

PIRU NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

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COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY April 16, 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 - 7:08 pm

- CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – BOARD ROLL CALL
 - Present: Ken, Irene, Andrea, & Meghan
 - Absent: Judy
- MEETING MINUTES March Minutes – Meghan
 - Irene motions to approve, Meghan seconds motion. All Ayes.
- TREASURY REPORT: March Treasury Report – Judy via email
 - As of today, balance \$71,537
 - Meghan motions to approve, Irene seconds motion. All Ayes.

LIGHTS & SIRENS:

- LOCAL FIRE REPORT – Not Present.
- CHP REPORT – Officer Valle
 - New Hire: Captain Heather Hoglin
 - April Focus: Distracted Driver Awareness Month
 - Hiring officers and dispatchers.
- SHERIFF REPORT – Sgt. Rodriguez
 - Recent crime: vehicle vandalism with rocks thrown/Fillmore stabbing
 - Patrols at night have been quiet.
 - **Resident:** Who's going to clear the cars in the alley? Still an issue...
 - Citations paused last year, should resume enforcement.
 - CHP's jurisdiction will take up to CHP leadership.
 - Resident: Sacramento St. Needs cleanup, cars on lawns, junk piling up, needs CHP attention.
- CERT or Firewise - Irene or Michael Lopez
 - CERT updates coming in June!
 - Firewise:
 - Roy and Ken met with Fire Council reps, a lot of grant money available!
 - Grant money could hire fire group with Mike to do the work.
 - Warring Park area: 200 ft x 60 ft
 - Access to creek, next step to maintain trees at creek. Will allow resident access and future filming revenue.

GUESTS:

Public Works – Anitha Balan

- Update on Piru Pedestrian Project
 - Funding approved 2022/2023
 - Similar to El Rio & Saticoy projects.
 - Cost of project more than allotted funds: need 4.7 million to finish Piru project.

- Federal Funds available, Applying for grants.
- Pulling from Road funds to complete pedestrian design. Additional funding needed to complete construction.
- Construction projected for 2028.
- **Resident:** Will state funding be lost?
 - Need an extension to keep state funds. (1 Year)
 - Deadline 2028: need C-MAC money
- **Resident:** Possible to do project in phases?
 - No
- **Resident:** We were told Piru was number one in line for this project, now we are slated last, how come?
 - Saticoy and Piru grants came at the same time. El Rio was slated first with funding coming in first.
- **Zero General funds for Public Works. All money comes from gas tax.**
 - **Residents** are baffled at pedestrian design cost.
 - **Residents** not sure why the theme of “leaving Piru last” seems to permeate with County services.
 - **Residents** have voiced their concerns numerous times concerning traffic and pedestrian safety.
 - Public Works goes through federal processes: sitting on projects until funded.
 - No low bids for design contractors.
 - Public Works can come back to present to the community the sidewalk designs once completed.
- Update on Drainage Project
 - Put in place: Concrete Box Cover to mitigate mud/flooding
 - Replacing K Rails with drainage – July 2025
 - Storm drains are no longer draining due to sediment build up in Piru Creek. Need to excavate creek.
- Discussion: Main St. Striping & parking requests
 - Flashing Beacon for crosswalk on Center St: will take time.
 - Design/Construction 2027
 - Until then...
 - Enforcement Issue, talk with CHP to ticket speeding. Too many close calls.
 - Left turn lane removal: looking at what to do to fix mistake.
 - Changes require process for liability purposes.
 - Community Letter of Support to the County Board of Supervisors may help move the process quicker. (Couple months process)
 - **Packing House:** The wider street has been narrowed with the left turn lane. This is more difficult for the truck drivers too.
 - Ask that there be a certain distance from the Packing House entrance/exit.
 - Trucks need distance for the semi-truck to turn into Packing House.
 - Parking comes back to the front of the Packing House. Won't need to park in front of soccer fields.
- Mowing Update
 - Public Works is responsible only for shoulder area only when a safety

- issue.
- Atmore contracted to finish mowing trails.
- Anitha will look into the areas of question to confirm Public Works domain for trail upkeep.

LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATES:

- Filming Update –Ken/Kat Jauch
 - HBO updates
 - Next Tuesday and Wednesday filming will impact downtown businesses. Should be done by 7 pm.

Events:

- April 19, 2025 – Firewise Chipping Event
 - Skate Park location
 - Residents can leave yard waste to curb for roaming chipper pick-up.
- May 29, 2025 – Annual H.S. Senior Graduation Dinner at Newhall Mansion from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Old BUSINESS:

- Fire Mitigation and Creek access clearing – Ken/Mike Lopez
- Status on having generators in town at School, Community Center, and Senior Center
- **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. Updates
- FEMA flood designation – support from Congresswoman Julia Brownley
- Other important improvements for Piru?
- PNC Income & Expense Report
 - Income also donation from local businesses: Piru Pizza, Las Delicias, American Water, etc.
 - American Water donates about \$4000 annually.
 - What does the community want with recent revenue? Open to community feedback.
- Supervisor Long's new field rep
 - Manny has been promoted to Fillmore Assistant City Manager. Thank you for your service!
 - Michael Durazo begins 4/28 as the new Supervisor Long field rep.
 - Hails from the Boys n Girls Club. Much experience in community work.
 - Reach out if you need anything.

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

3 MINUTES PER COMMENT PLEASE

- Chiquita Landfill Update (Lisa):
 - Violations continue...
 - Supervisor Long expressed concerns.
 - No new waste generated but would like to know where the leachate is settling.
- Resident suggests the school bus brings students out to ease school traffic.
- Danny's Family has donated two new flags to PNC. Thank you, Olivia and Mike!

NEXT PNC MEETING – May 21, 2025 –Community Center – 802 Orchard St.

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

Meeting End 8:52 pm