



Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes - June 3, 2024
7 pm at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room

Attendees:

Steering Committee: Christy Barden, Tom Dale Creighton, Joy Elson, Ellen Hagan, Will Hart, Janet Johnson, Eileen Jorgensen, Spencer LeGate, Sierra Buryn, Jeff Coleman Hunt - not a quorum

Others: Greg Grebe, Cara Meinholz, Sally and John Cullen, Ann Barbour

Will called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Janet reported income from dues as \$5,695 and expenses at \$1,796. Our bank balance is \$8,848.89.

Membership Report

Joy reported our membership at 209.

Guest Speaker

Lieutenant Michael Vingom from the Sheriff's Dept. spoke to us about wildfire preparation and evacuation processes. His overall message was that we all must take personal responsibility to be prepared before a fire event and keep ourselves safe during an evacuation. Here are some of the specifics of his talk.

- Opt in to Code Red
- Know Your Zone - Use Genasys Protect to find your zone and track evacuation status.
- Have a plan including where family members will meet in the event of evacuation. Have a Go Bag with basic needs ready.
- Leave early to avoid traffic problems.
- Designate 5 people who could be of help during evacuation.
- He stressed the importance of situational awareness. Look and smell for smoke, be aware of Red Flag days with high temps, low humidity, and high winds.
- He reviewed resources that are available to provide information including: YubaNet, National Weather Service where you can sign up for alerts for Red Flag events, Ready Nevada County Dashboard, CalFire website for push alerts, the Watch Duty app for alerts, KVMR, the Union, KNCO, 2-1-1 Connect.
- You can view live feeds from fire cameras. Go to alertcalifornia.org. Blue arrows are the cameras you can click on.
- Using tools available to the Sheriff's Dept, Mr. Vingom shared that in our specific community, if there's a night fire and a full evacuation order, 2100 people would be impacted, 2400 vehicles at night and 1200 during the day could be on the roads, and 1223 structures could be at risk. Evacuations would be made in stages if possible.

Firewise Committee Report

- Jeff Coleman Hunt reported that the work needed to comply with the County mini-grant awarded to them has been completed.
- Cara and Spencer reported that the green waste bins left by the County program were filled by neighbors.
- Cara reported on the remarkable work Cheryl Haines has done organizing neighbors to create more defensible space. Cheryl was able to get PG&E to take away logs that they had left over the years which were hazardous. Kudos to Cheryl.
- The FireSafe Council is again providing free chipping services.

Courthouse

Will reported that he, Eileen, and others have attended meetings and are actively involved in promoting the U.S. Forest Service site on Coyote as the preferred location for the new courthouse. They will remain informed on the issue and give input if possible to the State JCC which will make the final decision.

Newsletter

Ellen reported that the next issue will go out in August.

Website

Joy reported that the website is doing fine.

Events

Joy reported that the summer party will be on Aug. 25 at Christy's Big Yellow Barn.

Announcements

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on August 5, 7pm, at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hagan, Secretary