

Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2024

7:00 pm at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room

ATTENDEES

Steering Committee: Will Hart, Joy Elson, Christy Barden, Ellen Hagan, Joanne Brown, Jeff Coleman Hunt, Eve Collins, Tom Dale Creighton, Eileen Jorgensen, Elena Rayo, Karen Wcislo, Marlene Widmann (a quorum)

Members/Neighbors: Jane Graves, Steve Danner, Gregory Dwight, Carolyn Dwight, Rick Panos, Chris Panos, Bonnie Torres, Tom Stone, Kathleen Curlee, Robert Curlee, Leslie Spanier, Cathy Blake, Stan Hooper, Jay Patt,

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

Treasurer's Report

Joy reported that income from dues was \$7,475. Expenses were \$3,083. The checking account balance is \$8,361. There are some budgeted donations yet to be paid.

Membership Report

Joy reported that there are 246 current members. She proposed that the grace period for payment of dues be changed from May to March. The motion passed.

Firewise Committee Report

Karen reported that the annual reporting to the NFPA has been done (and accepted). Our mitigation numbers are again impressive. 119 people responded. Hours worked totaled \$494,490 worth of time invested. \$1,333,731 was spent by members. Our total investment was \$1,828,221.

Information about the OES \$20,000 grants for work on private roads will be out in the spring. Green waste bins and free dump days should be made available. GCHNA received \$325 from the Fire Safe Council for our participation in the fundraising picnic. Biomass incinerators are going in near LaBarr Meadows. The Nevada County Resource Conservation District is offering training to those interested in prescribed burning.

Hwy 49 Scenic Corridor

Eileen expressed concern about the impact of a proposed mural on a building near the entrance to Hwy 49. The mural was turned down, but maintenance of the scenic corridor is the issue. 300' of Hwy 49 is designated as scenic corridor and there is an ordinance that affects it. Eileen is asking GCHNA to set up a committee to work with government agencies and neighbors to influence the development of this corridor, which is the entrance to our community.

OASIS Broadband

Devin Koch from Oasis Broadband introduced his company, which hopes to provide wireless internet service at fast and reliable speeds to the Cement Hill area. They own sites that are fiber fed. A tower will be built. By connecting conduit to tall trees, connections can be made. Multiple connections could be possible if neighbors cooperate. People interested in this service can get information at their website.

Courthouse Update

Will reported that the State JCC has approved the U.S. Forest Service site as the preferred site for the future courthouse. Our efforts were of significant influence.

Ferrellgas Contract

Will and Brian Waag have renewed our contract with Ferrellgas. We will continue to pay \$.60 over their cost. Tank rental should be \$35, but there have been errors in billing.

2025 Meeting Dates

Feb. 3, June 2, Aug 4, Oct. 6, Dec 1 have been reserved, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room. April 7 is unavailable so an alternate place will be needed. The cost of renting the space is \$100 per year.

Events

An Events Chairman is needed and we request a volunteer.

Newsletter

Ellen reported that the next newsletter will go out in late January. It will include membership renewal and be printed and mailed to all property owners in our community. 153 households have no email address with us, so this is the one communication that reaches them and non-members.

Next Meeting

The next Steering Committee meeting is on Monday, Feb. 3, 7:00 pm at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Hagan, Secretary