



**Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2025**

7:00 pm at the Madelyn Helling Library Community Room

ATTENDEES

Steering Committee: Will Hart, Joy Elson, Janet Johnson, Ellen Hagan, Christy Barden, Joanne Brown, Sierra Buryan, Jeff Coleman-Hunt, Spencer LeGate, Karen Wcislo, Marlene Widmann - a quorum

Members/Neighbors: Greg Marks, Tom Stone, Suzi Schoensee, Gregg Dwight, Nan Jorjorian, Laurie Oberholtzer

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

Scenic Corridor Update

Laurie Oberholtzer, who has been working with Eileen Jorgensen on this issue, reiterated the concern that the scenic corridor ordinance, which was enacted to preserve the rural feel of the Hwy 49 corridor (300' along each side) hasn't been taken into account as new development has occurred. Projects visible from the road like the solar panel array are not screened. She suggested that GCHNA form a committee to create a concept plan for the corridor that would retain a rural appearance. GCHNA will form a committee to look into this issue.

Oasis Broadband Service update

Gregg asked for clarification regarding a response to Oasis Broadband. Joy had sent out a request for people interested in internet service through Oasis. There were 52 positive responses so far.

Treasurer's Report

Janet reported that in 2024 our revenue was \$7,710. Our expenses were \$4,835. We are \$2,874 under budget. Our bank balance is \$8,150.

Membership Report

Joy reported that so far this year, 72 people have renewed. The goal is an increase over 2024's membership of 250. Membership is now good for 12 months from payment or renewal date.

Firewise Committee Report

- Karen reported that the annual report required by NFPA was submitted and the Firewise certificate for our organization is on the website.
- The FireSafe Council is dysfunctional at this time and the Deer Creek Shaded Fuel Break that they were to administer may not happen.
- OES grant applications for fuel reduction on private roads may be requested this year, but may not be implemented until next year.
- Kevin Whitlock, a forester who is assisting us, believes there is value in proposing a fuel break on BLM property near the Old Airport.

- \$1000 was budgeted last year for Firewise projects and has not been spent. Additionally we have \$325, which we received as a result of our involvement in the Firesafe Council fundraiser. The Firewise Committee is proposing that we rent two dumpsters from Waste Management which would be strategically placed and be filled by GCHNA members. These dumpsters would be in addition to the dumpsters we hope to get from OES. They would cost approximately \$500 each. The question is where to place them and when. There was no objection to the Firewise Committee pursuing this and making the needed arrangements.
- Karen would like to invite Ms. Fites-Kauffman to speak at the April GCHNA meeting on prescribed burning.
- The Hoyt Purdon prescribed burn is progressing. 65 acres are done and more will be completed this month. There have been no complaints about smoke.

Homeowners Insurance

Greg Marks spoke about his experience dealing with the CA State Dept of Insurance regarding his Allstate homeowners insurance cancellation. He has done research and filed a complaint against the State. Anyone interested in more information about his experience should contact him at jgmarks1962@gmail.com.

Election of Officers

The last election of all officers was February 2024. Anyone interested in becoming Vice President or Secretary, let Will know.

Events

A chairperson is needed. Several people responded on the membership form that they would be interested in helping. Joy will contact them along with Yvette and Bob and schedule a meeting.

April meeting

The Library Community Room is unavailable on April 7, our regularly scheduled meeting date. Will's home or Eileen's home may be available. It might be best to meet on a different date in the Community Room especially if the Firewise Committee arranges for a speaker. A decision will be forthcoming.

Newsletter

Ellen reported that over 500 newsletters were sent to property owners within GCHNA's map boundary / our Firewise Community.

Group Photo: We took a Steering Committee photo!



Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Hagan, Secretary