

PIRU NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

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COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY November 20, 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: **Community Center – Orchard Street 122 Main Street**

GENERAL MEETING: BEGINS - 7:10pm

- CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – BOARD ROLL CALL
 - Present: Ken, Irene, Meghan, & Kelly
 - Absent: Judy
- MEETING MINUTES October Minutes – Meghan
 - Irene motions to approve. Ken seconds motion. All Ayes.
- TREASURY REPORT: October Treasury Report – Judy via email
 - Balance: \$18, 673.92
 - Film funds captured
 - Donations: Fillmore & Piru Veteran's Parade, Halloween Candy, & Youth Group (Halloween event support)
 - Meghan motions to approve. Irene seconds motion. All Ayes.

LIGHTS & SIRENS:

- LOCAL FIRE REPORT – Not Present
- CHP REPORT – Not Present
- SHERIFF REPORT – Not Present
- CERT or Firewise – Ken: insurance reduction
 - Attended Regional Firewise Council Dinner
 - Twenty-two communities recognized: Piru was one of those communities!!
 - Firewise communities may receive a break in fire home insurance. Check with your insurance agent.
 - CA Fair Plan up to 10% discount
 - State Farm up to 2% discount
 - Small window to insure; after a disaster, insurance will take back charge and spread back to all.
 - More Firewise Events: Home Hardening

GUESTS: VC Works Presentation – A review of their services to our community. Vicente Nacario, Career Team, and Yvonne Solis, Partnership Manager.

- Provides support in connecting employers to work force. Assists job seekers with resumes, job training, workshops, & job fairs. **NO COST!**
- Piru Library: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, monthly, 2 pm – 4 pm.
 - One on one assistance.
 - Eddy can provide resume support, details/eligibility of VC Works program, Career Edge (Education Modules.)

- Work with unemployed, veterans, unhoused, & records.
- Can provide supported services: uniforms, gas, financial aid, childcare (assistance to aid people to get to their jobs.)
- Program for eligible adults, 18+
 - Underage – county internships available
- Hope to build workforce in Ventura County and support continuing education.
 - How can we better serve Piru? **Grad Dinner Talk an idea.**
- Ken used American Job Center services in the past:
 - Employer doesn't pay for employee training
 - Provides more job readiness
 - Integrated community college partnership (pathways to college)

LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATES:

- Piru Council Board Election – Returning - Ken, Irene, Meghan, and Judy. Newly proposed for “Member at Large” is Andrea Arredondo. There were no other people that came forward as proposed candidates or were nominated. Board will vote on the proposed uncontested slate.
 - No challenge to positions
 - **Irene motions to approve. Kelly seconds motion. All Ayes.**
- Via Fustero & Center Street Walkway – Call out to Donald Pierce, donation of a riding lawn mower, and his and Jack's initial efforts to clear the walk path.
 - Hope to finish the rest next week.
- New turning lane and parking challenges along Main Street – Ken
 - Slow process but process continues:
 - Double lines > single line
 - Park frontage - no commercial parking
 - Island removed
 - Turn lane removed
 - 15-16 weeks so far, 6 more weeks...
- Coastal Quest \$5,000 Grant for Piru Creek Trail & Fire Mitigation – Received funding and permission to clear proposed area at East side of Warring Park from park to the creek water edge.
 - Meet with VCTC next Tuesday at 9 am to discuss accessibility to 1902 bridge: hiking trail idea?
 - **Parks & Rec owns property but not watershed. Can provide woodchipper.**
 - Waiting on confirmation on trees: if pepper trees, they are evasive.
- Filming - Kat
 - HBO film in February: downtown Piru film shoot next six months.
 - Facades will be built on both sides along downtown.
- Edison Power Outage
 - Ken wrote to Edison on behalf of the Piru community.
 - Businesses and community members impacted: food spoilage.
 - People can make individual claims with Edison too. Encouraged to do so.
 - Concerns about traffic control in town and HWY 126. No traffic lights.
 - Thank you, community member Paul, for assisting traffic during outage.

Events:

- Oct 31st - Newhall Mansion Haunted Halloween Event - Another Huge success.

- Dec 14th – Piru Christmas Parade & Festival: Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree
 - Deck the Hall Event this weekend: Saturday & Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm.
 - Christmas decorations up in Gazebo Park by Thanksgiving.
 - Still need volunteers for the Deck the Hall event, contact Kelly Boek.
 - **Request decoration budget \$1500:**
 - **Meghan motions to approve, Irene seconds motion. All Ayes.**
 - Thank you to Vince & Roy for power washing the gazebo area in prep for the decorating event.

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.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

No other new business

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

- **Annie: Donate toys for the Piru Toy Drive at Bob’s Barbershop**
- **Roy: Sheriff Toy Drive pick up December 6, 2024**
- **Mike: Reminder to CERT team to charge batteries, rain is coming.**
- **Paul: Soccer season coming to a close**
 - support the kids, come out to watch the game
 - PYS President: Mirna
 - Little League signs up Mid-January

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

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