities to host events!!!!
- Interested Community members in becoming Board Members? Member at Large position is open, others are available for consideration. **!! Upcoming Board Vote in November meeting!!**

### OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

- Kelly Boek will be resigning, so we are looking for a replacement for our Board “Member at Large” position. Thanks, Kelly, for your service to the Piru community, and we are pleased that you will be staying on as a volunteer with the PNC.
- Emellia Estates owns the area across from the church, they bought it from CEDC.
  - No current plans for another year – spoke with Michael.
  - Could it be a firm or church parking opportunity? Ken will meet and greet. Maybe it is a liability or insurance issue?
- Chiquita Cyn. update – Ken
  - Lisa spoke with Ken and continues to attend the community meetings re: Chiquita Cyn.
  - Manuel is also staying involved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT - WE WILL ALWAYS HOLD 30 MIN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**3 MINUTES PER COMMENT PLEASE**

- **Resident:** Letter on property from Fillmore trains to move to Piru?
  - Manuel: 2021 New contract with new owners Sierra Northern Railway & Sunburst Rail Bikes. **30-year contract prohibits storage of train cars in the proper of Piru.** Asked new owners to come to a future PNC meeting.
  - Where will they be stored? Defined areas along railway, outside Fillmore, unincorporated. Out of sight. Reach out to Manuel if you see something different.
- **Andy Klittich** – Otto's Nursery: Miss Kat's Storytime – 10 am.
  - Typically offered every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month. Next event: 9/28

**Meeting End 8:12 pm**

**NEXT PNC MEETING – October 16, 2024 – Community Center – Orchard St.**

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR VALUABLE TIME WITH THE PNC AND OUR COMMUNITY!**