

PIRU NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

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COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY February 19, 2025

VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT: KEN WISEMAN
VICE PRESIDENT: IRENE RUIZ
TREASURER: JUDY DALEY-LOVETT
SECRETARY: MEGHAN SHEETZ
MEMBER AT LARGE: ANDREA ARREDONDO

MEETING LOCATION: **Community Center – 802 Orchard Street**

GENERAL MEETING: BEGINS - 7:05pm

- CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – BOARD ROLL CALL
 - Present: Irene, Andrea, Meghan
 - Absent: Ken and Judy
- MEETING MINUTES November Minutes – Meghan
 - Reviewed over email, Irene motion to approve, Andrea seconds. All ayes.
- TREASURY REPORT: November thru January Treasury Report – Judy via email
 - Meghan read over charges and donations, motion to approve. Irene seconds motion. All Ayes.

LIGHTS & SIRENS:

- LOCAL FIRE REPORT – Officer Landon
 - Fire Season year-round – stay vigilant
 - Rainy weather brings flooding – Be prepared: READY, SET, GO
 - Prescribed burn day – reason for smoke
 - Check APCD (Air Pollution Control District) website for burn days, DON'T CALL 911
 - www.VCAPCD.org
- CHP REPORT – Officer Rios
 - Safety important on HWY 126 – five fatalities last year
 - Wear seatbelts
 - Slow down
 - Stop stealing from the hatchery
 - Ride along offered to interested community members
 - Call Moorpark office and request Officer Rios
 - Smart Start classes offered to new young drivers
 - **Resident:** Where should we go for support with a new car seat?
 - CHP offers seatbelt class in Moorpark office
 - Fire offers support at the Fire Training Center in Camarillo, NO LONGER at fire stations.
 - **Resident:** Concern with the power outages and lack of traffic lights on HWY 126, seems dangerous.
 - When traffic lights go out, drivers should treat intersection as a 4-way stop, including the HWY entrance to Piru.
 - Report all concerns to the Moorpark CHP office.
 - Is this a Cal Trans issue? Maybe require a generator for traffic lights during outages. Who's purview?
 - **Resident:** What are you doing about the speeding on HWY 126?
 - Not enough officers on the road, still hiring...

- **Resident:** Any news on the ARCO collision?
 - Not sure but check CHP Facebook page for current updates.
- SHERIFF REPORT - Capt. Eduardo “Lalo” Malagon – Not Present
- CERT or Firewise - Irene or Michael Lopez – No Update

GUESTS:

- **Edison Representative – Natalie N Yanez, Government Relations Manager, Local Public Affairs**
 - Edison serves 15 Counties in CA
 - Over the last ten years much has changed with power shutoffs, more frequent with the fire seasons. 2018 revamp: PSPS
 - Wildfire Mitigation Proactive Plan 2023-2025: Infrastructure upgrades, last updated April 2024. Plan available on website.
 - Strategy: PREVENT, COMBAT, RESPOND
 - Enhanced Operational Practices: Hardening electric grid, vegetation management, drone tech, situational awareness: weather stations and HD cameras.
 - Medical Baseline Program
 - Dependent on medical devices
 - First responders aware of program
 - Provides critical care back up battery
 - **Resident:** Took too long for services. SCE called 8 months after mom had passed. Never received support until too late.
 - SCE dependent on grant funding, once funds are gone, have to wait until the following year.
 - Covered Conductor vs. Undergrounding
 - 64% distribution lines in high fire area
 - Conductor 70% effective
 - Ramping up scope with undergrounding
 - First line of defense is conductors: less costly, less time to install
 - Undergrounding pursued for certain locations based on risk profile, harder to repair
 - These approaches do not eliminate PSPS’s
 - Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)
 - Last resort tool for wildfire prevention
 - Dynamic situations, try to notify public as early as possible but things may change
 - Two days ahead will notify customers via text, email, phone. Update contacts with SCE.
 - Lines will be visually inspected before reenergization, this can explain the length of time to get power back.
 - Safety important with reenergization. Workers must individually check power lines and sometimes in hard-to-reach places. This can explain why it takes too long. (no winds, why still no power?)
 - **Resident:** Piru seems typically darker
 - Number of circuits go into Fillmore Buckhorn circuit
 - Circuit map developer tool: drpepsys.sce.com/drpep/
 - **Resident:** Will they place another weather station in Piru?

- SCE may be able to but with more added can cause more outages
- **Resident:** Why does my bill seem higher even with outages?
 - Reach out to Customer Care, request a meter reader and/or dispute charge
- **Resident:** Who do we contact in regard to lost goods due to the outages?
 - Claims process does not cover PSPS spoiled food
- **Resident:** Why can't drones be used in the inspection of power lines to reenergize quicker?
 - Safety practices require a physical visual from the worker
- **Resident:** I was told I can't have more solar on my property, who is in charge of solar?
 - SCE is not in charge of solar and can not give you an answer
 - State determines how much solar on properties
 - Harbor Freight has sale on generators
- Communications
 - SCE customers should update their contacts. Can receive notices through text, email, or voice call and manage preferences.
 - Outage maps
 - App: MySCE
 - Website: sce.com/outagemap
 - Stay informed: website, community meetings
 - Sign up for updates
 - Be prepared
 - Dedicated PSPS telephone coming soon!
 - SCE leadership recognizes the overloaded and inaccurate notifications during fire event. Committed to do better.
- Customer Resource Centers
 - Not enough resources to deploy in each town
 - Key with community partnerships to reach more community
 - Resources found in Fillmore, Simi Valley, Moorpark, and Thousand Oaks. Irene grabbed a few resiliency kits from Fillmore.
- HWY 126 Signal Light
 - Cal Trans – back up battery that lasts up to 12 hours
 - Not meant for multiple day weather event
 - Pilot program for longer term solution coming

LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATES:

- Piru Council Board Election – Returning - Ken, Irene, Meghan, and Judy. Newly elected “Member at Large” is Andrea Arredondo.
- Public Works Update – Notes from Donald Pierce
 - Parking signs on Main St.
 - Pushed out to 10-12 weeks
 - Sidewalk project
 - Funds put on hold
 - Short term work: striping is done
 - Long term work: Camulos/Main & Main/Orchard

- No timeline yet
 - **Resident:** Are sidewalks going in at Center St near Las Delicias?
No crosswalks are also an elder safety issue.
 - No sidewalks planned. No dedicated funding.
 - County work is grant funded, no fed funding, no projects
 - Hiking Trail Grass Maintenance
 - Not done, told soon
 - Weed clean up set to be done 2x annually, start date to come
 - **Resident:** County should have more input with the creek bed maintenance.
 - Reach out to your representatives: Limon, Brownley, Bennett
 - Get involved, need volunteers for creek mitigation
 - Stay in the know, post office community board and PNC website
- Filming Update – Notes from Kat Jauch
 - Latitude Film: Begins late March to early April. Last week May/June finish filming
 - Film Committee to update to Facebook Piru page
 - Special Movie meeting to come
 - **Resident:** Could part of the filming negotiations require them to place sidewalks in Piru?
 - Community is given donation money similar to grant funding
 - Could look into a contractor estimate for sidewalks to earmark money for sidewalk project.
 - **Resident:** How does the PNC decide what the funds are spent on?
 - Community feedback. We want to hear from you!
- Website Update – Notes from Kat Jauch
 - New website! Check it out!

Events:

- Piru High School Senior Dinner – May date to come soon
 - Know anyone graduating send info to PNC

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!!!!

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

- Keep your eyes out for postings of upcoming brush and tree limb clearing – looking for several volunteers. There will be 1-2 Saturday events, and 3-4 Monday afternoon clearing events.

PUBLIC COMMENT - WE WILL ALWAYS HOLD 30 MIN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
3 MINUTES PER COMMENT PLEASE

- **Resident:** Suggestion to provide a paper shredder truck 2x monthly to allow a place

for community members to shred their documents.

- Doc shredder would be good to have at the Town Clean Up event
 - More often than once a year
- County does document shredding through E.J. Harrison, maybe can connect to Town Clean Up event

Meeting Ended 8:40 pm

NEXT PNC MEETING – March 19, 2025 –Community Center – 802 Orchard St.

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